



Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2014

FROM: ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. 12-3093 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND HOOD DESIGN STUDIO, LLC

SUMMARY:

In September 2012, the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approved Agreement No. 12-3093 with Hood Design Studio, LLC, (Agreement) for the fabrication and installation of the "Coastline" public art piece at the Wilmington Waterfront Park, for a total fee of \$292,500. The "Coastline" public art installation is the financial responsibility of the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department). The two-year Agreement will expire on October 10, 2014. Due to permitting delays and difficulties in obtaining stone necessary for the art work, the project will not be completed by the expiration of the contract. The Harbor Department's Engineering Division recommends approval of the First Amendment to Agreement No. 12-3093 that will extend the contract duration by six months to April 2015 for a total of thirty months. This extension will allow the project to be completed within the currently budgeted fiscal year without any increase in the contract amount.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that in accordance with the City Charter Section 1022, work covered under this First Amendment can be performed more economically or feasibly by independent artists rather than by City of Los Angeles (City) employees;
2. Approve the First Amendment to Agreement No. 12-3093 between the City and Hood Design Studio, LLC, increasing the contract duration by six months to a total of thirty months, with no increase in contract amount;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to said Amendment for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – The Harbor Department opened the Wilmington Waterfront Park on June 4, 2012. Public art was an important part of the project throughout the planning and public outreach phase of the project. Thus, public art was included as an element of the project, based both on the City's requirement that 1% of the construction cost of all buildings be dedicated to public art and the Harbor Department's policy of dedicating 1% of the entire project cost to public art for community-serving projects. In compliance with the City's Department of Cultural Affairs guidelines, an art selection committee, made up of local residents with art backgrounds, was selected and introduced to the community. Two artists, Hood Design Studio, LLC and Fountainhead Design Group, Inc., were selected by the committee and were then commissioned to design concepts for the public art pieces. After being approved by the art selection committee, the artists presented their concepts to the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee of the Port Community Advisory Committee.

The Board approved agreements with the two artists on September 20, 2012, both with a contract duration of two years. Agreement 12-3092 with Fountainhead Design Group, Inc., in the amount of \$135,000, was approved for installation of their art piece, "Wilmington Wave", consisting of an interactive light display on the pedestrian bridges in the park. Installation of this piece is complete, and \$128,250 has been paid to date, with the remaining \$6,750 billing currently being processed. Agreement No. 12-3093 with Hood Design Group, LLC, in the amount of \$292,500, was approved for installation of their art piece, "Coastline", consisting of eight sandstone columns of varying heights on the slope in the middle of the park. A rendering of a column from the "Coastline" project is attached (Transmittal 2). Construction of the installation has begun but will not be completed within the original term of the contract.

Schedule – Delays to the "Coastline" (Hood Design Group, LLC) project have occurred due to unforeseen difficulties in obtaining permits and securing materials. Due to the size of the columns, up to 14 feet tall, and their location in a public park, an extensive plan check process through the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety was required. The use of stone as a structural material caused complications and required additional time for resolution. The stone material also proved more difficult to obtain than expected, due to the need to find the correct stone in a quarry and the rarity of stone yards in Southern California able to cut the large blocks required. These issues have now been resolved, and construction is underway, but will not be completed by the current expiration date of the Agreement.

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The proposed First Amendment to Agreement No. 12-3093 with Hood Design Studio, LLC (Transmittal 1) will extend the contract period by six months (to a total of thirty months), which will allow enough time to complete the project. No additional funding will be required, and the project will complete work within the same fiscal year as originally planned.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of the First Amendment to Agreement No. 12-3093 related to the fabrication and installation of the "Coastline" public art piece in the Wilmington Waterfront Park. Construction of the Wilmington Waterfront Park was analyzed in the Wilmington Waterfront Project Final Environmental Impact Report, which was certified on June 18, 2009. As an administrative activity for which the underlying project has previously been evaluated for environmental significance and processed according to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(i) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

Approval of the proposed Amendment will have no employment impact.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of this Amendment will extend the duration of the Agreement by six months. The end period of the Agreement will remain within Fiscal Year 2014/2015. The total Agreement cost will not increase, and will remain at the original contract amount of \$292,500, to be paid under Account No. 54290, Center No. 1040, and Program No. 624. The "Coastline" public art installation is the financial responsibility of the Harbor Department. Expenditures for the project will be as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fiscal Year 2012/2013	\$ 99,450
Fiscal Year 2013/2014	\$ 0
<u>Fiscal Year 2014/2015</u>	<u>\$ 193,050</u>
TOTAL	\$ 292,500

No additional project funding will be required for future fiscal years.

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Annual maintenance cost for both art projects remains at the original estimate of approximately \$5,000 per year.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has drafted the First Amendment and approves it as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. First Amendment to Agreement No. 12-3093 between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and Hood Design Studio, LLC
2. "Coastline" Sandstone Column Rendering

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Chief Harbor Engineer

FIS Approval: WR (initials)
CA Approval: gag (initials)

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