

COLUMBIA CITY PARK BOARD MINUTES

January 11, 2012

The Columbia City Park Board met to discuss the bids for the Morsches Park Trail extension with the following **members present**:

Park Board Vice President Mark Ellis

Park Board Member Terry Baker

Park Board Secretary Mauri Bordner

Park Board Member Keith Nickolson

Those absent: Park Board Member Dennis Warnick

Park Superintendent Mark Green informed the Board this is an opportunity for the bidders to further discuss their bids. Teresa Ladd, TK Ladd, Inc., informed the Park Board of the different avenues they could travel in order to lower costs for the project i.e., replace 3' cement perimeter with mulch, replace steel roof with asphalt shingles, etc.

Derek Frederickson spoke on the five (5) bids and Park Board Secretary Bordner questioned what the original verses the low bid amount is. Mr. Frederickson said he believed it was around \$310,000.00 as he did not have the precise number with him. This amount is for the trail. Mr. Frederickson informed the Board he has spoken with all five bidders and Niblock is the lowest bidder. Starting with the base bid and adding Alternate 1, lighting and Alternate 2, galvanized steel handrail, this amount is \$328,000.00. The Park Board has \$330,000.00 in grant dollars at this time. After additional information given by Mr. Frederickson, the total cost at this time is \$520,000.00. The stabilization of the river bank came in much higher than was anticipated, an additional one inch of asphalt was not accounted for in the original plan, they underestimated the cost of asphalt, and the cost of the bridge was underestimated. Mr. Frederickson informed the Board there are several alternates he came up with to lower the costs and proceeded to explain. He proposes moving the bridge placement and this would eliminate a lot of dirt work, thus lowering the cost. He does have a fall back plan. Mr. Frederickson feels alternate #1 can be taken off the bid. The Park Board discussed an alternate plan to lower the costs. Mr. Frederickson talked about the two water fountains, seeding, reducing the amount of drainage, and changing asphalt to two inches.

In summary, starting with base amount, changes, and adding in trailhead building, the project comes to \$450,000.00. After some discussion, Park Board Secretary Bordner stated they could still put in the trail without the trailhead this year. They could always revisit the trailhead next year. After much discussion, Park Board Secretary Bordner made a motion to reject the bids as presented. After further

discussion of the Park Board, Park Board Secretary Bordner withdrew his motion. It is the consensus of the Board to table these bids until the next regular scheduled meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Martha K. Acres, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.