

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**TO:** Mayor and City Commission

**FROM:** Thaddeus L. Cohen Planning Director

**DATE:** February 17, 2016

**RE:** Task Order to EDSA for Conceptual Landscape / Architectural Services for

Affordable Housing Planning: Poinciana and College Road Sites

## **ACTION STATEMENT:**

Approve Task Order #4 for Affordable Housing Planning: Poinciana and College Road Sites in the amount of \$40,000.00.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On November 4, 2015 the City Commission directed staff to develop conceptual designs for three properties 3.2 acres at the Truman Waterfront Park, the Key West Housing Authority site at Poinciana and the Mosquito Control / College Road properties for the development of affordable housing; determine the capacity and provide recommendations for changes to the Land Development Regulations in support of affordable housing. This Task Order #4 is for the Poinciana and College Road sites.

Recent efforts include the Affordable Housing White Paper presented to the City Commission in September 2014. A follow up presentation in March of 2015 provided information about publicly owned properties and the policy consideration needed to find a solution to the critical housing needs. Discussions with the Planning Department has determined that development of several concepts will aid the City and potential end users to visualize the potential of each site. The final deliverable of this task order will contain a concept plan for the City to utilize in discussing what interest may exist in a project. The proposed scope of work includes:

- 1. Review existing plans and reports provided by the City to assess the sites and areas around each site. Building plans and elevation views will be developed.
- 2. Create a conceptual package for each site to test densities and feasibility for an affordable housing project(s).
- 3. Create an overview data sheet for each option at a scale so that land use take offs can be calculated so that density can be calculated.

## PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The purpose of these landscape / architectural services is to develop concepts for use by the City and others to visualize the potential including the feasibility of developing affordable housing on the Poinciana and College Road sites.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The contract value is a not-to-exceed fee of \$40,000.00 funded from Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The agreement will be executed pursuant to F.S. 287.055 (CCNA), City Code 2-841, and the City's General Landscape Architectural Services agreement with EDSA, approved by Resolutions 12-221 and 15-209.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

City staff recommends the Mayor and the City Commission approve attached EDSA Task Order #4 Affordable Housing

Planning: Poinciana and College Road Sites.