



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of October 23, 2010**

**DATE:** October 23, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Approval of an Award of Contract for the Construction of Butler Holmes Park located at 101 S. Barton St., Invitation to Bid Number 229-10

**C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve the Award of Contract Number 229-10 in the amount of \$374,751.52 to Sumter Contracting Corp. and approve an allocation of \$37,475.15 as a contingency for change orders for a total contract authorization of \$412,226.67.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the contract documents and all other documents to implement the above actions, subject to review and approval of such documents by the County Attorney.

**ISSUES:** County Board approval is needed to award the construction contract for the proposed Butler Holmes Park improvements. There are no outstanding issues.

**SUMMARY:** Following a community process that involved the Penrose Civic Association and staff from Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources (PRCR), the design of an updated playground for school-age children with new entrances, a bioretention filter (rain garden) and pavilion was developed. This is a request for an Award of Contract for construction of the park improvements.

**BACKGROUND:** Butler Holmes Park is a 2-acre neighborhood park, which primarily serves the residents of the Penrose Civic Association. The park's existing amenities include a school-age playground feature, picnic tables, charcoal grills, basketball courts, a pavilion and a large amount of open lawn area.

In September 2008, a community process was initiated to develop conceptual designs for the Neighborhood Conservation project to replace the outdated playground equipment, pavilion and drainage along with adding a new trail through the park. The project was recommended for approval in the Fall 2008 Neighborhood Conservation funding round and approved by the

County Manager:

County Attorney:

MTN

Staff: Christine Simpson, PRCR

County Board in January 2009. The neighborhood and PRCR staff met several times to discuss amenities the community would favor, address community concerns and work out a timeline for the implementation of the design. The Penrose Civic Association approved the proposed concept plan in November 2008. During the development of final construction documents, staff has continued to meet with the community to inform them of changes encountered while developing the documents. The Penrose Civic Association approved the more detailed proposed concept plan at their November 2009 meeting.

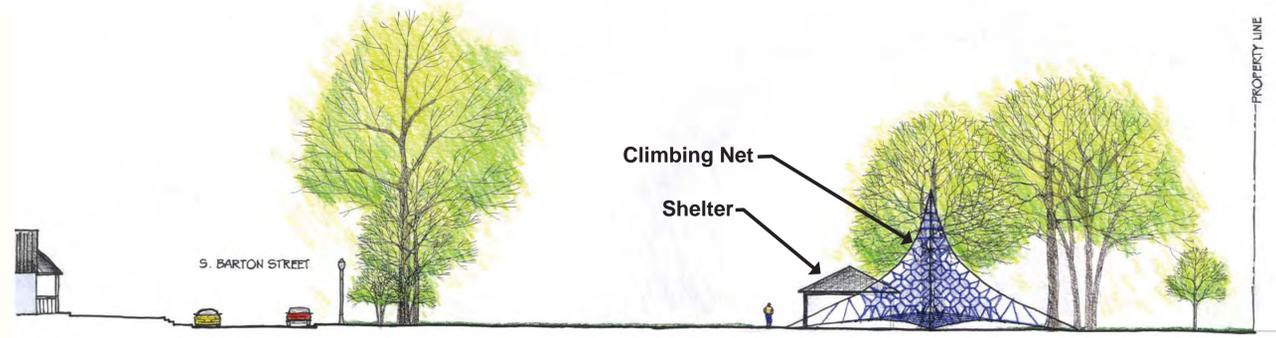
Planned enhancements to the park include a new school age play area, improved entrances with signs, asphalt trails, a pavilion, site amenities and landscaping. New features have been designed to drain to a bioretention filter.

**DISCUSSION:** Bids for the construction of Butler Holmes Park were opened on August 31, 2010, under Invitation to Bid number 229-10. A total of thirteen bids were received by the Purchasing Agent as follows:

1. Sumter Contracting Corp.	\$374,751.52
2. Hughes & Smith, Inc.	\$391,250.00
3. Hammerhead Construction	\$410,000.00
4. Avon Corporation	\$417,357.57
5. MCA Construction, Inc.	\$449,595.00
6. Corning Construction Corporation	\$460,339.00
7. AND Contractors, Inc.	\$461,437.90
8. Jeffrey Stack, Inc.	\$471,000.00
9. The Word Group Inc.	\$565,837.00
10. VA Builders Inc.	non-responsive
11. Bedford Falls Development LLC	non-responsive
12. L&M Electric and Plumbing	non-responsive
13. Prince Construction Co, Inc.	non-responsive

The lowest responsive and responsible bid for the construction of the playground was received from Sumter Contracting Corp. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Sumter Contracting Corp.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding is provided through the Neighborhood Conservation Program, account code 316.437405.72301.N486.CJF.0000. The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee recommended this project in the Fall 2008 funding session, and the County Board approved funds in January 2009.

