

Meeting Date: 10/13/2022

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Consider Sculptural Carving of Two Dead Oaks at Sunfish Lake Park

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this case is to receive Commission concurrence on the sculptural carving of two large White Oaks that died at Sunfish Lake Park. Normally in a natural resourced base park, the best course of action for dead trees is to leave them standing as valuable wildlife habitat. These two trees however (image attached), are in a well traveled portion of the park, and a concern exists for falling limbs during wind events as the tree would begin to decay.

The proposal herein would be to engage a professional chainsaw carver to turn the twin trees into an element of public art, versus 'wasting' the trees by removal.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

It is believed that the two trees can be carved into a fun and interesting new element at the park for a few thousand dollars more than the cost of removals. Earlier this year, staff contacted three different tree services for quotes on removals—with two companies not interested in the work, and one firm quoting a little less than \$6,000, (not including clean-up and restoration). At the September regular Park & Recreation Commission meeting, considerable discussion occurred on the detail of the proposed carvings—with the attached pencil sketches reflecting much of that direction as revised drawings.

Funding Source:

Funding could be partially from the Parks Operations Budget (at the cost of removals only, \$6,000), and the balance (perhaps \$2,400) from the Park Trust Fund to create the new park features.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends proceeding with issuing an RFP for the sculptural carving of the two large oaks for this Fall or Winter of 2022-23.

Action:

Based upon discussion.

Attachments

Image of existing conditions
revised sketches

Form Review

Inbox

Bruce Westby

Form Started By: Mark Riverblood

Final Approval Date: 10/07/2022

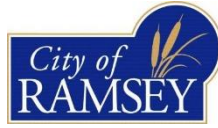
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Bruce Westby

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10/07/2022 02:35 PM

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Sculptural Carving of two Burr Oaks

PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:
2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 24th, 2023

Deliver by e-mail ONLY to:

Mary Jo Warner
Ramsey, MN 55303
763-433-9820

E-mail to: mwarner@cityoframsey.com



'Green Lady' and similar chainsaw sculpture by Gary Keenan – shown to illustrate the levels of expected detail and finish – NOT the specific subjects of this RFP.

PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS

Layout and perform sculptural carving on or upon two Burr Oak trees at Sunfish Lake Park, and treat with wood preservative or oil-based stain (or both).

PreQualification's:

- I. Bidder/Contractor shall demonstrate that he/she has successfully performed the same work above on 3 (three) similar different sites in the public domain within the last 10 (ten) years – and include images and references upon request.
- II. Bidder/Contractor must have appropriate insurance and safety equipment.

I/We agree to furnish all labor, supplemental materials as needed, and site security to perform the work below.

- Contractor must confirm the trunks of both trees to be carved are 'sound' and appropriate for chainsaw carving, and that the interior of the trunks are solid enough to remain standing for more than a decade (understanding that the wood will be treated following carving) – before beginning any work.
- Mobilization to include setting up scaffolding if used. (The City will delimb the two oak trees at Sunfish Lake Park.)
- Contractor shall carve trees pursuant to proposal, but 'field adjustments' may be made upon consultation and approval with owner.
- This Request for Quotation shall be a not-to-exceed amount. The Contractor must include within his/her quote any time or materials necessary to complete the work in a professional and quality manner. There will be no Change Orders.
- Work site may be required to be enclosed with temporary safety fencing – if the contractor is using scaffolding and not physically on site. (Orange plastic safety fencing may be borrowed from the City.) Fencing is **not required** if there are no equipment, scaffolding, or loose items/tools anywhere on site.

Work and Staging Areas:

Confine work activities to the area of the trees, and small sapling oak between them shall be protected. No audible construction activity shall be performed before 7 AM nor after 7 PM Monday through Saturday. The contractor shall provide advance notice before working on Saturday. City Council approval may be required for Sunday work.

A dumpster is not anticipated to be needed on site, and no significant construction related disposal is to be placed in the trash receptacle at the park.

Liquidated Damages:

Liquidated damages shall be deducted from the approved quoted amount, in a sum of \$30 dollars per weekday (M-F) for non-completion after June 30th, 2023.

