

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

August 2, 1999

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Eaton Wash Park:
Rejection of Bids

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council reject all bids received on November 24, 1998 in response to the specifications for the construction of improvements in Eaton Wash Park.

BACKGROUND:

Plans and specifications for the subject project, which is included in the adopted Capital Improvement Program, were prepared by the Public Works and Transportation Department. In accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, bids were requested and received.

The project called for the removal of exiting asphalt and gravel paving, the removal of rubbish, weeds, and debris followed by grading of the slope along the westerly boundary of the park adjacent to the Eaton Wash flood control channel, the removal of portions of the existing 6-foot high chain link fence along Orange Grove Boulevard, the installation of new 6-foot high PVC-coated chain link fence and gate along Orange Grove Boulevard, the installation of potable and irrigation water systems, including drinking fountains, and the construction of decomposed granite walkways. These items constituted the initial phase of Eaton Wash Park construction and were consistent with the priorities established by the City Council with its approval of the Master Plan on January 9, 1995.

The project was advertised in the Pasadena Weekly on October 29, 1998. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in two trade publications and letters were sent to 12 minority contracting organizations informing them of the project and requesting that members of their organizations submit bids. Bid packets were obtained by 19 contractors, including five protected class owned firms – three of which submitted bids for the project.

Bids were opened on November 24, 1998 and the results were as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. * L. Barrios & Associates, Inc., San Dimas	\$129,856.13
2. E. C. Construction, South El Monte	\$167,728.44
3. Spilat Construction Corp., Glendale	\$174,591.45
4. * A & R Construction Corp., Northridge	\$178,116.10
5. Thomsen Landscape, Woodland Hills	\$193,186.35
6. * Datum Group, Inc., Glendale	\$230,774.05
Engineer's Estimate	\$101,361.00

* Protected Class Owned Business

Although the low bid submitted by L. Barrios & Associates, Inc. was 28.1 percent higher than the Engineer's Estimate, in view of the interest shown in the project and the disparity between the low bid and the other bids, it had been planned to recommend award of a contract to L. Barrios & Associates, Inc. following City Council approval of a Negative Declaration for the Eaton Wash Park Master Plan.

However, following initial public comment during the public review period on the proposed Negative Declaration, which commenced in February 1999, the Recreation and Parks Commission was directed by the City Council to find a site for an off-leash dog park. After evaluation of all of the City's parks, the Commission voted to recommend Eaton Wash Park as the best location for a dog park.

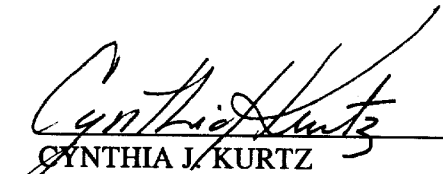
At its May 17, 1999 meeting, the City Council approved the concept of an off-leash dog area for Eaton Wash Park. However, the Recreation and Parks Commission and staff were directed to develop measures that will mitigate neighborhood concerns related to access and parking and return to Council for final approval.

The process of developing details for these mitigation measures, preparing the necessary amendments to the Master Plan, and revising the Initial Environmental Study will take some time. As part of this process, it seems advisable for the Council to set new priorities for the phased development of Eaton Wash Park given the limited funds available for construction. It is, consequently, recommended that all bids received on November 24, 1998 for the subject project be rejected.

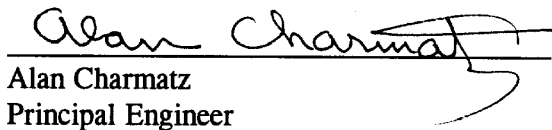
FISCAL IMPACT:

There are sufficient funds available in Budget Account 78289 (Eaton Wash Park) to permit the preparation of new or modified plans and specifications for an initial construction project once new priorities have been established.

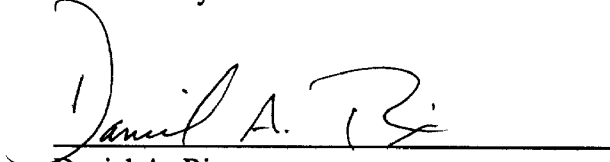
Respectfully submitted,


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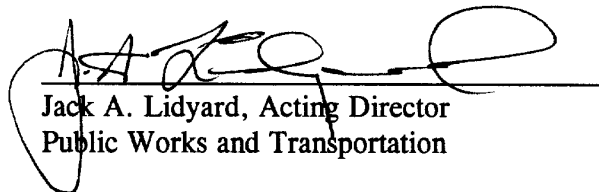
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