

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

AGENDA DATE: June 7, 2011

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Deborah Hamlyn, Deputy City Manager (915) 541-4686

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

A Resolution approving the concept plan for the redesign of San Jacinto Plaza, prepared by the SWA Group, Inc., and authorizing the City Manager or her designee to take any and all appropriate administrative actions necessary to comply with Title 20 of the El Paso City Code.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Paul Foster, Mills Plaza Properties, retained the SWA Group-Landscape architects from San Francisco, California, to conduct a series of public meetings which have occurred over the past few months, to solicit comments and prepare a new concept plan for San Jacinto Plaza Park.

The idea is that the SWA Group would prepare a set of completed construction plans and specs based on this concept and donate them at no cost to the City with the understanding that the City would ultimately fund the construction.

However, this Resolution gives the opportunity for the City Council to approve this concept plan only first, before Mills Properties proceeds to authorize a larger expenditure of funds for the preparation of final plans and specs for this project. If the City Council determines it is necessary to make further changes for whatever reason it is important to determine that before proceeding further.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

n/a

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

n/a

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

n/a

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mills Plaza Properties II, LP (the "Prospective Donor") and its affiliates have renovated and expanded the historic Anson Mills Building, have constructed a multi-story parking garage, have purchased and will renovate the historic Plaza Hotel, and will create a public pedestrian plaza at Mills Street, all of which are prominent properties adjacent to or in close proximity to the San Jacinto Plaza, a City-owned public park in Downtown El Paso; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with its downtown activities, the Prospective Donor engaged SWA Group, Inc. to, among other things, develop a redesign of the San Jacinto Plaza through a dynamic public participation process, for the purpose of developing a concept design and construction documents to be donated as a gift to the City for the City's use in any subsequent major park renovation; and

WHEREAS, prior to the preparation of construction documents based on the proposed design concept, the Prospective Donor in conjunction with SWA Group, Inc. has submitted the proposed concept design for the redesign of San Jacinto Plaza to the City for its review and preliminary approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Council approves the concept design for the redesign of San Jacinto Plaza, as proposed by SWA Group, Inc., and authorizes the City Manager or her designee to take any and all appropriate administrative actions necessary to comply with Title 20 of the El Paso City Code.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2011.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Marie A. Taylor
Assistant City Attorney

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