

Board of Commissioners Resolution

Sponsor: Parks and Recreation

Meeting Date: 10/6/2020

Item Number: 2020-296

Title: Tamarack Nature Center Garden House Remodel Project

Background:

In 2007, Parks & Recreation adopted a strategic plan to build out the campus at Tamarack Nature Center through updated and/or added facilities, interpretive trails, programs, and exhibits, with an end goal of building the nature center’s capacity to help people discover the value of nature through play, inquiry, exploration and service.

Since then, Parks & Recreation has completed several projects on the campus. In 2015, the main building was expanded to include a preschool with two dedicated classrooms, a staff office, and a conference room/parent gathering space. In 2016 the front entrance, reception, exhibit, and existing staff office spaces were remodeled, followed by another project to expand parking on site and provide better circulation and additional site amenities.

In 2019, Parks & Recreation hired Shelter Architecture for design services for remaining improvements, including exhibit installation, trail improvements, sugar shack relocation/construction, a new programming building, activity area shelters, overflow parking lot, a new maintenance facility, and a remodel of the existing garden house building. Construction of these improvements will be completed over the next several years as funding is available. Parks & Recreation has identified funding for the garden house remodel and issued a Request for Bids for this project in June. The project will consist of required code upgrades to the kitchen and mechanical spaces, and conversion from a summer season facility to a year-round facility. The project also includes energy upgrades, a public restroom, and cold storage addition to support the ongoing programming for the community.

Below is a competitive solicitation summary:

Request for Bids (RFB) Title	Tamarack Nature Center Garden House Remodel
RFB Release Date	June 10, 2020
RFB Response Date	July 09, 2020
Number of Contractors Notified	259
Number of RFB Responses Received	5
Contractor Recommended	Construction Results Corporation

Parks & Recreation recommends award of a contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting the specifications, Construction Results Corporation, in the amount of \$604,740.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the selection of and contract with Construction Results Corporation, 14170 23rd Avenue North, Plymouth, MN 55423 for Tamarack Nature Center Garden House Remodel Project construction services for the period of October 7, 2020 through October 6, 2021, in the amount of \$604,740.
2. Authorize the Chair and the Chief Clerk to execute the contract.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the County's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Ayes – 7: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, Carter. Motion passed.

By: _____
Janet M. Guthrie, Chief Clerk – County Board