

Recommendation re: Award of Bid No. 3045 to Strickland Construction, Inc. to Construct a Branch Library in Kelly Recreation Center

The Kelly Recreation Interior Renovation project will create a small public library space in the existing Activity Room at Kelly Recreation Complex located at 404 Imperial Blvd. This new branch Library will replace the existing eLibrary branch in South Lakeland, which is currently in a leased space in the Lake Miriam Shopping Center, the lease ends this year. When completed, the Kelly Branch Library will house a collection of library materials and seating for the public.

On January 17, 2023, the Purchasing Division issued a Request for Proposals to renovate the existing Activity Room in the Kelly Recreation Complex to create a small library branch. The project includes the provision of all labor, material, and equipment.

On February 23, 2023, the Purchasing Division received the following (5) five bid proposals:

1. Strickland Construction, Inc. – Lakeland, FL	\$ 140,948.00
2. Peachee Construction, Inc. – Lakeland, FL	\$ 159,900.00
3. Henkleman Construction, Inc. – Lakeland, FL	\$ 167,040.00
4. Waller Construction, Inc. – Lakeland, FL	\$ 212,433.00
5. Archis, Inc. – Winter Garden, FL	\$ 220,441.00

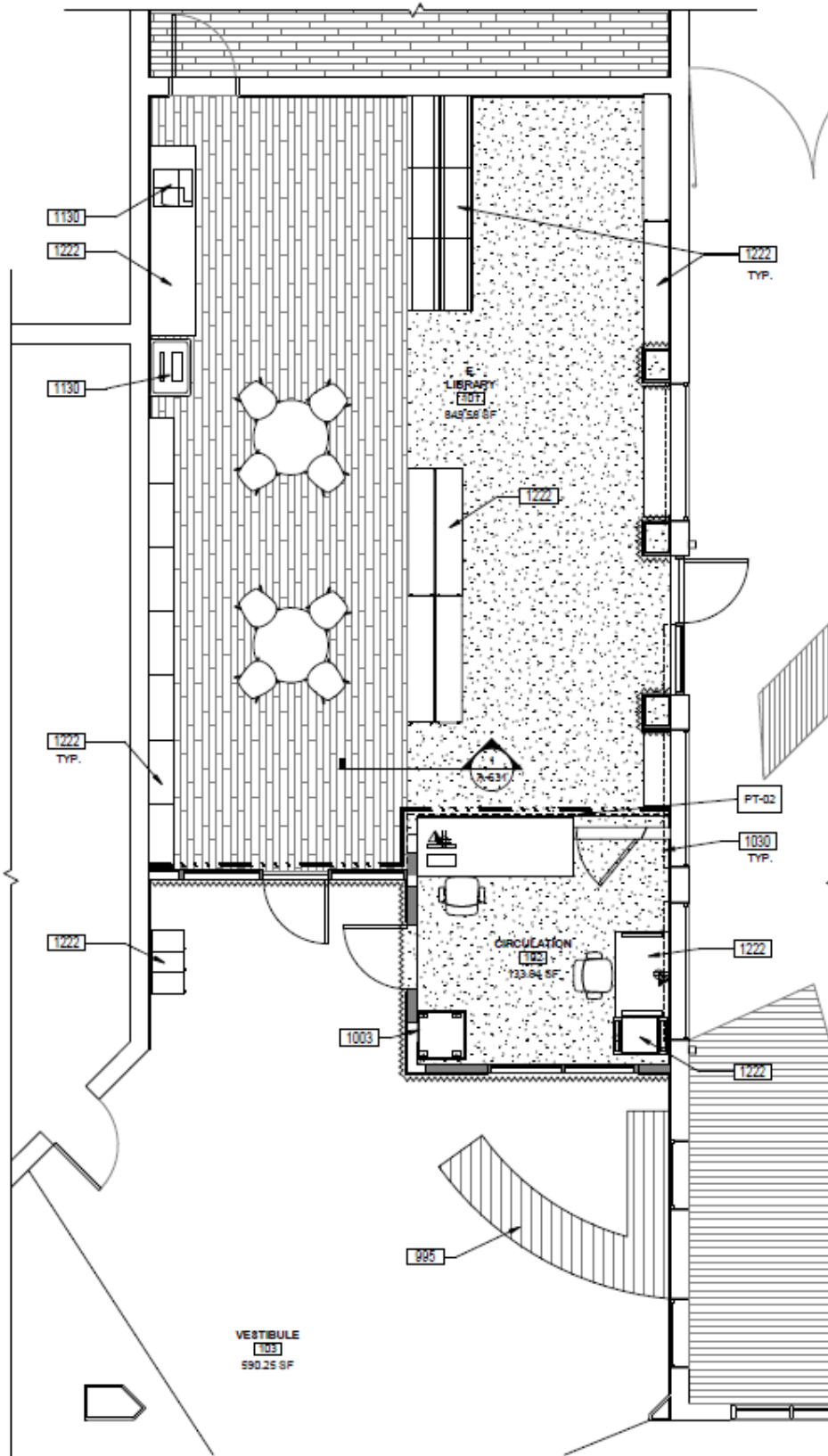
Staff from Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, Public Works Maintenance, and Purchasing reviewed the proposals and confirmed that the scope of work complies with project requirements.

City staff evaluated the lowest three bids and determined that Strickland Construction, Inc is the lowest responsible bidder. A Notice of Intent to Award was issued by Purchasing on March 20, 2023.

Funding for the project is provided in the FY 23 Library Public Improvement Fund budget. The project will begin construction fifteen days after the Purchase Order has been issued and is estimated to take 98 calendar days to complete.

It is recommended that the City Commission authorize the award of RFP No. 3045 to Strickland Construction, Inc. to construct a branch Library in Kelly Recreation Center and authorize staff to execute the Purchase Order in the amount of \$ 140,948.00.





**FINISH & FURNITURE PLAN**  
1/4" = 1'-0"