



To: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: VII. C.

From: Scott H. Neal, City Manager

Action

Discussion

Date: August 19, 2014

Information

Subject: Final Approval and Authorization To Proceed For Edina Veterans Memorial

Action Requested:

Grant final approval and authorization to proceed to the Edina Veterans Memorial Project.

Information / Background:

On November 15, 2011, the City Council conducted a public hearing the proposal to construct a memorial to Edina veterans in Utley Park. Following the public hearing, the Council approved the following motion:

Member Swenson made a motion, seconded by Member Bennett, approving preliminary design, location, and development of proposed Edina Veterans Memorial.

The Council stated its support for the Veterans Memorial and asked staff to assure lighting would not impact residential properties, night sky, or wildlife. Mr. Keprios answered the Council's questions relating to the City's donation policy. The Council raised the option of designing the Veterans Memorial so it could be constructed in phases as funding levels were reached. Mr. Keprios stated this option would be taken under advisement. The Council extended its appreciation to Mr. Schwartz and all who had become involved in furthering this effort.

Ayes: Bennett, Brindle, Swenson, Hovland (Council Member Sprague was absent)

The approved design included the following features:

- V-shaped granite plaza (emblematic of "victory") leading up to the focal point of the memorial.
- An eagle and wreath design will be a focal point.
- The wall will feature the names of the 32 Edina soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty since the City's founding.
- Three illuminated flagpoles will be placed at the edge of the plaza hoisted with the American flag, state flags and white on black POW flag to honor troops in captivity or missing in action

The estimated cost of the project in November 2011 was \$450,000. Through a number of small value engineering decisions combined with the successful acquisition of in-kind donations, the Veterans Memorial Committee has been able to reduce the projected cost of the memorial to \$406,369, which includes a \$40,000 contingency budget. The committee will share how some of these value engineering decisions have impacted the design of the memorial at the August 19 Council meeting.

Included in the Council's November 15, 2011 approval was a strong statement that private funds must be the primary funding agent for the project and that sufficient funds must be raised before the City would allow construction to commence. City staff met with committee chair Richard Olson on August 14 and verified that sufficient funding is now or will soon be available. The breakdown of funding for the memorial looks like this:

Private cash contributions (not pledges)	\$146,380
City funds approved by Council	\$ 39,461
State Legacy Fund Grant	\$ 9,900
<u>State of Minnesota general grant</u>	<u>\$225,000</u>
Total	\$420,741

The Legacy Fund grant from the State is not a matching grant. It is available to the City at the completion of the project. The State general grant was part of the State Legislature's 2014 bonding bill. It is a matching grant and can be accessed by the City only after the City has expended at least \$225,000 on the project. It will be necessary then for the City to create a temporary internal construction loan to the project which will be closed once the state provides us the \$225,000 reimbursement. The private cash contributions are held by the Edina Community Foundation. They are accessible when needed.

The goal of the committee is to have the memorial finished in time to dedicate it on Memorial Day, 2015. In order to meet that deadline, it is necessary to start the project this year and complete as much of the grading and early construction phases as possible before winter weather sets in. If the Council shares this goal, I would recommend that you approve the recommended action and approve the final design and authorize the project to commence construction.

Attachments:

Edina Veterans Memorial revised Construction Estimate (8/13/14) – Elliott Design|Build

