

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: LIBRARY WOW WALL CONTRACT

BACKGROUND:

Over the last two years the Library Board of Trustees has been enhancing the recently renovated and expanded Library with artwork and other installations that provide visual interest. Library staff worked with Benjamin Design Collaborative to develop plans for an interactive play wall that would stimulate development of cognitive abilities and allow children to stretch their imaginations. Elements of the wall evolved as the Library's requests and suggestions were incorporated into a dynamic and durable design.

In September, Requests for Quotation were sent to 18 potential vendors. By the deadline on October 20, one bid in the amount of \$53,463.81 was received. The Library Board of Trustees reviewed it at a special meeting held on November 3rd.

A \$60,000 grant from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust was intended to be used for the WOW Wall. Some of those funds have already been expended for design services, leaving \$39,000 of the grant unencumbered. Grant funds from the Kinney-Lindstrom Foundation in the amount of \$8,938, as well as over \$71,000 in unspent bequest funds and private donations designated for the building project, are also available. The Board of Trustees unanimously voted to proceed with the project and adopted a resolution recommending that City Council approve the contract with Swan Creek Cabinetry, Inc., with funding from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust, the Kinney-Lindstrom Foundation, Inc. and unencumbered donations to the Library Renewal Project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the contract with Swan Creek Cabinetry, Inc., of Boone, Iowa, in the amount of \$53,463.81 to build and install the Library WOW Wall, using funds from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust, the Kinney-Lindstrom Foundation, Inc. and unencumbered donations designated for the Library Renovation and Expansion Project.
2. Do not approve the contract.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Consistent with its purpose of enriching the community, the Library Board desires to add captivating features that stretch the imagination as finishing touches are put on the expanded, renovated Library building. Funds are available through grants from two private organizations and donations made for the building project.

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