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To: Recreation and Parks Commission

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Subject: Golden Gate Park 9th Avenue Gateway – Contract Award

Agenda Item Wording

Discussion and possible action to award a construction contract for the Golden Gate Park 9th Avenue Gateway (Sourcing Event ID. #0000007657) to Bauman Landscape and Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,293,360.00 for base bid work (no alternates).

Strategic Plan

Strategy 1—Inspire Public Space: Keep today’s parks safe, clean, and fun; promote our parks’ historic and cultural heritage; and build the great parks of tomorrow

Objective: 1.2: Strengthen the quality of existing Parks & Facilities

Objective: 1.3: Steward and promote good park behavior

Objective: 1.4: Preserve and celebrate historic and cultural resources

Strategy 4—Inspire Stewardship: Protect and enhance San Francisco’s precious natural resources through conservation, education, and sustainable land/facility management practices

Objective 4.3: Increase eco-literacy of park users and park maintenance staff



Background Information

The Golden Gate Park Master Plan, published in 1998, recommended a “new entry treatment at 9th and Lincoln.” The gateway lacked presence and needed a “treatment to reflect its status as a major park entry”. Wayfinding at the intersection was, and continues to be, difficult. A renovated gateway at this location will improve accessibility and pedestrian circulation, improve views and visibility of the San Francisco Botanical Garden, announce entry into the park, and provide a plaza which would allow people to linger at the gateway. In the early 2000s, San Francisco Public Works Department (SFPW) developed concepts for the project, but shelved them due to lack of funding.

Over a decade later, a renewed sense of urgency developed around improving the 9th Avenue Gateway when, by 2017, SFPW completed final design for a streetscape improvement project on Irving Street, one block south of Lincoln Way. The project was a reminder that the block of 9th Avenue connecting the park and the neighborhood was still a clear missing link between major amenities in the Inner Sunset.

From 2016 to 2018, RPD worked with SFPW to develop a community backed project that included both the 9th Avenue streetscape and the 9th and Lincoln Gateway - but again funding for the joint project was elusive. Leadership determined that the project be split at the property line between RPD and Public Works and it remained a Recreation and Parks Department priority to carry the 9th Avenue Gateway forward.

In the 22 years since the Golden Gate Master Plan was published the number of pedestrians and all other modes of traffic passing through this gateway have only increased. Transit riders linger at a well-used Muni stop on the west side of the gateway, and SFMTA has plans to dedicate more curb space on Lincoln Way to tour bus pick up and drop off, which will add even more pedestrian traffic. The 9th and Lincoln Gateway will meet the park’s Master Plan recommendations, prioritize pedestrian safety, help orient park visitors, strengthen the park’s connection to the Inner Sunset neighborhood, and provide a welcoming and iconic entrance into the park. The project also employs durable and sustainable design that will last years into the future.

Proposed Improvements and Design

The 9th and Lincoln Gateway will reinforce the connection between Golden Gate Park and the Inner Sunset Neighborhood, provide safer access to the park, aid in wayfinding for tourists and residents, and will strengthen the identity of the Inner Sunset Neighborhood. The symmetrical gateway design includes an open plaza area; large, raised masonry planters with distinctive trees and planting; improved lighting; and new signage which includes a Golden Gate Park boulder sign. The improvements summarized below will provide distinction to this well-worn and highly used entry into the park:

- Approximately 5,500SF of new concrete paving (sidewalks)
- Distinctive trees and landscaping in approximately 6,000SF of new planting area with upgraded irrigation
- New signage including a boulder engraved with “Golden Gate Park”

- Large stone planters
- Stone or concrete steps with handrails
- New pedestrian lighting
- Relocation of MUNI bus shelter away from main crossing
- New curb ramps at non-ADA compliant corners of the intersection
- Utility upgrades needed to achieve project completion

Environmental Review

The project has been reviewed by the Planning Department and a Categorical Exemption (Case Number 2019-007356ENV) under Class 1 – Existing Facilities.

Bid Process:

With the assistance of San Francisco Public Works, the Department advertised the project and received two bid proposals on May 24, 2023. See attachment A, Bid Tabulation sheet for bid results. The low bid was within range of the project construction budget which was estimated at approximately \$1,300,000.

The lowest responsive bid was submitted by Bauman Landscape and Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,293,360.

The selected low bid contractor’s proposal was reviewed for conformance with the contract requirements and has met qualifications which includes their work history and experience as well as their requirement to assemble a team that would meet the LBE subcontracting goal of 25%. Because of the project’s funding sources it was determined by OLSE that this project is not subject to Citywide PLA.

Funding

Sources:	\$2,825,539	General Fund
	\$248,107.37	Open Space Fund
Total sources:	\$3,073,646	
Uses:	\$1,422,696	Hard Costs incl. 10% contingency
	\$1,650,950	Soft Costs
Total Uses:	\$3,073,646	

Project Schedule

Planning Phase:	Fall 2016 through Winter 2020
Design Phase:	Spring 2021 through Fall 2022
Bid & Award Phase:	Fall 2022 through Spring 2023
Construction Phase:	Fall 2023 through Spring 2024

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the award of a construction contract for the Golden Gate Park 9th Avenue Gateway (Sourcing Event ID. #0000007657) to Bauman Landscape and Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,293,360.00 for base bid work. Approval of this proposed action by the Commission is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

Supported By

RPD Staff
Inner Sunset Park Neighbors
Inner Sunset Merchants Association

Opposed By

None known

Attachments

Attachment A: GGP 9th Avenue Gateway Bid Tabulations
Attachment B: GGP 9th Avenue Gateway Illustrative Images