

Legislation Text

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Master Planning Services for Discovery Place Science Museum

Action:

Approve a contract in the amount of \$700,000 with Jenkins-Peer Architects, PA for master planning services for the Discovery Place Science Museum.

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- On January 9, 2017, City Council received a dinner briefing presentation from Catherine Horne of Discovery Place describing the need for a master plan for the 36-year-old facility.
- On January 23, 2017, City Council approved \$950,000 in funding for the master plan.
- The master plan will determine how best to maximize the Discovery Place Science facility on Tryon Street, to meet Discovery Place educational priorities, serve the needs of a growing and changing community and how best to be an integral component of the North Tryon Vision Plan.
- On March 9, 2017, the City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for master planning services for Discovery Place; 21 proposals were received from interested service providers.
- Jenkins-Peer Architects, PA and its associated sub-consulting team is the best qualified firm to meet the City's needs on the basis of demonstrated competence, qualifications, experience and responsiveness to RFQ requirements.
- The contract with Jenkins-Peer Architects, PA will include, but is not limited to:
 - Facility analysis involving a structural assessment of the facility and an overall evaluation of the current facility, campus, and assets,
 - Analysis of current science center facility trends and models across the nation,
 - Identification and analysis of future facility needs and opportunities, and
 - Development of a master plan and conceptual design for future facility assets, including facility expansion and facade renovation, exhibit, and experience concepts and budgets.
- It is anticipated to take approximately 18 months to complete the master plan.
- Results from the master plan will be brought back to City Council for review, discussion and determination of next steps.

Charlotte Business INclusion for Design Contract

No subcontracting goals were established because there are no subcontracting opportunities (Part C: Section 2.1(a) of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy.

Fiscal Note

Funding: Cultural Facilities Operating Fund

Attachment(s)

January 9, 2017 Dinner Briefing Presentation
Map