



Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

January 6, 2023

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize a Contract with Bero Architecture for Professional Design Services for the Highland Park Children's Pavilion Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with Bero Architecture for professional design services in the amount of \$45,000 for the Highland Park Children's Pavilion Project.

Highland Park (the "Park") contains 150 acres of parkland and is located within the Mt. Hope-Highland Historic District, which is listed in State and National Registers of Historic Places. The Park hosts the annual Lilac Festival, which celebrates its extensive botanical collection as well as many other events and activities. The Park has many features including: the Lamberton Conservatory, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Workers' Memorial, War of Terror Memorial, Victims' Rights Memorial, and the AIDS Remembrance Garden.

The original design of the Park was completed in 1889 by Frederick Law Olmsted. The original Children's Pavilion was the focal point of the park and was located at the highest point of the park where all of the paths converged. The Pavilion was conceived by Olmsted at the time as a shelter for the convalescents and sick children. Olmsted believed that fresh air brought health benefits and the Pavilion would provide a healing setting for people who were ill. The Pavilion was dedicated to the Children of Rochester in 1891.

Unfortunately, the Children's Pavilion suffered deterioration and the structure was demolished in 1963 due to safety concerns. A Resolution by the City of Rochester Council permitted the County to demolish the Children's Pavilion provided that it be reconstructed.

The Children's Pavilion will be reconstructed at the original location and it will be a three-story, open-air pavilion with an elevator and ADA improvements. The Pavilion is required by the New York State Historic Preservation Office to comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, which states that the "Reconstructions will be based on the accurate duplication of historic features and elements substantiated by documentary evidence." The reconstruction of the Children's Pavilion is important to restoring Frederick Law Olmsted's vision for Highland Park.

A Request for Proposals was issued, with Bero Architecture selected as the most qualified to perform these services.

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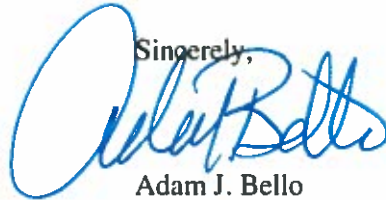
The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract with Bero Architecture, 32 Winthrop Street, Rochester, New York 14607 in the amount of \$45,000 for professional design services for the Highland Park Children's Pavilion Project, and any amendments necessary to complete the project within the total capital fund(s) appropriation.

This action is an Unlisted Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"). Pursuant to Resolution 71 of 2022, the Monroe County Legislature issued a Negative Declaration for this action. No further action under SEQRA is required.

Funding for this contract, consistent with authorized uses, is included in the capital fund 2040, and any capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Bero Architecture, nor its principal officer Jennifer Ahrens, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
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