DATE: June 17, 2005

SUBJECT: Approve the Award of an Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Design Services Contract for Park Design Services for Phase II of Barcroft Park.

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the Award of an Architectural and Engineering Contract for Park Design Services to Bowie Gridley Architects, in an amount not to exceed $286,240, and a contingency of $43,760, for a total contract authorization not to exceed $330,000.

2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the contract documents, subject to review by the County Attorney.

ISSUE: None.

SUMMARY: Bowie Gridley Architects was selected through a sole source request to provide architectural and engineering design services for Phase II of Barcroft Park. Over the last five years, Bowie Gridley Architects has been selected twice through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process to provide design services at Barcroft Park and was previously granted a sole source contract for design of the master plan. Following a competitive RFP process, Bowie Gridley Architects was selected as the best candidate to provide design services for the construction of the new Sports Complex at Barcroft Park. In 2001, Bowie Gridley Architects was granted a sole source contract to conduct a master plan process for the complete renovation of Barcroft Park. Following a second RFP process, Bowie Gridley Architects was again selected as the best candidate to provide design services for the first phase of construction at Barcroft Park. This work included design of new baseball and softball fields, a three-level parking garage, a restroom/concession building and various support facilities and landscaping.

BACKGROUND: Barcroft Park is a 65.5-acre community park located on South Four Mile Run Drive near the intersection of George Mason Drive. The park is one of the largest and most heavily used parks in the County. The County Board approved the master plan for the redevelopment of Barcroft Park in November 1999.

The redevelopment of Barcroft Park will provide active recreation and support services on the east side of Four Mile Run and passive recreation and preservation of natural resources on the...
west side of Four Mile Run. The improvements in this final phase of redevelopment include construction of the following features and amenities:

- Renovation of the existing comfort station on the east side of Four Mile Run,
- Design of a new pedestrian bridge over Four Mile Run,
- Replacement of the pedestrian bridge over Doctors Run,
- Renovation of the parking lot at the 90-foot baseball field,
- Sports Lighting at the Handball Wall constructed in Phase I,
- Sports Lighting at the Tennis and Basketball Courts,
- Renovation of the Playground on the east side of Four Mile Run,
- Associated storm water management systems, trails and landscape improvements, and,
- Assessment of the Bike Shop Building for potential upgrades.

Construction is anticipated to begin summer 2006 with an early 2007 completion.

This report is submitted because Section 4-108(3) of the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution states that “No contract for professional services, which contract is performed as part of a capital improvement project and which professional services contract exceeds $50,000, shall be awarded without the approval of the County Board.”

DISCUSSION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this Architectural and Engineering Design Services Contract was authorized in the Fiscal Year 2005 Park Bond Referendum.