

Equal Opportunity Review Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday June 21, 2017
12:00 PM
City County Building
Sixth Floor City Stats Room 646
414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Commissioners in Attendance: Erin Conley, Tracey McCants-Lewis, Barry Nathan, Karen Hall, Demeshia Seals, Ralph Bangs, Gonzalo Manchego, Jessica Bellas

Absent Commissioners: James Myers Jr., Justin Laing

Staff in Attendance: Emily Pontarelli, Oliver Beasley, Ricardo Williams

I. New

- **1706-01-** Housing Authority (Larimer/East Liberty Phase 2 Housing)

Anthony Mannella introduces the plan and explains that this is the housing portion of the contract. He explains the plan is for mixed-income affordable housing units as a part of the CHOICE neighborhoods initiative partially funded by HUD.

Bangs commends the all parties involved in the plan for a well-executed plan and with clear documentation. He goes on to ask for continued documentation that coordinates with the good faith effort checklist.

Manchego asks what practices are done to recruit the subcontractors. Francine Cameron from Cameron Consulting Group states that she was hired to do the outreach and recruiting for Mistik.

Seals motions to approve. Bangs seconds. Motion is unanimous.

PLAN IS APPROVED

- **1706-02-** Housing Authority (Larimer/East Liberty Phase 2 Public Infrastructure)

Anthony Mannella moves on to introduce the second plan which is the Public Infrastructure portion of the contract. The ~~exact same~~ subcontractors will be used for this portion of the contract as well. The scope is to coordinate with PWSA and DPW ~~with for~~ the street grid and utilities that will be installed in the upgraded property.

Seals asks ~~what the how~~ Butler Construction Services ~~utilization for the project is, is being utilized.~~

Mannella states that they will be doing mainly construction and paving.

McCants-Lewis motions to approve. Seals seconds. Motion is unanimous

PLAN IS APPROVED

- **1706-03-** City Planning (Manchester-Chateau Neighborhood Plan)

Andrew Dash introduces the neighborhood plan that will ~~consult with doing research within~~ research the Manchester-Chateau community.

Bangs asks if only one MBE was solicited as a subcontractor. Dash confirms that is correct. Bangs states that does not seem to be valid good faith effort.

Nathan asks ~~what about~~ community involvement for this plan. Dash states that four community members s were used during the selection process of the prime contractor.

Conley motions to approve. Manchego seconds. Nathan and McCants-Lewis in favor. Bangs, Bellas, Seals, and Hall oppose.

PLAN IS NOT APPROVED

- **1706-05-** Public Safety (Licensed Veterinary Consultation Services)

Claire Mastroberardino introduces the plan for veterinary services. She explains that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does not allow for government agencies to order the specific drug used for euthanizing wildlife without a DEA license. The contract is used as an agreement between the veterinarian and the City of Pittsburgh for the veterinarian to order the drugs on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh.

McCants-Lewis asks if a veterinarian from outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania can order the drugs used for the process. Mastroberardino responds that is incorrect and that in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the veterinarian must be within a certain radius for response time in the chance of an emergency.

Bangs motions to approve. Seals seconds. Motion is unanimous
PLAN IS APPROVED

II. Managers Minute

- Williams comments on the proposal of acceptable certifications
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III. Adjournment