



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2025-408

Agenda Date: June 5, 2025

Department: Wild Spaces & Public Places

Title: 2025-408 Authorization of an Amendment to a Task Assignment Under a Professional Design Services for Wild Spaces Public Places Projects Continuing Services Agreement (B)

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Description: Request for City Commission approval to amend a task assignment to include additional design services for the Tom Petty Park Pickleball and Miscellaneous Improvements Project. The design services for the project are being provided by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Fiscal Note: The additional services cost \$74,502.50 which result in a revised total project cost of \$274,592.50. Funds in the amount of \$74,502.50 are available for professional design services from the Wild Spaces Public Places FY 2025 budget for this project.

Explanation: In 2023, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs conducted a needs assessment to update the department's master plan. The assessment identified pickleball courts as one of the highest recreational priorities within the City of Gainesville. The Tom Petty Park Pickleball and Miscellaneous Improvements Project addresses this need and is an important recreational feature in District 4. This project also includes rerouting and expanding the existing north-south multipurpose trail within the park. This supports the highest priority identified in the 2023 needs assessment by enhancing bicycle, pedestrian, and trail infrastructure throughout the city.

City of Gainesville Parks and Recreation staff received permission from the City Commission in January 2025 to explore additional parking options at Tom Petty Park as an additional design service. Parking was a concern of neighbors that was brought to staff's attention during the project's open houses.

In March 2025, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. completed a technical memorandum evaluating the feasibility of additional parking in the northwest corner of Tom Petty Park. The resulting Parking Concept Layout indicates that up to 41 additional paved parking spaces can be accommodated. Staff recommend proceeding with the design and

permitting of this supplemental parking area to better serve the community. The addition of 8 dedicated pickleball courts, along with the park's existing popular amenities, has increased demand at this regional facility.

Construction of the pickleball courts and amenity improvements at the park began in May 2025. Design and permitting for the additional parking are expected to take 6-9 months, with construction anticipated to begin in winter 2025.

Strategic Connection:

- ☐ Goal 1: Equitable Community
- ☐ Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- ☒ Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- ☐ Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- ☒ Goal 5: "Best in Class" Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission 1) approve the amendment for additional design services and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents and other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.