



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of September 13, 2008**

DATE: August 15, 2008

SUBJECT: Approve the Award of Amendment Number 2 to Agreement Number 178-07 between OCULUS and the County Board for Master Planning Services on the Mosaic Park Project.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve Amendment Number 2 to Agreement Number 178-07 between OCULUS and the County Board to provide master planning services for the Mosaic Park Project in the amount of \$30,440, and authorize additional funds in the amount of \$4,560 as a contingency for any additional services within the scope of Amendment Number 2. The total Amendment authorization is therefore \$35,000.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the contract documents, subject to review by the County Attorney.

ISSUES: The County needs to complete the updated master plan for Mosaic Park by October 2008 in order to fulfill the requirements of the July 2008 County Board Resolution on Founder's Square and Mosaic Park. The master planning services in the amendment will allow for necessary survey work and the remaining public planning process to be completed within the 90-day deadline established by the resolution.

SUMMARY: Arlington County is developing an updated master plan for Mosaic Park. The plan will be utilized as a basis for the report to be issued to the County Board by the Mosaic Park Planning Team and the County Manager regarding improvements to Mosaic Park in exchange for the value of any proposed density transfer to the adjacent Founder's Square project. Arlington County entered into Amendment Number 1 to Agreement Number 178-07 in August 2008 in order to undertake the first phase of the master planning effort. Amendment Number 2 is for the second phase of design services needed to complete the planning process.

BACKGROUND: On July 19, 2008, the County Board adopted a Resolution on Founder's Square and Mosaic Park and authorized the County Manager to evaluate the feasibility of incorporating density from the current or proposed County property on the east side of North Quincy Street into the Founder's Square project in exchange for improvements in Mosaic Park.

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff: Lisa Grandle, Park Development Div., Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources
Scott McPartlin, Park Development Div., Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources

The Mosaic Park Planning Team (MPPT) was appointed on July 22, 2008 to develop the conceptual master plan for Mosaic Park and propose the immediate improvements to Mosaic Park.

DISCUSSION: On September 8, 2007, the County Board approved the award of Contract Number 178-07 to OCULUS for park design services for Penrose Square for a total authorization of \$452,234. The design team consists of persons with particularized expertise, including a member with extensive experience in designing urban plazas and a member with specialized experience in designing public water features. The master plan phase of the contract entailed developing a master plan, preliminary cost estimates and a phasing plan for the Square. The work included meetings and workshops with the County Board-appointed working group, an informational community forum, and presentations to select County commissions and the County Board.

Amendment Number 1 was authorized in August 2008 to provide master plan design services for the Mosaic Park project. The services needed for Mosaic Park are one and the same as the services already in place for the Penrose Square project. The amendment included design services to reach the midway point of the planning process including several meetings with the planning team and the development of conceptual plan options, associated cost estimates and a phasing plan for Mosaic Park.

Work under Amendment Number 2 is for the second half of the master plan to bring the conceptual plan to completion. The second half includes a boundary and topographic survey of Mosaic Park (existing and future), a tree survey and inventory, community and planning team meetings, finalization of the concept plan, and presentation to various commissions and the County Board.

FISCAL IMPACT: Sufficient funds for Amendment Number 2 in the amount of \$35,000 for the Mosaic Park Project have been approved and are available in the PRCR Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Sufficient funds are available for the Amendment in the account number 313.438200.697L.

Authorization of Amendment Number 2 will bring the contract award to date for Amendment Numbers 1 and 2 to Agreement Number 178-07 for Mosaic Park to a total amount of \$82,960. The total amount to date for Agreement Number 178-07 is \$535,194, which includes design services for both Penrose Square and Mosaic Park.