

# CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

## **HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Ron Leone, Chair

Dan Helix, Committee Member

5:30 p.m., Monday, July 28, 2014

Building A, Garden Conference Room  
1950 Parkside Drive, Concord

### **- ANNOTATED AGENDA -**

**ROLL CALL:** All present

**STAFF PRESENT:** Victoria Walker, Community and Economic Development Director; Robert Ovadia, City Engineer; Mario Camorongon, Capital Improvement Program Manager

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE:** Ray Barbour

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** None

1. **DISCUSSION** –Receive the Staff Report and provide direction for Project 2294 (Todos Santos Plaza Archway Project). Report by Mario Camorongon, PE, Capital Improvement Program Manager.

**ACTION:** Mario Camorongon presented the report to the Committee. Robert Ovadia and Victoria Walker provided additional information.

Staff discussed the following alternatives for consideration to better align the project with the budget:

- Redesign the project so that it would be less costly to construct. For example, the detailing in the metal archway could be simplified and/or the three dimensional metal work could be substituted for a flat cut metal sheet. Also, the base material could be modified to a simple concrete finish.
- Seek additional funding for the project, which may be available from the former Redevelopment Agency/Art in Public Places fund. Use and availability of these funds will require approval from the Oversight Board for the former City of Concord Redevelopment

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Agency (Oversight Board) and Department of Finance (DOF). Should this option be chosen, the estimated timeline for such approvals are as follows: Approval from the Oversight Board to place the archway project on the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) in September 2014, followed by the DOF approval within 60 days to have the funds approved for use beginning in January 2015. Should this review period be missed, the next ROPS cycle would be in March 2015 to the Oversight Board, followed by DOF approval within 60 days for funding beginning July 2015.

- Advertise for bids during the winter months for optimum contractor competition.

The Committee discussed the possible value engineering of the various archway design elements and asked for public comments. The Committee provided the following comments and questions:

- Redesigning the archways to simplify the current design and substituting flat metal cut panels for more 3 dimensional metalwork will not maintain the same quality of appearance and will likely not be as sturdy;
- One of the Committee members noted that he had originally been informed that there was adequate funding to construct one archway. Staff explained that this information had been based on the designer's original estimate. However, actual quotes from metal fabricators came in significantly higher;
- The Committee inquired about current funding availability. Currently, the funding remaining that is available to construct the archways project is \$82,000. This funding was allocated by the City Council from a City of Concord Public Art fund (not the RDA Arts in Public Places fund.) Staff noted that an additional \$35,000 will be needed to fully fund the construction of a single archway and \$110,000 would be needed to fully fund the construction of the two archways;
- The Committee inquired about the funding level of the former RDA Arts in Public Places fund. Staff noted that the fund currently contains approximately \$291,000, and a portion of that fund (\$142,000) was identified in the current CIP to also fund the repair of the tree lighting at Todos Santos Plaza.
- The Committee inquired further about project timing for funding approval through the Oversight Board and the DOF, and likelihood of approval. Staff said that they believe the likelihood for approval of this funding source by the Oversight Board and DOF is good.
- The Committee inquired about a construction schedule. After discussing the project with potential contractors, staff believes that the project will take between 2 and 2.5 months to fabricate and construct. If construction is authorized to begin in February 2015, the project should be completed by April/May 2015, prior to the start of the Summer music series at the Todos Santos Plaza;

The Committee provided direction to staff as follows:

- Use the original design and advertise for construction bids in November/December 2014;

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- Request to use existing funds of approximately \$110,000 from the former RDA Arts in Public Places Fund through the Oversight Board to fully fund the identified deficit for the construction of the two archways;
- Award the project in January 2015 as soon as the funding is approved by DOF and made available;
- If the request for former RDA funding is disapproved by the Oversight Board for the DOF, the Committee directed staff to report back to the H&ED Committee for further discussion.

2. **ADJOURNMENT** at 5:57 p.m.

*Victoria Walker*

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