



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of November 14, 2009**

DATE: October 22, 2009

SUBJECT: Approve an Award of Contract for The Hillside Park Improvements located at 1601 North Pierce Street, Invitation to Bid Number 349-09.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the Award of Contract Number 349-09 in the amount of \$374,322 to Hammerhead Construction of Virginia, Inc. and approve an allocation of \$37,432.20 as a contingency for change orders for a total contract authorization of \$411,754.20.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the contract documents and all other documents to implement the above actions, subject to review of such documents by the County Attorney.

ISSUES: County Board approval is needed to award the construction of the proposed Hillside Park Improvements. No issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: Hillside Park is a beautiful 1.36-acre heavily wooded park which offers a unique urban forest experience. This park is frequently used by local residents for passive recreation and picnicking, as well as those who utilize the existing gravel path to access the Metro.

The existing park amenities consist of a non-accessible, high maintenance and uneven surfaced pathway, benches and picnic tables. The new Hillside Park Improvements will provide an accessible route, improved path surfacing and a play boulder for toddlers. Following a community process that involved neighbors from the community, the Radnor / Ft. Myer Heights Civic Association, Rosslyn Renaissance, Belvedere Condominium Unit Owners Association, Urban Forestry Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Arlington County Civic Federation and staff from Arlington County PRCR, the design of the improvements for the park were developed. Tree preservation as well as an emphasis on sustainability was of primary concern throughout the design process. Hence, materials and methods (permeable pavers and wood decking) were carefully chosen in an effort to minimize the negative impact and maximize the positive impact to the trees. In addition, existing landscape timbers and gravel will be recycled, wherever possible, to facilitate the construction of the new path.

County Manager: RCM

County Attorney: SM

Staff: Aaron Wohler, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

BACKGROUND: In January and February of 2009, a community process was initiated to develop conceptual designs for the improvements at Hillside Park. Interested stakeholders came together various times to discuss amenities the community would favor, address some community concerns and work out a timeline for the implementation of the design. Following a community process, a conceptual plan was developed (see Exhibit A) that was approved by the Radnor/Ft. Myer Heights Civic Association. Shortly thereafter, staff began the preparation of construction drawings for site clearing and restoration, removal of miscellaneous above and below grade site improvements, site drainage, masonry work, permeable paving, wood decking, boulder play apparatus, site furnishings, fencing and enhanced plantings.

DISCUSSION: The County received the following bids on October 6th, 2009, in response to Invitation to Bid Number 349-09:

Bidder	Bid
Hammerhead Construction of Virginia, Inc.	\$374,322.00
Chevy Chase Contractors, Inc.	\$438,567.51
Jeffrey Stack, Inc.	\$439,000.00
Milani Construction, LLC	\$517,700.00
Division 2, LLC	\$521,145.00

The lowest responsive bid for the construction of the playground was received by Hammerhead Construction of Virginia, Inc.. This Contractor was determined to be a responsible bidder. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Hammerhead Construction of Virginia, Inc..

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for improvements at Hillside Park was obtained from Paradigm Development Company deposited in the County’s Trust and Agency fund as part of the approved (2004) Rosslyn Ridge Site Plan.