

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 04-81

DATE March 17, 2004


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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY RENOVATION AND EXPANSION (#1504C) -  
AWARD OF ADDITIVE ALTERNATE #C TO CONTRACT NO. 3068

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

Authorize the award, upon receipt of funds in the amount of \$69,000.00 from the Friends of the Observatory (FOTO), of Additive Alternate #C in the total amount of \$60,000.00 to Contract No. 3068 with S.J. Amoroso Construction Co., Inc., for the Griffith Observatory Renovation and Expansion project.

SUMMARY:

On September 20, 2002, the Board awarded Contract No. 3068 to S.J. Amoroso Construction Co., Inc., to renovate and expand the Griffith Observatory which included a base bid and one Additive Alternate (Board Report No. 02-339). Prior to the award and since construction has started, FOTO has been engaged in a fundraising campaign to supplement the costs of the project. To date, FOTO has gifted a total amount of \$4,000,000.00 to the City for the purposes of awarding various Additive Alternates as outlined in Board Report Nos. 03-120 and 03-201. FOTO has gifted to the City an additional \$69,000.00, which includes a contingency amount of \$9,000.00, for the sole purpose of awarding Additive Alternate #C (Board Report #04-53).

At the time of bid, the Contractor included bid prices for various Additive Alternates. Per the bid documents, the Department has an option to award any additional Additive Alternates prior to expiration dates specified without additional cost or schedule impact. Currently, Additive Alternate #C will expire on April 4, 2004, and must be awarded pursuant to the Board action accepting the FOTO donation on February 18, 2004 (Board Report #04-53), and prior to the respective date in the

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original bid to hold the bid price at \$60,000.00 for the project. The scope of work includes improvements to the existing parking lot and roadways. Also included is the demolition of the existing snack bar and associated restrooms which will be replaced with new landscape.

The funds provided by FOTO will be deposited in the Griffith Observatory Trust Fund for expenditure by the City Engineer (Public Works-Bureau of Engineering) who is managing the project and paying invoices on behalf of the City. An ordinance establishing the Griffith Observatory Trust Fund was approved by the City Council on April 29, 2003 (C.F. #03-0817), and became effective June 17, 2003. Interest accrued on the gift will be first applied to the contingency on Additive Alternate #C, if needed, or otherwise only to other expenses related to the construction of the Griffith Observatory Renovation and Expansion project.

The primary condition of the approved Agreement to Accept Gift was that the funds received will be used solely for the purposes of awarding Additive Alternate #C. Since the Board has already approved the Agreement, staff recommends the award of Additive Alternate #C.

Report prepared by Sammy Wong, Project Manager.