

COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Amberley Village beautification Committee

DATE/TIME: September 14, 2009

PURPOSE/SUBJECT: Review contractors bids for Slab Garden

ATTENDANCE

Cynthia Goodman

Merrie Stillpass

Albert Tomasi

Jeanette McCarthy

Sharon Floro, LA

Anna Shaw

Bernie Boraten

MINUTES

Background

- AVBC has been working on plans since 2004 to make the area between the 2 entrance drives to AV Hall, where meter pit/slab are located in front of AV “corp” offices more attractive and reflect the image of the community
- Plans were prepared but not executed due to pending road improvements scheduled for Ridge Rd.
- Council approved \$20,000 in the 2008 budget, but did not carry to 2009 budget
- AVBC revisited the plans with the assistance of Sharon Floro, Groundworks taking into consideration plans by Meisner gateway plan, LRP, Public Outreach....
- The plans were bid in June with 5 alternatives to be priced
- 9 bids were received

Discussion

- Discussion of bids and the alternatives
- Start with site preparation to enable future segments to be installed incrementally as funds available following the plan—i.e. start remove blacktop, plant trees, prepare beds
- The landscape plan was separated into 7 elements each to be rebid individually:
 - Demolition & Site Preparation; buried slab removal
 - Import Topsoil Placement and Rough Grading;
 - Provide and install, buried 1” PVC electrical conduit
 - Prepare planting bed with amended soil; finish grade
 - Provide and plant four trees; mulch ring in each tree
 - Provide and install sod
 - Optional: Provide and install seeding
 - installing plants in beds can be 2010 Arbor Day project
- Question raised about using AV residents for contracting services as part of fundraising
- Is this project the priority or is the gateway project or flowering trees?
 - Gateway is much bigger project financially, even if limited to southeast corner
- Start with small project to show credibility to raise money for larger project. Keep plan in place—start to move forward

Motion:

Concerned about the timing and costs, the AVBC moved to reject the bids presented and maintain our landscape plans to be implemented incrementally over time. We are working to begin site demolition and some planting as soon as possible.

Made by Albert & Cindy; 2nd by Jeanette, unanimously carried