

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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**SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE SUMAC SHADE STRUCTURE
PROJECT; NIB 04-08**

The City Council authorized staff to seek bids for the Sumac Shade Structure Project; NIB 04-08, on April 27, 2005. This project was originally requested by the Fountainwood Homeowners Association (HOA), and was to consist of constructing a small shade structure over an existing picnic table area. The City Council allocated \$20,000 in general funds for the project in the 2004-2005 budget, of which \$6,300 has been used for a consultant to prepare the plans and specifications.

On August 11, 2005, the City Clerk opened sealed bids from two contractors. The bid results were as follows:

J. Evans Construction, Agoura Hills	\$52,000.00
Malibu Pacific Tennis Courts, Inc., Malibu	\$63,000.00

As can be seen, the bids are dramatically over the remaining budget. This bid overage is attributed to a shortage of material supplies, fuel costs, and a very high demand for work. In addition, the final design was much larger than originally anticipated. Staff believes re-bidding this project would bring similar results.

Staff is seeking Council direction for this project, and has the following options for Council's consideration:

1. Reject all bids and postpone construction of shade structure; or
2. Award the contract to J. Evans Construction in the amount of \$52,000; and, authorize the use of \$45,000 of general fund reserves; or
3. Reject all bids and direct staff to explore alternative shade structures and coordinate with the Fountainwood Homeowners Association to determine preferences and design characteristics.

City staff is prepared to act on option #1 and #2 if so directed by City Council. If option #2 is chosen, staff will complete the execution of the agreement and have the contractor begin work immediately.

With option #3, staff has begun to evaluate pre-fabricated shade structures. Although this type of structure is not consistent with structures at other parks, it is felt that a pre-fabricated shelter, as shown in the attachment, would be an economical option and could be designed to blend in with Sumac Park. Staff has received a preliminary estimate of \$15,000 to design and construct a 20' x 20' pre-fabricated shade structure. The structure could further blend in with Sumac Park by cladding the columns in a ledgerstone veneer similar to our park entry signs at an additional cost.

If Council directs staff to pursue the pre-fabricated structure, staff will meet with the Fountainwood Homeowners Association to obtain their input on aesthetics, design, and location for the shade structure.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends City Council direct the City Engineer to pursue one of the following options:

1. Reject all bids for Sumac Park Shade Structure; NIB 04-08; or
2. Award the contract for the Sumac Park Shade Structure; NIB 04-08, to J. Evans Construction in the amount of \$52,000 and authorize the use of an additional \$45,000 of general fund reserve monies for the project; or
3. Reject all bids for the Sumac Park Shade Structure Project; NIB 04-08, and direct staff to explore alternative shade structures and coordinate with the Fountainwood Homeowners Association to determine preferences and design characteristics.