



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: January 26, 2012

Item Number: C-1

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director of Community Services

Subject: Review of the Roxbury Community Center Project and Request for Direction

Attachments: 1. None

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council provide direction to staff on the next steps with the Roxbury Community Center project.

INTRODUCTION

At its December 6, 2011 meeting, the City Council voted to reject all bids for the construction of a new Roxbury Community Center due to the fact that the overall cost for the project exceeded available funding. At this meeting, Council gave direction to hold a public meeting to gather feedback from the community on ways to bring the project into the budget available.

DISCUSSION

The genesis for constructing a new community center goes back to 2004 when a proposal was developed to create a sports complex in the Business and Entertainment District (formerly the Industrial Area) of the City, along Foothill and Alden. After research was conducted and public feedback was gathered, it was determined that attention should be shifted to making improvements to the aging facilities at LaCienega and Roxbury Parks. As a result, additional public feedback was gathered, and in 2008 a master plan for the two parks was developed and adopted by the City Council. At Council direction, the focus was further refined to address the needs at Roxbury Park. It

was additionally determined that improvements to Roxbury Park should be divided into two phases. Phase 1 would focus primarily on constructing a new community center and phase 2 would involve renovation of the park grounds.

Roxbury Community Center was constructed in 1960 and was cosmetically improved in 1990. The Center suffers from substantial deferred maintenance issues. Additionally, the space does not suffice for the recreational needs of its users.

Based on community feedback, 12 different designs were developed for the Roxbury Community Center over time. Early designs included a large facility along Olympic as well as an aquatics component. Subsequent designs and community input led to a smaller facility closer to where the current one is situated. Various options for parking were considered, including a covered and partially underground parking structure. Based on community feedback and a parking study conducted by Carl Walker and Associates, it was determined that surface parking would provide the best alternative for the facility.

In August, 2010, the City Council gave direction to proceed with developing the plans for the community center, and subsequently full scale plans were developed by the architectural team. On October 11, 2011, the plans were released to prequalified construction companies for bid response. The available "all in" funds available for the project are approximately \$14.7 million. The bids were received back from contractors on November 18, 2011, and the lowest bid received from the three companies was \$14.39 million. However, once project costs above and beyond construction were added in, such as contingency, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, the estimated "all in" costs came in at \$16.8 million, which exceed the funds available. As a result, on December 6, 2011 Council recommended the rejection of all bids and requested this community meeting to gather community input on ways to bring the project within the funds available.

Staff will present an overview of the project to date and asks for Council direction on next steps with the Roxbury Community Center.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.


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Approved By