

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST ENTRYWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

This project was a continued partnership between the City of Ames and the South Ames Business Neighborhood (SABN) to complete improvement features to the Southeast Entryway, including installation of artistic light columns and planting of trees, native plants and flowers. A portion of the Southeast Entryway had previously been improved with grading and plantings at the intersection of Dayton Avenue and S.E. 16th Street, extending up to the Dayton Avenue overpass over U.S. Highway 30.

On October 25, 2011, Council approved a sole source contract with RDG Dahlquist Art Studio for the fabrication and installation of 12 sculptural light columns and two pedestrian scale sculptural light columns in the amount of \$555,495. A Change Order in the amount of \$1,454.22 was administratively approved due to constructability issues related to the light sculpture anchor bolts. This contract was completed in the amount of \$556,949.22.

On June 12, 2012, City Council awarded the installation and landscaping portion of the project to Truelsen Blumenthal DBA Soil-Tek of Grimes, IA in the amount of \$343,416. Two change orders for this project were administratively approved by staff. Change order #1 in the amount of \$3,924 addressed safety and access concerns during work adjacent to Highway 30. Change order #2 was the balancing change order for this project, and was a credit in the amount of \$2,990. This change order balanced the actual quantities installed in the field. Construction was completed in the amount of \$344,350.

To fund this project, Council authorized the use of City funds in the amount of \$148,000 from General Obligation bonds that are being abated through property owner assessments, \$99,100 from Local Option Sales Tax funds, and private funding received from SABN in the amount of \$46,000 left over from the previous phase. These sources more than cover the 20 percent local match required for the \$683,000 state-wide Transportation Enhancement grant previously awarded to the City. The City was also able to secure a planting grant through the Iowa DOT in the amount of \$63,632.

Project Revenue and Expenses are summarized below:

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
G.O. Bonds (abated through property assessments)		\$ 148,000
Local Option Sales Tax		\$ 99,100
Private Funding Through SABN		\$ 46,000
State-Wide Transportation Enhancement Grant		\$ 683,000
Iowa DOT Planting Grant		\$ 63,632
Art Fabrication/Installation Contract	\$ 556,949.22	
Landscaping/Footing/Mowing Contract	\$ 344,350.00	
Engineering/Contract Administration	<u>\$ 138,387.57</u>	
Totals	\$ 1,039,686.79	<u>\$1,039,732</u>

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the Ames Southeast Entryway Project as completed by Truelsen Blumenthal DBA Soil-Tek of Grimes, IA in the amount of \$344,350.
2. Direct Staff to pursue modifications to the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project has been completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. Final acceptance will complete the audit process by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.