

Council Meeting
December 8, 2009

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Torrance City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: General Services and Community Services- Approve a contract amendment with Land Concern Ltd for the Lomita Right of Way Corridor Park Project.

Expenditure: None

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Community Services Director that the City Council approve a contract amendment with Land Concern Ltd (C2008-096) for landscape architectural services for the Lomita Right of Way Corridor Park Project (FEAP#653) to extend the term from December 31, 2009 to December 31, 2010.

Funding Not applicable

BACKGROUND/ANAYLSIS

In early 2008, the Parks and Recreation Commission hosted a discussion with surrounding neighborhood citizens of the development of 1.2 acres of land into a park located at the intersection of Lomita Boulevard and Anza Avenue. Discussions at the meeting included access points to the park, traffic concerns on both Anza Avenue and Kathryn Avenue, the use of "green" landscaping, and the installation of park benches, security lighting, and other park amenities. Staff also informed the residents that citizen participation in the overall design and purpose of the park would be encouraged through community meetings that would be scheduled throughout the design phase of the project.

Community Services and General Services staff contacted three landscape architecture firms and met with them to discuss the project, their role in the design process, our initial discussion on the design elements based on citizen input, and our request for the use of environmentally friendly, or "green", products whenever possible. On May 20, 2008, the City Council approved a contract award to Land Concern Ltd. for \$81,300 to provide the architectural landscape services for the project.

During the initial site assessment, it was discovered that the property lines of the park were not clearly delineated from the adjacent properties and needed to be addressed with the property owners before design could resume. Both Community Services and City Manager have been working towards a resolution with the citizens in order to move forward with the project and we are ready to begin the design phase of the project.

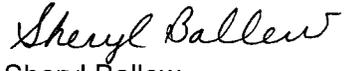
Therefore the General Services Director and Community Services Director recommend City Council approve the contract amendment with Land Concern Ltd. (C2008-096) to extend the term from December 31, 2009 to December 31, 2010. No other funding necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

SHERYL BALLEW
General Services Director


By Diane Megerdichian
Business Manager

CONCUR:


Sheryl Ballew
General Services Director


John Jones
Community Services Director


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT C2008-096

This Amendment to Agreement is made and entered into as of December 8, 2009, by and between the CITY OF TORRANCE, a municipal corporation ("CITY"), and Land Concern Ltd., a California Corporation ("CONSULTANT").

RECITALS:

- A. CITY and CONSULTANT entered into an Agreement on May 20, 2008, whereby CONSULTANT agreed to provide landscape architectural services for the Lomita Right of Way Park Project.
- B. The CITY is satisfied with the level of service provided by CONSULTANT.
- C. Both parties wish to amend the contract to extend the term from December 31, 2009 to December 31, 2010.

AGREEMENT:

- 1. Paragraph 2, "TERM," is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"2. TERM

Unless earlier terminated in accordance with Paragraph 4 below, this Agreement will continue in full force and effect from the Effective Date through December 31, 2010.

2. In all other respects, the Agreement dated May 20, 2008, between CITY and CONSULTANT is ratified and reaffirmed and is in full force and effect.

CITY OF TORRANCE
a Municipal Corporation

Land Concern Ltd.
a California Corporation

Frank Scotto, Mayor

By: _____
Michael T. Imlay
Vice President

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN L. FELLOWS III
City Attorney

By: _____