



February 13, 2020

Downtown Development Authority

**CITY OF FERNDALE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

FROM: Lena Stevens

SUBJECT: Schiffer Park Contribution Increase Request

INTRODUCTION

The second round of proposals for the Schiffer Park Improvement Project have significantly outpaced the project budget. The internal project team has been working together to re-evaluate the project scope and provide scope alternates that are in line with the original design and reduces the overall project cost while still meeting today's need for a downtown park. The alternate also provides the opportunity for a second phase of construction. An increase in the DDA contribution is being requested from \$75,000 to no more than \$125,000.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND

In August 2019, the City of Ferndale opened the bid proposals for the Schiffer Park Improvement project. The proposal significantly exceeded the project budget and it was determined that the project would be rebid in January 2020. Unfortunately, the new bid proposals also exceeded our funding allocation. The internal project team consisting of myself, LaReina Wheeler, Jordan Twardy, and Joseph Gacioch re-evaluated the project scope and provided alternates that reduce the project cost and still deliver a quality park that adds value to Downtown Ferndale.

The updated bid proposals, based on the alternate scope, will be received by the two bidders (WCI Contractors, Inc. and The LaSalle Group, Inc.) on Thursday, February 13th. In order to meet the construction deadline, the contract must be presented to City Council at the February 24, 2020 meeting.

I am requesting that the DDA authorize an increase in the budgeted contribution which is currently set at \$75,000 to an amount not to exceed \$125,000. The final amount will be confirmed with the DDA Executive Director once the updated proposals are received and evaluated.

BUDGETARY CONTEXT

The DDA Executive Director included a contribution of \$125,000 in the Fiscal Year 2020 Mid Year revisions presented to the Board of Directors on 2.13.20. It is included in Contributions to General Fund 248-000-965.100. The original contribution for this project was \$75,000, included in the Capital Outlay section of the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. However, this contribution was not moved to the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget when construction was delayed.

CIP#

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

STRATEGIC PLANNING CONTEXT



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RECOMMENDED ACTION

Vote to approve an increase in the Schiffer Park contribution from \$75,000 to no more than \$125,000.