

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **AWARD CONTRACT FOR TAHIRA AND LABH HIRA PARK
CONCRETE WORK**

BACKGROUND:

This project includes completing approximately 9,850 square feet of concrete work at Tahira and Labh Hira Park, located at 3622 Woodland St. for sidewalks, playground border, basketball pad, trash enclosure, grill slab, and water fountain slab. A shelter pad will be constructed as part of the development of the park, but that work will be completed separately by City staff.

The park is located at the former site of Edwards Elementary School. The property was deeded to the City by the Ames Community School District to be used for a neighborhood park. City Council appropriated \$80,000 in the FY 2019/20 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) to develop the park. Tahira and Labh Hira donated \$50,000 in order to complete the development of the park in one phase. Also, the neighborhood association received a \$4,800 grant from the OPUS Foundation to assist with completing the development.

Staff sent bid specifications to multiple contractors but only received two bids, which are shown below.

Tahira and Labh Hira Park Concrete Work

Bidder	Base Bid
Howrey Construction, Inc., Rockwell City, Iowa	\$60,414.25
Pillar Inc., Nevada, Iowa	\$76,734.35

The Engineer's estimate for completion of all the concrete work is \$58,800; however, this was based on budget-level cost estimates obtained from contractors that were as low as \$44,000. Unfortunately, the contractor who provided the low budget-level cost estimate decided not to bid the project.

There is a total of \$134,800 in available funding for the development of the park. The estimated total expenses for the park development project are \$133,871, inclusive of the low bid for this concrete work of \$60,414.25. The goal is to have this project completed by September 30, 2021.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract to Howrey Construction, Rockwell City, Iowa, for the Tahira and Labh Hira Park Concrete Work in the amount of \$60,414.25.
2. Reject the bids and refer this item back to staff.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The concrete work is necessary for the development of the park. The park will include a 20'x24' shelter, basketball court, grills, water fountain, walking path, and playground border. The neighborhood association has been integral in providing feedback and working with City staff to bring this park to fruition.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative #1 as stated above.