Warranty/Guarantee:

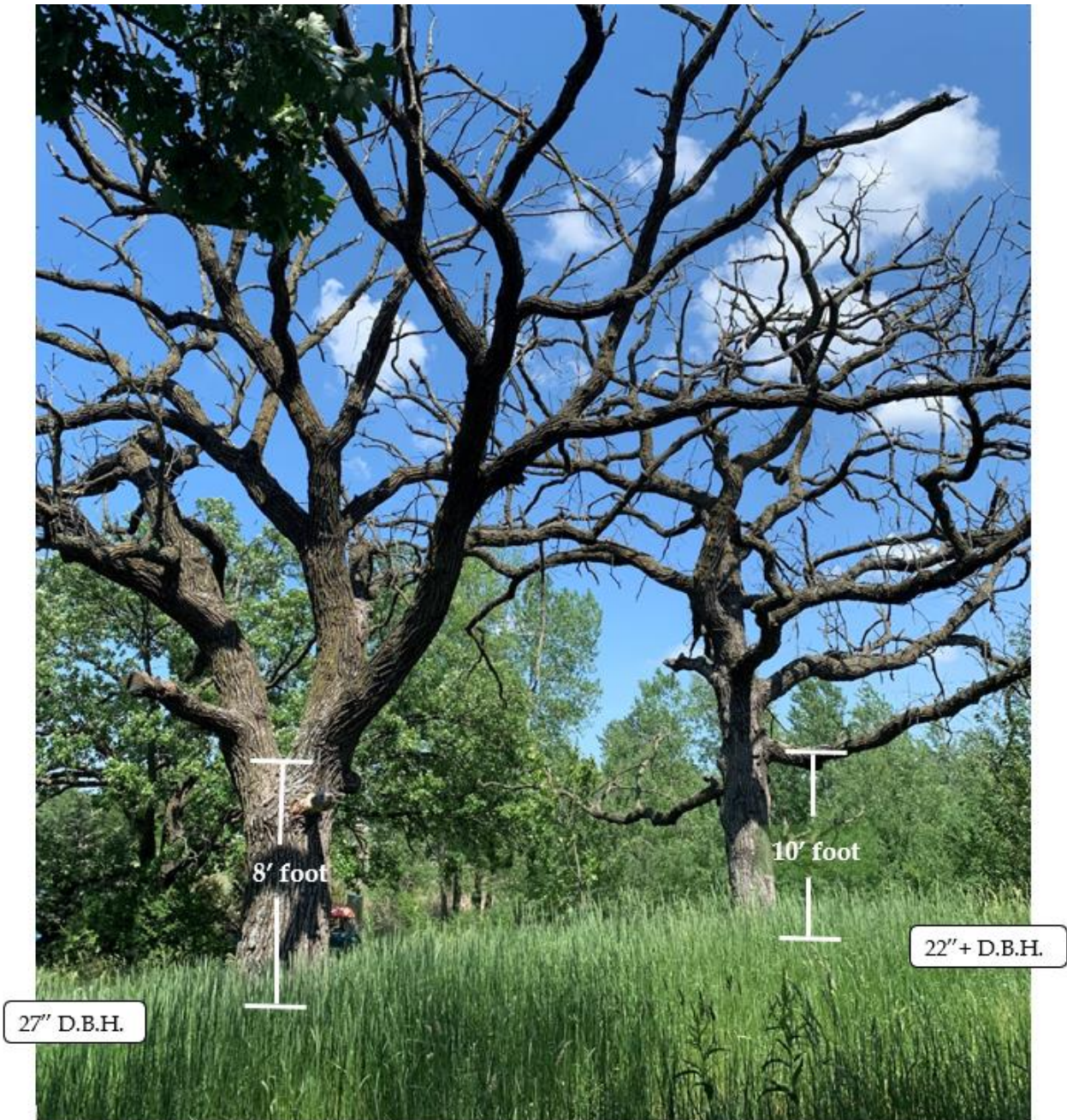
The Contractor warrants and guarantees to the Owner that all installation Work will be of good quality and free from faults or defects in accordance with this RFQ. All defective Work may be rejected.

If required by the Owner, prior to payment, the Contractor will promptly without cost to the Owner, correct defective Work, or replace it with non-defective Work. If the Contractor does not correct such defective Work or remove and replace within a reasonable time, the Owner may have the deficiency corrected or the rejected Work removed and replaced. All direct or indirect costs of such correction or removal and replacement, including compensation for additional professional services shall be paid by the Contractor, or deducted by the Owner, all such costs from the quoted contract price.

If, instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of defective Work, the Owner (prior to approval of final payment) prefers to accept it, they may do so. In such case, if the acceptance occurs prior to final payment, a Statement shall be issued incorporating the necessary revisions, including appropriate reductions in Contract Price.

Specification Reference:

The Contractor shall conduct his/her work in conformance with the specifications set forth herein, and in accordance with safe construction practices. The sketches following the rough dimensions images shall represent the subjects to be carved into the two trees, and *generally* their placement and proximity. The limbs below will be substantially removed by the city, leaving short stubs that *may* in part be incorporated into the sculpture.

