Request For Board Action

Agenda Item: Grant Approval for Towerside Phase II District Stormwater 30% Design

Presenter: D. Kalmon

Meeting Date: 10 March 2020

Flexibility: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Estimated Time: ☒ 10 Min. ☐ 15 Min. ☐ 30 Min. ☐ 45 Min. ☐ 1 Hour

Action Request: ☒ Motion to approve ☐ Budget Change ☐ Other

Board Action: ☒ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Tabled ☐ Accepted Report ☐ Other

Date of Action: 10 March 2020

Background (Attach Supporting Documents as needed)

At our 2018 September Board meeting the Board approved staff entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Wall Development Company and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to advance conceptual designs of stormwater integrated in with public and private green spaces to provide a more complete public realm with water quality treatment, reuse, habitat and rate control benefits built in as the basis for redevelopment. We now have a shared redevelopment framework for this area and are ready to proceed with a study through 30% design.

The developer has been asked by the City to retain and manage up to a 100yr storm event on the 16 acre site vs the typical 10yr storm event requirement. Given this unique condition, the developer wants to accomplish this with an extensive amount of green infrastructure, numerous water features and a unique public space that improves habitat and is a draw to the general public. The study will also look for ways to tie into the existing Phase I district system, and share resources in a manner that is beneficial to both areas.

Wall Companies will pay for 50% of the 30% design study, covering the design costs associated with meeting their regulatory requirements and the MPRB will provide any additional park design services that may be needed to align with this District Stormwater 30% design.

At this time staff is requesting the Board to approve an $82,500 grant to Wall Companies to fund 50% of the Towerside Phase II District Stormwater 30% design study.
Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

RESOLUTION 2020-018

A RESOLUTION APPROVING BARR ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE DESIGN, AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, The MWMO PLAN has established a goal to Protect and improve the Mississippi River. Followed by actions to: Implement practices that improve habitat structure and ecosystem function; Implement practices that limit the transport of pollutants to the Mississippi River; and implement practices for highly urban settings

WHEREAS, The MWMO is an active member in the Towerside Innovation District which supports the development of new innovative urban stormwater management practices.

WHEREAS, The site owned by Wall Development Companies has the capacity to provide significant above and beyond water quality treatment, reuse, habitat and rate control benefits.

WHEREAS, The $82,500 requested at this time is available within the Watershed Assessments Fund and $1,660,000 in funding remains from the total identified in the MWMO CIP schedule for use in the Towerside Innovation District.

WHEREAS, Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners approve a $82,500 grant to Wall Companies for the Towerside Phase II District Stormwater 30% Design Study.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MWMO Board of Commissioners awards the Wall Companies a grant not-to-exceed $82,500 for the Towerside Phase II District Stormwater 30% Design Study and authorizes MWMO staff to take all necessary administrative actions to implement the resolution.

Adopted this the 10th day of March, 2020.

Review for the Board: ___________________________________________
Kevin Reich, Chair

Review for Administration: _________________________________________
Douglas Snyder, Executive Director