



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2024-181

Agenda Date: March 7, 2024

Department: Wild Spaces & Public Places

Title: 2024-181 Authorization of a Task Assignment Under a Professional Design Services for Wild Spaces Public Places Projects Continuing Services Agreement (B)

Department: Wild Spaces & Public Places Wild Spaces & Public Places

Description: Requesting City Commission approval of a task assignment with Kimley-Horn, Inc. in the amount of \$161,520.00 for the professional design, permitting, procurement assistance and construction administration associated with the Tom Petty Park Pickleball project.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in the Wild Spaces Public Places FY 2024 budget for this project.

Explanation: In 2023 the Department of Parks, Recreational and Cultural Affairs completed a needs assessment to update the department's master plan. Through the needs assessment update it was found that pickleball courts were among the highest priority needs within the City of Gainesville.

The Tom Petty Park Pickleball project is an important recreational component in District 4. This project will also include rerouting and expansion of the multipurpose trail that currently runs north-south through the park, which supports the highest priority need identified within the 2023 needs assessment, of increasing Bicycle / Walking / Multipurpose trails throughout the city.

There has been a lot of interest in the renovations at Tom Petty Park. The announcement regarding the Open House was sent to 6,729 email addresses and 40% of recipients opened the email. That's an extraordinarily high response rate. There was a fairly good turnout at the open house this past fall and the City has received over 180 emails from neighbors and user groups on this project over the past few months. A neighborhood workshop will be held in the summer or fall of 2024 for the Tom Petty Park Pickleball project to gather additional feedback from our neighbors.

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 a task assignment for Kimley-Horn, Inc. in the amount of \$161,520.00 for the professional design, permitting, procurement assistance and construction administration with the Tom Petty Park Pickleball project; 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.