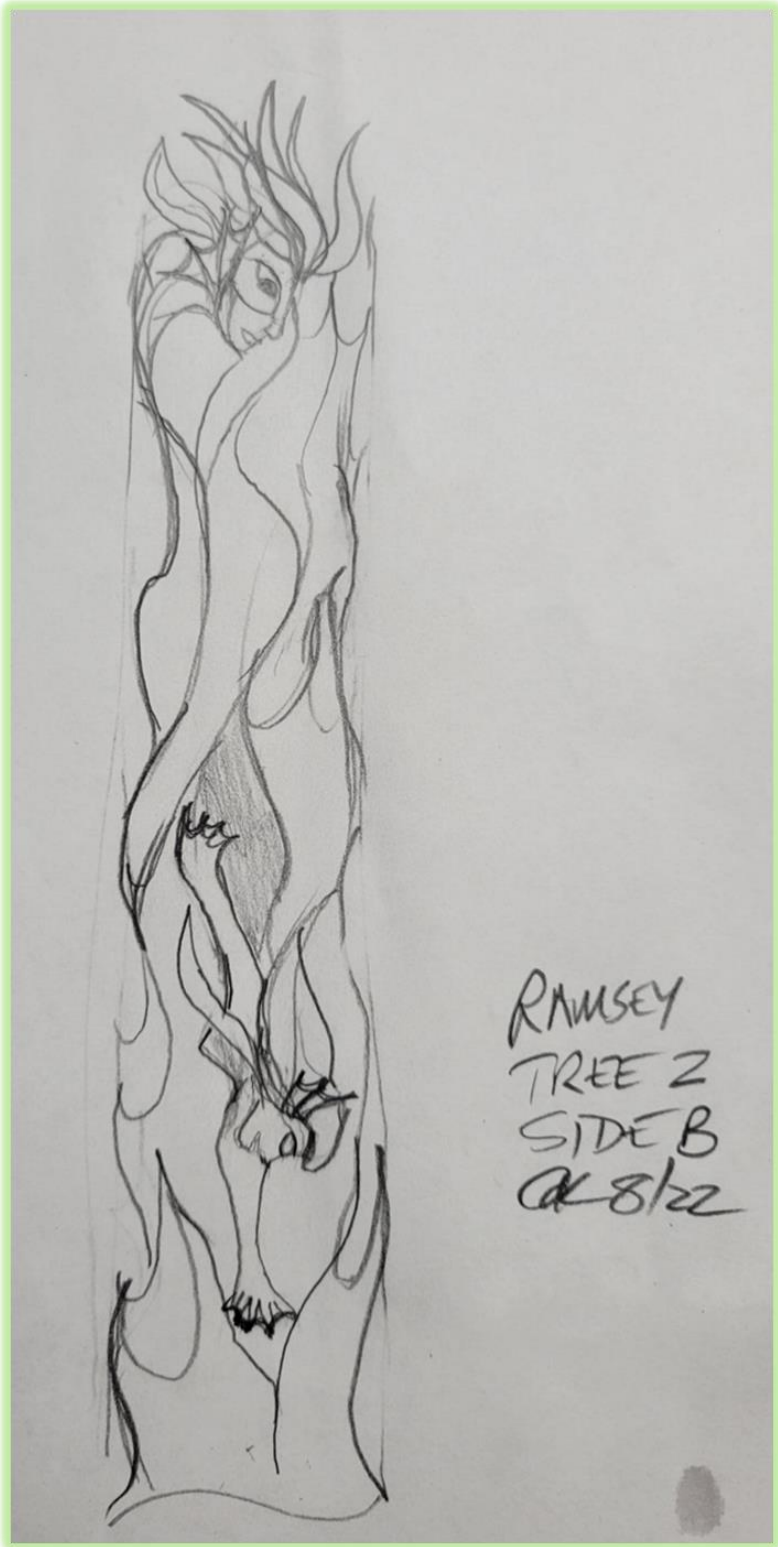




Proposed carvings

RAMSEY
TREE 2
SIDE A
COK 8/22

Blue hued aquatic themed sculpture, includes pike, dragonfly and friendly wave inspired 'female' water creature as primary feature

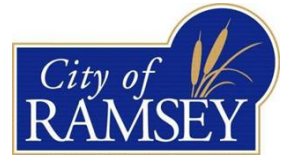




Green hued forest themed sculpture, includes snapping turtle, sleeping gnome, owl, and friendly leafy 'male' faces to discover as features



~ End of Specifications ~



Quotation for Sculptural Carving of two Burr Oaks at Sunfish Lake Park.

\$_____ for all costs to complete chainsaw carving of two trees as referenced.

In submitting the above quote, I/We warrant the quote valid for work to be completed on or before June 30th, 2023.

Additionally, I/we acknowledge the specifications and provisions referenced herein and above. (Proposers need only to submit this page.)

Contractor name _____

Owner or representative _____

Signature _____

Phone(s) _____

E-mail _____