



Planning & Construction Committee

Minutes for May 15, 2007 Meeting

Attendees:

Chair: Patrick Range, Trustee, Committee Chair

Gene Tinnie, Board Chair

Guy Forchion, VKBPT Staff

Mark Walters, Trustee

Miguel Germain, Trustee

Erica McKinney, Esq., Trustee

David Shorter, Executive Director

The Planning and Construction Committee convened May 15, 2007 – 6:00pm.

Minutes from the previous meeting were deferred.

The Planning and Construction Committee acting as the selection committee for the Exotic Removal Project conducted individual interviews of each of the four interested contractors. Contractor interviews were as follows:

Proposer Interviews:

6:00pm Native Technologies

6:30pm Everglades Environmental Care, Inc.

7:00pm Stiles Landscape Company

7:30pm SFM Services

Most of the questions directed to Native Technologies were in reference to their short 12-day window of time to complete the project and low price. Everglades Environmental Care had the highest bid by far and was questioned heavily on their accounting and costs. Stiles Landscape Company had no municipal contracts and had used two of the other three contractors as sub-contractor on projects in the past. Finally, SFM Services had been in business the longest and currently had two existing contracts with the City of Miami.

The selection committees' evaluation and scoring was as follows:

Native Technologies	467
Everglades Environmental Care, Inc.	357
Stiles Landscape Company	411
SFM Services	431

A recommendation from the Planning and Construction Committee to the Trust Executive Director to allow Native Technologies to proceed as the firm selected to perform the Trust's RFP #29-01-07-01, Land Clearing and Selective Exotic Vegetation Removal Services for \$75,641.39 and an additional \$25,000 was authorized for any unforeseen costs that may arise.

The committee's recommendation will go before that entire board on Monday, June 4, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. **The next Planning and Construction Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2007.**