

# Request For Board Action

**REFERRED TO BOARD:** January 27, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM NO:** 5

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Community Development

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of a Resolution to approve an agreement with the Lakota Group for the Downtown Beautification Plan.

## **SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:**

Pursuant to the direction of the Village Board, Staff is been working on a long-term plan for a series of beautification improvements in Downtown Antioch that would include the recently purchased "Pittman" property at the northeast corner of Main Street and Orchard. A "Request for Qualifications" was posted seeking qualified landscape and planning consultants to submit proposals for this project. Seven proposals were submitted by planning/landscape firms and Staff had an opportunity to review the submittals. After interviewing three firms, including Teska, Hitchcock, and Lakota, Staff is taking this opportunity to recommend the Lakota Group for this project.

The Lakota Group has worked extensively in Antioch before and based on this experience, understandings the context, culture, and trends in the community, Staff believes that they are the most qualified consultant for this specific project. Staff is taking this opportunity to attach their "proposal" for Village Board review and consideration.

As outlined in the Village RFQ, the Downtown Beautification Project will include potential hardscape, landscape and the potential creation of additional green space within the following areas:

- Main, Lake, Orchard, and Toft Street
- Toft Street and Skidmore parking lots
- Arcades
- Pittman property

Lakota has submitted a proposed agreement for the sum of \$49,250.00 which includes the Downtown Beautification Plan and planning for the "Pittman" property. This proposal would include extensive visioning and outreach with the community.

Enclosed

- 1) Resolution

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- 2) Downtown Beautification Plan RFQ
- 3) Amended Scope of Services

Based on the foregoing analysis, Staff would make the following motion:

*We move that the Village Board approve the herewith attached resolution approving an agreement for professional services for the sum of \$49,250.00 with an option of \$2,000.00 for illustrative rendering.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAKOTA GROUP FOR THE DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Village Board directed Staff to issue a Request for Qualification for a professional design consultant to work on a Downtown Beautification Plan which include the Pittman property;

WHEREAS, the Village has identified an opportunity to beautify portions of the Downtown as an important economic development tool for the long-term revitalization of Downtown Antioch;

WHEREAS, the Village recently purchased the Pittman property for the purpose of creating a new space that would assist in the long-term revitalization of Downtown Antioch;

WHEREAS, the Village is interested in retaining the professional services of a landscape architect/planning consulting firm to lead a visioning process and create a Downtown Beautification Plan for the Downtown and Pittman property:

WHEREAS, Staff has evaluated the Request for Qualifications from several professional planning firms and had the opportunity to interview three firms for the subject project:

WHEREAS, based on the interviews and experience of these firms, Staff is recommending that the Lakota Group be retained to proceed with the preparation of the Downtown Antioch Beautification project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to execute an agreement with the Lakota Group for the sum of \$49,250.00 with an option of \$2,000.00 for illustrative rendering.

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of January\_\_\_\_, 2021

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

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Lawrence M. Hanson  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori K. Romine  
Village Clerk