

Recommendation re: Lake Mirror Dixie Highway Column Restoration

The Purchasing Division on behalf of the City's Parks and Recreation Department issued Bid #7312 to receive submittals for the restoration of four sets of columns on the Lake Mirror Promenade in the area known as the Dixie Highway. One bid was received on November 6, 2017 from Rodda Construction.

The column clusters consist of five 15' tall Corinthian precast columns that surround an 18'2" tall Corinthian column of which there are four sets. Round light globes top each of the columns. The column clusters were originally installed in 1926 as part of the original Lake Mirror construction. In 1959, the columns were removed and replaced. In 2016, all four sets of columns were noticed to be damaged after a windstorm. The columns were strapped temporarily and injected with epoxy until funding could be identified for the restoration. A grant application was submitted in 2016 to the State of Florida Division of Historic Resources to assist in the restoration and was approved for funding in 2017.

The restoration of the Dixie Highway columns contains the following scope of work:

- remove all four sets of columns and salvage the Corinthian caps and the existing column bases.
- molds will be made of the existing columns and the columns will be cast from the molds.
- column clusters will be reassembled, rewired and the lamps will be reinstalled.

The cost for the restoration is \$198,995. The project will be funded partially by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Historic Resources (\$50,000) and the remainder will be funded out of the FY18 Public Improvement Capital Improvement Plan Renovate Buildings and Playgrounds (\$148,995).

It is recommended that the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to award the bid and execute the agreement with Rodda Construction not to exceed \$198,995 for the restoration of the Lake Mirror Dixie Highway Columns.

