

Memo

To: City Council
From: Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director
Date: March 22, 2019
Re: Pocket Park construction bids

The City of Charlotte recently solicited bids for the pocket park project, and received three qualified bids. Of those, one was reasonably close to our budget, and I am recommending it for approval. See the attached bid documents for detail on the bids received, as well as summary comments from project architect Trevor Bosworth.

While our total original budget for the project was \$220,000, paid for using a combination of city funds, grants and donations, it may be necessary to alter certain project elements to keep close to budget. Bosworth is making several recommendations along this line (see attached).

One element that has increased the proposed cost slightly is the need for additional storm sewer infrastructure that may be pursued to eliminate standing water in the area between the proposed pocket park and the nearby city parking lot. Some of this work may be done in exchange for easements across private property that have not yet been finalized.

While we had authorized an extension of time to complete the project in order to accommodate certain potential bidders, the low bidder is actually able to do the project within our original time frame, which should be pleasing to the many people who have been awaiting this project for some time.

Should you have any questions about this recommendation, I will be present at your meeting on Monday evening to answer any questions you might have.