THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: March 28, 2023

Subject: Walton Street Park Walking Trail and Court Paving Contract

Staff Resource(s): D. Tyrell McGirt, Director, Parks and Recreation
Pete Wall, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation
Susannah Horton, Project Manager, Parks and Recreation

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with French Broad Paving, Inc., of Marshall, North Carolina, for paving a walking trail and basketball court at Walton Street Park.

Background:

- Walton Street Park is an important neighborhood park in the heart of the Southside Community.
- Reinvestment in the park is needed due to both the age of existing amenities and the desired change in use of the park.
- After extensive community outreach around prioritizing the recreation improvements that the Southside neighborhood would like to see in the park.
- A walking trail was the highest priority with 66% of respondents requesting this amenity followed by 63% requesting a resurfaced basketball court.
- Additional priorities were identified and will be implemented after receiving further input from the community.
- The Parks and Recreation department reserved $500,000 in the FY 2022-23 budget to improve recreation amenities in the park.
- The first phase of the improvements will be the highest priorities including the walking trail and the basketball court resurfacing.
- Remaining funds will go towards other priority improvements.
- A request for bids was advertised for interested companies for paving services.
- French Broad Paving, Inc. was the only respondent.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Staff performed outreach to minority- and women-owned businesses through direct outreach, through the solicitation processes which include posting on the State's Interactive Purchasing System (IPS) to reach out to Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) service providers, and through the use of both the City of Asheville approved vendor database and the State's IPS site.
- There was one (1) bid submitted and despite our outreach, no Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) submitted a bid.
- The base bid for an asphalt walking path and court surfacing total is $198,420.00.
- Parks and Recreation plans to execute the alternate for an additional 6' concrete walk to easily access to the court from the walking trail for $24,700.00.
- The total price for the construction contract includes the base bid and alternate, $223,120.00.

Council Goal(s):

- A Well Planned and Livable Community
- Clean and Healthy Environment

Committee(s):

- Historic Resources Commission
    - At their meeting on March 8, 2023 the Historic Resources Commission (HRC) reviewed and approved the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness (CA) to replace the

baseball diamond with a new walking path and multi-use field, relocate/rebuild basketball court, and replace playground equipment. The CA was issued with the following conditions:

- 1. Playground equipment will be submitted for staff review and approval.
- 2. Final lighting plan will be submitted to staff for review and approval.

Pro(s):

- Installing a walking trail and resurfacing the basketball court will provide the top two recreation amenities that were requested by the community through the most recent outreach efforts.
- The addition of the walking trail around a multi-use field will invite the community to use the currently under-used space where a fenced softball field is currently located. The current field is not used for any programming / organized softball games.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this contract was previously budgeted and is available in the General Capital Projects Fund.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with French Broad Paving, Inc. for paving a walking trail and basketball court at Walton Street Park.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FRENCH BROAD PAVING, INC. FOR THE WALTON STREET PARK PATH AND COURT PAVING AND SURFACING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes to enter into contracts for services with other entities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-131, bids were solicited for the Walton Street Park Path and Court Paving and Surfacing project, City of Asheville Project R2102**;** and

WHEREAS, French Broad Paving, Inc. of Marshall, NC was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the project; and

WHEREAS, French Broad Paving, Inc. shall provide all labor, materials, and equipment for the installation of a new walking trail and resurfacing the basketball court; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the bid is $223,120.00, and funding for the project is allocated within the Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract with French Broad Paving, Inc. for $223,120.00, for the Walton Street Park Path and Court Paving and Surfacing project; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute an any change orders that may arise during the project up to the contingency amount of $22,312.00 (10%) for a maximum contract amount not to exceed $245,432.00.

Read, approved and adopted this the 28th day of March, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney