

City of Ann Arbor

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Resolution to Approve Amendment #1 with Quinn Evans Architects (QEA) to Complete the Fabrication and Installation of the Herbert Dreiseitl Exterior Artwork at the Ann Arbor Municipal Center (\$553,320.00)

In December of 2009, City Council approved a contract with Quinn Evans Architects (QEA) for Project Design and Management Services for exterior artwork for the Ann Arbor Municipal Center Project in the amount of \$111,400.00.

Quinn Evans Architects (QEA) continue to oversee the final design and construction of a publicly funded piece of artwork for the Ann Arbor Municipal Center. Acting as general contractor, QEA will coordinate the fabricators and the Artistic Team of Herbert Dreiseitl, Conservation Design Forum (CDF). CDF is a sub-consultant to QEA whose role is to act as a liaison to the Artist and develop the conceptual design so that it can be priced and fabricated.

In June of 2010, QEA, with assistance from CDF and the Artist prepared and publicly issued a request for Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) to potential fabricators/ installers through the City's online Bidnet system. Based upon the design presented by the Artist and developed by the Artistic Team, two were considered complete and deemed pre-qualified. These were:

- 1. Couturier Ironcraft Inc., Comstock Park, Michigan
- 2. Future Fence / Future Fab Co., Warren, Michigan

The two competitively priced responses were received on August 26, 2010. However, both exceeded the budget established for this portion of the artwork and post submission review meetings were held with both potential fabricators to discuss options for reducing the proposed price.

Based upon the suggestions and alternatives offered by the fabricators and review by the Artistic Team, QEA proposes to retain Future Fence / Future Fab Company to fabricate and install the proposed exterior artwork of Herbert Dreiseitl as presented to the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission and City of Ann Arbor in June 2009, with the exception that the exposed metal will be bronze in lieu of weathering steel. Future Fence has included the following significant local participation on their fabrication team:

- 1. Leprecon Inc. (lighting and water technology) located in Hamburg, Michigan
- 2. Center for Creative Studies (glass globes) located in Detroit, Michigan
- 3. Fine Arts Sculpture Center (bronze) located in Clarkston, Michigan

The proposed cost to compete the design, fabrication and installation of the exterior artwork is \$553,320.00 inclusive of all artistic, professional design and engineering fees, permits, fabrication and installation costs, and reimbursable expenses.

The current professional services agreement with QEA for design documentation and procurement of

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bids for fabrication and installation of the exterior sculpture proposed by Herbert Dreiseitl is \$111,400.00. We request your approval to amend the contract with Quinn Evans Architects in the amount of \$553,320.00 to complete the fabrication and installation of the exterior artwork.

We also request that this project be budgeted from the Art in Public Places Fund without regard to fiscal year. The anticipated date of completion of the artwork project is set for May/June of 2011.

The overall project budget for this artwork is \$750,000.00. It now appears that this project will cost approximately \$741,720.00.

Reviewed by: Matthew Kulhanek, Fleet and Facilities Manager

Approved by: Sue F. McCormick, Public Services Administrator

Whereas, Quinn Evans Architects (QEA) continue to oversee the final design and construction of a publicly funded piece of artwork for the Ann Arbor Municipal Center and act as technical advisor to the Artistic Team of Herbert Dreiseitl, Conservation Design Forum (CDF) and QEA;

Whereas, QEA, with assistance from CDF and the Artist prepared and publicly issued a request for Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) to potential fabricators/ installers through the City's online Bidnet system. Of the three submitted, two were considered complete and deemed pre-qualified;

Whereas, Two competitively priced responses were received on August 26, 2010. Post submission review meetings were held with both potential fabricators to discuss options for reducing the proposed price; and

Whereas, QEA proposes to retain Future Fence / Future Fab Company to fabricate and install the proposed Herbert Dreiseitl Exterior Artwork at the Ann Arbor Municipal Center at a cost of \$553,320.00;

RESOLVED, That the City approve the recommendations of QEA to complete the fabrication and installation for the Herbert Dreiseitl Project at the Ann Arbor Municipal Center;

RESOLVED, That the professional services agreement with QEA be amended and funded from the Art in Public Places Fund without regard to fiscal year in the amount of \$553,320.00;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the contract after approval as to substance by the City Administrator and approval as to form by the City Attorney; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be authorized to take the necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.