EDINA VETERANS MEMORIAL
 REVISED ESTIMATE 8-13-14



DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUAN TITY	UNIT PRICE	IN-KIND GIFT	NET COST	COMPANY
EXCAVATION	CY	200	\$ 75	\$ 15,000	\$ -	BOLLIG AND SONS
ASPHALT TRAIL	SF	2120	\$ 4	\$ 8,480	\$ -	ACI ASPHALT
AGGREGATE FILL AND BASE	CY	200	\$ 15	\$ 3,000	\$ -	ACI ASPHALT
CONCRETE/STONE LANDSCAPE BORDER	LF	270	\$ 6		\$ 1,620	BACHMAN'S
CONCRETE WALK (WITH SALT GUARD SEALER)	LS	1	\$ 3,100		\$ 3,100	CROSSTOWN CONCRETE & BRICK
GRANITE STEPS	LS	1	\$ 6,740		\$ 6,740	CROSSTOWN CONCRETE & BRICK
CONCRETE FOOTINGS	LS	1	\$ 7,120		\$ 7,120	CROSSTOWN CONCRETE & BRICK
HANDRAILS	LF	40	\$ 100	\$ 4,000	\$ -	CNC METALCRAFT
CONCRETE SUB BASE UNDER PAVERS and TRAP ROCK	LS	1	\$ 9,060		\$ 9,060	CROSSTOWN CONCRETE & BRICK
GRANITE PAVING, FLAME FINISH MATERIALS	SF	1500	\$ 10		\$ 15,000	BUILD DIRECT
GRANITE PAVING INSTALLATION	SF	1500	\$ 8.27	\$ 7,400	\$ 5,000	CROSSTOWN CONCRETE & BRICK
GRANITE RETAINING WALL	LS	1	\$ 4,240		\$ 4,240	CROSSTOWN CONCRETE & BRICK
BRONZE SERVICE MEDALLIONS	EA	5	\$ 247		\$ 1,235	METALIC ARTS
BRONZE SCULPTURE	EA	1	\$ 46,500		\$ 46,500	SHOOP'S AMERICAN BRONZE CASTING
GRANITE MEMORIAL AND SCULPTURE BASE W/ ENGRAVING	EA	1	\$ 87,845	\$ 5,000	\$ 87,845	MURPHY GRANITE/WASHBURN
GRANITE SENTINELS	EA	2	\$ 5,302		\$ 10,604	MURPHY GRANITE/WASHBURN
FLAG POLES, INCLUDING FOOTINGS AND INSTALLATION	LS	1	\$ 9,860	\$ 1,000	\$ 9,860	COUNTRYSIDE FLAGPOLE
GRANITE FLAG MONUMENT	LS	1	\$ 19,478		\$ 19,478	MURPHY GRANITE/WASHBURN
BENCHES	EA	4	\$ 2,000		\$ 8,000	EQUIPARC OR LANDSCAPE FORMS
LIGHTING AND OUTLETS	LS	1	\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000	STERNBERG ELECTRIC
SHRUBS/PLANTS PROVIDED BY EDINA GARDEN CLUB	LS	1	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300	\$ -	EDINA GARDEN CLUB
REMAINING SHRUBS	LS	1	\$ 6,947		\$ 6,947	BACHMAN'S
PLANTING BED TOPSOIL IMPORT	CY	90	\$ 26		\$ 2,340	BACHMAN'S
HARDWOOD MULCH	CY	20	\$ 40	\$ 800	\$ -	EDINA GARDEN CLUB AND/OR CITY
HYDROSEED	LS	1	\$ 1,200		\$ 1,200	TWIN CITY HYDRO SEEDING
IRRIGATION MATERIALS	LS	1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	TORO
IRRIGATION	LS	1	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	AQUA ENGINEERING
LANDSCAPE DESIGN	LS	1	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	BACHMAN'S
ENGINEERING DESIGN	LS	1	\$ 19,500	\$ 19,500	\$ 19,000	ELLIOTT DESIGN BUILD, INC.
SURVEYING	LS	1	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	CARDARELL SURVEYING
GEOTECHNICAL	LS	1	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	INTERSTATE GEOTECHNICAL
IN-KIND DONATIONS				\$ 81,480	\$ 81,480	TOTAL IN-KIND DONATIONS
CONTINGENCY					\$ 40,000	
TOTAL MEMORIAL COST					\$ 406,369	
APPLY IN-KIND DONATIONS					81,480	
NET PROJECT COST (FUNDS NEEDED)					\$ 324,889	