



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of May 19, 2012**

DATE: April 18, 2012

SUBJECT: Award of Contract to Avon Corporation for the Construction of James Hunter Park.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the Award of Contract Number 670-12 in the amount of \$1,463,914.18 to Avon Corporation and approve an allocation of \$219,587.11 as a contingency for change orders, for a total contract authorization of \$1,683,501.20.
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 required for award of the construction contract. There are no outstanding issues.

SUMMARY: In December 2007, the County Board adopted the James Hunter Park Master Plan (formerly named Herndon & 13th Park) following a community process involving the Lyon Village community, Hartford Building residents, Clarendon Dogs, the Clarendon Alliance, and other interested residents working closely with Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation staff. In December 2009, staff refined the Master Plan in response to the County Board's guidance given at the time of the plan's adoption. County staff presented two options to the project's primary stakeholder groups' representatives and consensus was reached on a final plan in February 2010. The final plan calls for an urban park containing a plaza terrace with a focal feature, an open lawn area, native demonstration gardens, a community canine area, pedestrian circulation, sidewalks, public art, utilities, and site furnishings. This is a request for award of contract for construction of the park.

County Manager:

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County Attorney:

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Staff: Scott McPartlin, DPR, Park Development Division
Aaron Wohler, DPR, Park Development Division

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BACKGROUND: The Purchasing Agent received the following bids on April 3, 2012:

<u>Bidder:</u>	<u>Bid Amount:</u>
1. Avon Corporation	\$1,463,914.18
2. HITT Contracting, Inc.	\$1,916,846.00*
3. W. M. Schlosser Company, Inc.	\$1,958,000.00**
4. Corinthian Contractors, Inc.	\$2,399,870.00

* This amount corrects extension errors in the Lump Sum bid amount of \$1,919,995.00 listed on HITT Contracting, Inc. bid form.

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The low bid in the amount of \$1,463,914.18 received from Avon Corporation is consistent with the landscape architect's estimate. This was found to be the lowest responsive bid submitted and Avon Corporation was found to be a responsible bidder. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Avon Corporation.

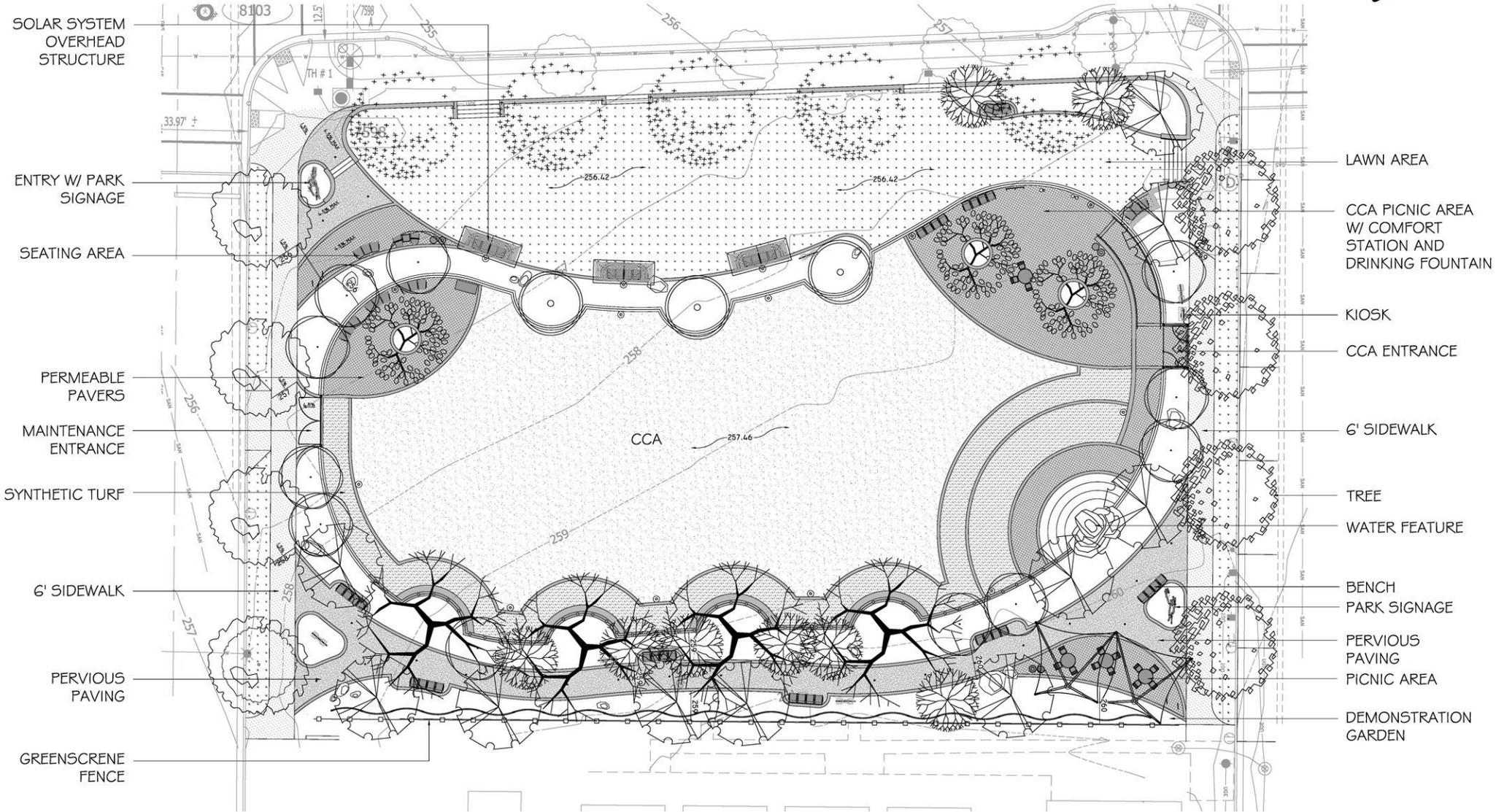
DISCUSSION: Construction is anticipated to begin in early summer 2012 and be completed in late spring 2013. Staff will work with Clarendon Dogs and post signs at the park identifying other County community canine areas that are available while the James Hunter Park is closed for construction.

Thoughtbarn (TB), a multidisciplinary design firm, has been brought aboard to design, fabricate, and install the park signage, as part of a Public Art project. Utilizing a unique approach to integrating form, text, iconography, and alternative energy sources, TB has created signage that provides effective information and direction, encourages the learning experience, creates a sense of place, and enhances the over-all image of the park.

In addition, the County has collaborated with Alfred State College (ASC) of New York, leaders in training and development in the field of alternative energy technologies, to integrate renewable energy sources (solar power) into the park. ASC is providing design guidance, training, and installation of the solar system. This system will provide power to the pumps and controllers for a unique subsurface irrigation and water management system, as well as the park water feature. ASC also will aid TB in integrating solar technologies into the park signage, for lighting and display purposes.

This park project strives to be on the forefront of sustainability by utilizing alternative energy, managing and recycling stormwater for use throughout the park, incorporating recycled materials into construction, as well as other best management practices.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding is available through a combination of Pay-As-You-Go (PAYG) (Fund 313 Projects HE01 and SP7) and General Obligation Park Bond funds (Fund 324, Project B13H). The anticipated operating costs of this park are \$42,060 in FY 2013 and 45,760 in FY 2014.



JAMES HUNTER PARK FINAL SITE PLAN

13TH STREET NORTH & NORTH HERNDON STREET

