

Memo

To: Tom Brymer, City Manager
From: Mark Smith, Director of Public Works
Date: February 3, 2005
Re: Bottino Gund Contract Amendment

The scope of services on the proposed contract amendment will address critical issues remaining in our effort to complete the City Center conceptual plan. Nestor has enlisted the help of an excellent engineering firm in Walter P. Moore, Engineers & Consultants. This is important as the majority of the unresolved issues are engineering related.

The proposed review of traffic by is necessary to evaluate the functionality of the proposed roundabout and its impact on the function of the Dartmouth Street extension in the City's Thoroughfare Plan. In addition, the study will evaluate the interaction of pedestrian movement in the City Center area with Dartmouth Street.

Review of the proposed lake will help to answer several questions that are critical to the plan's development. The review will tell us whether we will have adequate water flow to support a lake and what size lake is feasible at this location. We will also get some guidance with regard to the viability of the lake in regard to the soil conditions present at the City Center site. I will be able to provide soils data that we gathered in the Dartmouth extension design to aid in this effort. In addition, we will get a better idea of the cost associated with the lake and possible configuration options.

Further review of the Dartmouth Street extension is necessary to evaluate how the street will interact with the proposed lake. It may be necessary to alter the elevation of the roadway. This work is not duplication of the effort that has already been done through a contract with Mitchell & Morgan and it is necessary to ensure that the roadway works well with the proposed site development.

Finally, the project scope includes providing recommendations for the "character" of Dartmouth Street. This is essential so that when we construct the roadway we will be able to incorporate those details that will give the entire City Center development, including Dartmouth Street, a harmonious character.

With all of these issues addressed we will be able to move ahead with the development of Dartmouth Street and we can also move ahead into the development of a City Center Master Plan that is critical to the ultimate City Center project.