Report - Executive Policy Committee - September 19, 2007

Item No. 1 Carol Shields Memorial Labyrinth Project - Land Dedication Reserve (St. Norbert Ward) File EP-2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 19, 2007, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee and submits the following to Council:

1. That a further expenditure in the amount of $20,000.00 be authorized from the Riel Land Dedication Reserve Fund to the Manitoba Labyrinth Network for the Carol Shields Memorial Labyrinth Project.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 19, 2007, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee and submitted the matter to Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 10, 2007, the Riel Community Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee that a further expenditure in the amount of $20,000.00 be authorized from the Riel Land Dedication Reserve Fund to the Manitoba Labyrinth Network for the Carol Shields Memorial Labyrinth Project.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On December 14, 2005, Council approved funding in the amount of $25,000.00, from the Riel Land Dedication Reserve to the Manitoba Labyrinth Network to assist with the cost of the Carol Shields Memorial Labyrinth Project.

From: Swandel, Justin
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2007 11:35 AM
To: 'Anne Nesbitt'
Subject: Re: Carol Shields Memorial Labyrinth

I will approve a grant for 20,000 in September. Js Justin Swandel

-----Original Message-----
From: 'Anne Nesbitt'
To: Swandel, Justin
Sent: Thu Jul 19 11:32:51 2007
Subject: Carol Shields Memorial Labyrinth

As you are aware, we have been negotiating with J & D Penner for the construction of the Carol Shields Memorial Labyrinth. We have reduced the original amount by about $100,000. We now need an additional $20,000 before we can start construction and we were wondering if the City of Winnipeg could give us some additional help to achieve this goal.

Our architects have been advised that J & D Penner are scheduling additional crews/jobs and need to know quickly whether we have the funding to start construction. If we do not start construction this season, we will lose some of our existing funding.

We tendered the project to a number of companies. J & D Penner were the only bid that we received on the project. They have submitted a Revised Bid for Phase 1 which would be the basic labyrinth construction without the reading circles and gathering area. The bid is $138,851. The original quote for the first portion of the project was $235,000. We asked them for a new quote relocating the labyrinth to the south of the pond, deleting the gabion wall and simplifying the design. The quote on this simpler version was $181,887.00. Because we did not have enough funding for this, we asked them to prepare another quote on the basic labyrinth. So we have reduced the original amount by about $100,000.

We created momentum for the project with the Sod Turning Event and have received approximately $15,000 in donations since that time. It is the feeling of our design committee and the board of directors that we need to start construction as soon as possible to continue the momentum of the project and generate more public interest. Since the Sod Turning, we have been receiving donations for bricks, boulders and benches and we feel that we can attract more public and private sponsors for the project once the initial labyrinth is built because people will see the benefits and better understand the international interest that it is attracting.

I am including our financial information below. We have appreciated your support for the project and are looking forward to discussing it with you.

Anne Nesbitt