



Council Agenda Report

From: Freda Berman, Public Works Director

Subject: Approval of Design for a Shade Structure Located Between the Veteran's Memorial Building and Senior Center

CEQA Determination: The City finds that this action to approve the design for a shade structure between the Veteran's Memorial Building and Senior Center and authorize the preparation of construction bid documents is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.

Date: February 6, 2024

Facts

1. On June 21, 2022, City Council adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 and 2023-24 Operating and Capital Budget which included \$150,000 in the Capital Improvement Program to fund a shade structure located in the grassy area between the Veteran's Memorial Building and Senior Center.
2. City staff engaged Omni Design Incorporated to design a shade structure and concrete patio that fully utilizes the available area, is complementary to the adjacent buildings, and includes provisions for future lighting.
3. The proposed design features a structure produced by Landscape Structures, Inc., the manufacturer responsible for the shade structures at Uptown Family Park and Centennial Park. The shade structures include a ten-year fabric warranty. To date, no maintenance has been required on either of the previously installed structures.

Community Outreach

On December 5, 2022, multiple concepts for the shade structure were presented at a Senior Advisory Committee Special Meeting. Several representatives of veteran's organizations that staff the Veteran's Memorial Building were invited to participate in the meeting. After robust discussion, no consensus on design direction was achieved. However, key concerns including maximizing the available space and the importance of a complementary aesthetic were noted and pursued.

Options

1. Take no action;
2. Approve the design for a shade structure located between the Veteran's Memorial Building and Senior Center and authorize the preparation of construction bid documents; or
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis and Conclusions

The grassy area separating the Veteran's Memorial Building and Senior Center has untapped potential. Activities hosted by both veteran's organizations and Senior Volunteer Services are appropriate for a shady, outdoor space. The design as presented addresses the prevalent themes provided by both groups

– a concrete patio built as large as practical, a large, shaded area, a design that does not conflict with either adjacent building, and provisions for future lighting.

Both constituent groups have expressed enthusiasm for the project.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact by approving the design of the shade structure. However, the estimate to construct the shade structure project is \$121,000. The shade structure project was allocated \$150,000; less already expended design costs to Omni Design Incorporated per approved Purchasing Policy for professional services, the total available to complete the project is \$128,607. The shade structure equipment will be acquired directly by the City from Landscape Structures and reflects a 6 percent discount as it is being purchased through a cooperative purchasing agreement.

CEQA

The City finds that this action to approve the design for a shade structure between the Veteran's Memorial Building and Senior Center and authorize the preparation of construction bid documents is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.

Recommendation (Option 2)

Approve the design for a shade structure located between the Veteran's Memorial Building and Senior Center and authorize the preparation of construction bid documents.

Attachments

1. Shade Structure Design