



Legislation Text

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Submitting Department: Public Works
Agenda Section: Consent

Item Title:

Installation of Cool Green Bus Shelters

Suggested Action:

I move the Mayor and Council approve the City Administrator to enter a contract with Living Canopies for the installation and maintenance of ten (10) Cool Green Bus Shelters in the City of Hyattsville, costs not to exceed \$115,000, upon the review and approval of the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.

Summary Background:

Dr. Dave Tilley is the co-founder of Living Canopies LTD, a green startup that is commercializing the Living Umbrella and Cool Green Bus Shelters. Dr. Tilley presented his concept design for the Cool Green Bus Shelters at the March Council meeting and previewed the concept design that he and his colleagues have created. Living Canopies is considered a sole source vendor due to the concept design is specific to Hyattsville and was created for a “neighborhood fit” which considers specific elements of our city’s unique qualities and will provide protection for people waiting for public transportation and is environmentally sustainable. The concept includes innovative use of solar power, use of sustainable materials, and reuse of rainwater for native plantings that are all incorporated within the design.

Currently, the City has limited bus shelters and staff felt that supporting Dr. Tilley’s efforts in creating an innovative and substantive design was an excellent opportunity. City staff has identified several potential locations for the Cool Green Bus shelters, and with Council approval of this request will begin community outreach. The cost for the installation of ten (10) Cool Green Bus Shelters by Living Canopies in various locations should not exceed \$115,000.

Next Steps:

With Council approval City staff will work with the contractor to determine locations and schedule community outreach sessions.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding for this project is in the capital improvements projects budget.

City Administrator Comments:

Recommend Approval. The staff will present the recommended locations to the Council and community prior to installation.

Community Engagement:

DPW staff will schedule community engagement sessions for potential placement of the Cool Green Bus Shelters.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 5 - Strengthen the City’s Identity as a Diverse, Creative, and Welcoming Community

Legal Review Required?

Pending