



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-1018

Agenda Date: October 19, 2023

Department: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

Title: 2023-1018 Invitation to Bid Award Recommendation for The Lincoln Yard Trail Project (B)

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Description: Request for the City Commission to award the Invitation to Bid for the Lincoln Yard Trail project to Joyner Construction Partners, LLC in the amount of \$346,082.00.

Fiscal Note: Funds in the amount of \$346,082.00 are available for the Lincoln Yard Trail project from the Wild Spaces & Public Places ½ cent Fund.

Explanation: In 2012, the City Commission approved the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Vision 2020 Master Plan and in 2023 the City Commission approved the update to the master plan. The department's master plan emphasizes the need for additional trails and better connectivity between parks.

In 2018 the City Commission approved a project budget for the Lincoln Yard Trail project. Community engagement, surveying, design and permitting took place from 2018 through 2019. The final plan set received a Utility Construction Permit approval on December 17, 2019 and procurement began shortly thereafter. Soon thereafter, the City Manager directed staff to hold off on bidding out this project due to the onset of the global COVID-19 pandemic. The project was shelved until 2023.

On August 18, 2023 the Department of Financial Services – Procurement Division solicited bids for the construction of Lincoln Yard Trail project, bid number WSPP-230069-WB. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference was held on August 31, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. A total of four (4) bidders attended the pre-bid conference. All bids were due at 3:00 p.m. on September 15, 2023. A total of five (5) bids were received by 3:00 p.m.

Staff recommends awarding the Invitation to Bid to Joyner Construction Partners, LLC in the amount of 346,082.00 for the construction of the Lincoln Yard Trail project. Joyner Construction Partners, LLC was determined to be the lowest responsible, responsive bidder as stipulated by the City's competitive bidding process.

The second lowest responsible, responsive bidder was Blackwater Construction Services, LLC, the third lowest responsible, responsive bidder was J.E. Decker Construction Group, LLC, the fourth lowest responsible, responsive bidder was BBI Construction Management, Inc. and the fifth lowest responsible, responsive bidder was Earthscapes Unlimited, LLC.

Staff will evaluate staffing needs for this location as the project progresses and will develop a proposal for consideration as part of the budget development process.

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 Invitation to Bid award to Joyner Construction Partners, LLC in the amount of \$346,082.00 and 2) authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to execute all contract documents and other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.