



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Parks and Conservation

Item: contract with MMW Architects for Architectural design services for a community center in McCormick Park

Date: February 17, 2021

Sponsor(s): Donna Gaukler

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Ward(s) Affected:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

Action Required:

Approve contract with MMW Architects in amount of \$119,888.00 and authorized the Mayor to sign.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Approve the contract with MMW Architects for Architectural design services for a community center in McCormick Park in the amount of \$119,888.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Timeline:

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| Referral to committee: | February 22, 2021 |
| Committee discussion: | February 24, 2021 |
| Council action (or sets hearing): | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Public Hearing: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Deadline: | Click or tap here to enter text. |

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The need and demand for this facility has been repeatedly documented since 1998 in numerous community plans and planning processes, notably the Missoula Millennial Project, the adopted 2004 Master Parks and Recreation Plan for the Greater Missoula Area, and recently the Climate Ready Missoula Plan and Downtown Master Plan.

Additionally, the community center is a goal within the City Strategic Plan 2020-2023, Safety & Wellness #2 Design and create programs, facilities, and spaces that promote equity: Create a multi-purpose Missoula Community Center centrally located in McCormick Park that serves to provide access to a multi-generational, year-round, affordable public facility.

The City of Missoula, in cooperation with community members, is undertaking a public process to complete the schematic master plan for a community center at McCormick

Park. The Missoula Community Center is included in the adopted 2004 McCormick Park Master Plan.

The Currents Aquatics Center, the first phase of the community center, opened in 2006. Designed to extend the north end of the Currents Aquatics Center, the second phase of the community center will offer additional recreational facilities and services. More information on the history and scope of the Center is available from the link below.

Missoula Parks and Recreation, in cooperation with a citizen working group (Friends of Missoula Community Center), has continued efforts toward this important community goal. In January 2021, a planning process was developed to further advance the community center design with input from the community.

An advertised RFQ received 10 responses of which four (4) firms were interviewed as the highest qualified. The selection committee who, after weighing the responses and needs of the project, determined MMW Architects P.C., in partnership with NAC, is the most qualified firm for this work.

The proposed contract provides for conceptual design of a community center, programming recommendations, conceptual project budget, and public involvement.

Financial Implications: Cost of the proposed contract is \$119,888. The funds for the contract are from Impact Fees and are in the Department's approved budget.

Links to external websites:

<https://missoulacommunitycenter.org>