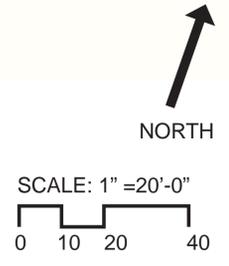


**PHASE ONE**  
**Meandering asphalt walkway**  
**New entrance and sign**  
**School age play area**  
 32' Net climber, 10' swings and spinner  
 Safety surfacing and 6" concrete curb  
 Benches  
**Pavilion**  
 Metal roof  
 Trash and recycling receptacles  
 Accessible picnic tables  
 Planted area

**PHASE TWO**  
**Re-grade open field**  
**Bike racks and kiosk**  
**Tot play area**  
 Tot climber, spring toy, spinner and tot swings  
 Safety surfacing and 6" concrete curb  
 Benches and drinking fountain  
 Fencing on street sides of play areas

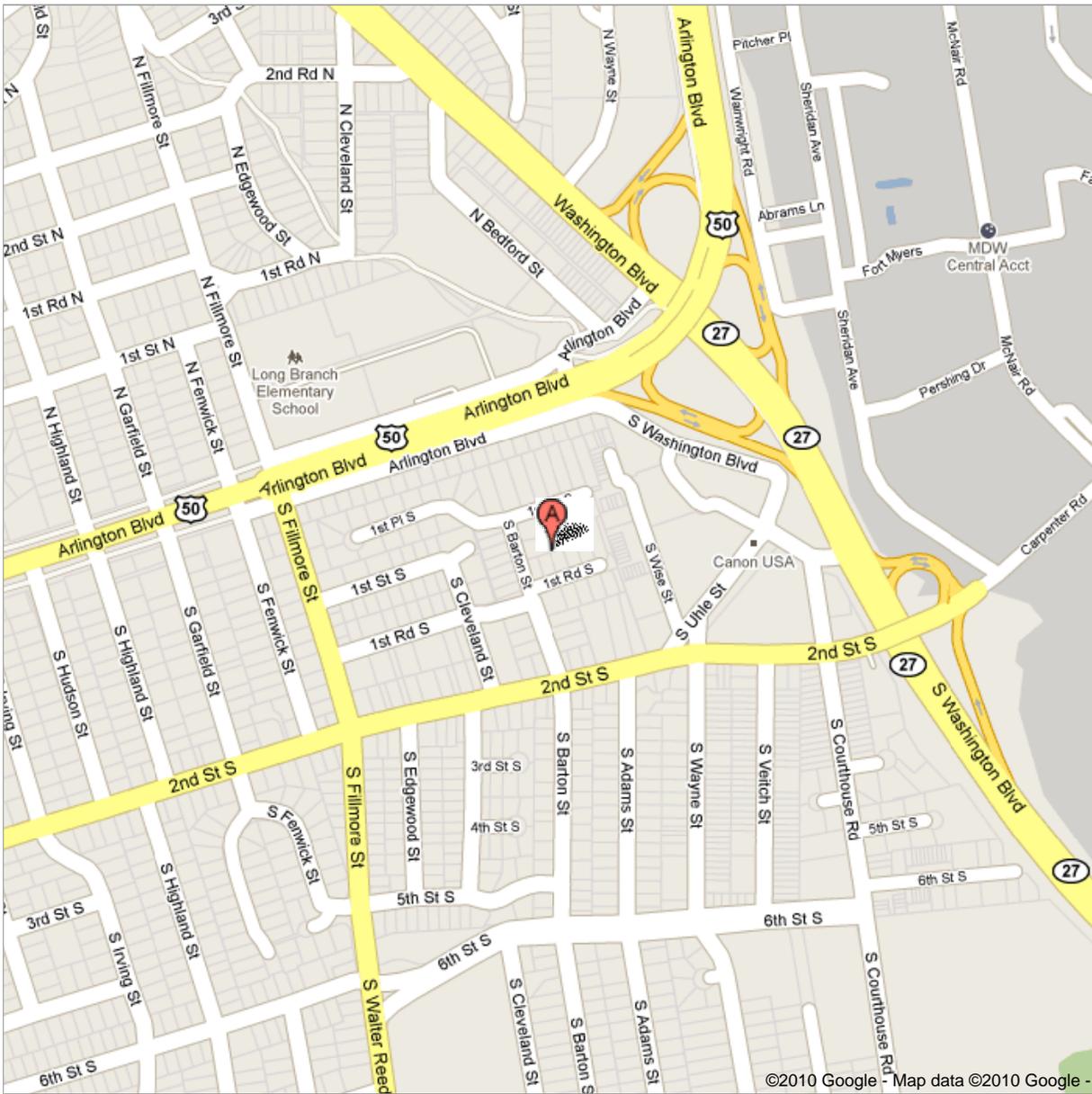
**PHASE ONE**  
**Basketball court improvements**  
 Replace drinking fountain  
 New walkways and benches around basketball court  
**Bioretention area**  
 Planted buffer for existing storm drain

**PHASE TWO**  
**New 4' chain link fence around basketball court**  
**Nature and meditative area**  
 Existing play curb remains as a "thinking line"  
 Native tree grove, trees limbed up for visibility  
**Boulder steps**  
 Tree allee leading to nature/meditative area  
 Sidewalk to connect existing ramp to boulder steps





Notes



- A. **Butler-Holmes Park**  
111 S Barton St, Arlington, Virginia