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CRA to interview candidates bidding for area projects

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Three companies will be put on the spot before of the Community Redevelopment Agency's board of commissioners today at 4:30 p.m. in council chambers at city hall, 1015 Cultural Park Blvd.

The companies are competing to become the consultant to help the CRA develop public spaces that are necessary for the agency's New Urbanism Master Plan.

MSCW will begin the interview process at 4:30 p.m. with Wallace Roberts & Todd following at 5:30 p.m. and WilsonMiller at 6:30 p.m.

They are the top three out of eight companies that originally bid to do the work.

The chosen company will help the CRA with: parking lot and alleyway improvements and locations, waterfront evaluation and improvement designs, park and recreation designs and other infrastructure improvements in the downtown area.

"The successful candidate will work closely with various city departments relating to the specific projects," CRA Executive Director Suzanne Kuehn wrote in a memo to commissioners in March. "As the need for assistance in any or all of the required disciplines arise, the consultant will be requested to provide a staffing and cost proposal as a part of the agreement for professional services for a specific work assignment."

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In addition, the CRA board will discuss revisions to its contract proposal with TKW on the Stormwater Master Plan and a submittal for the Florida Communities Trust Grant.

WilsonMiller is based out of Fort Myers, while MSCW is from Orlando and Wallace Roberts & Todd comes from the Coral Gables area.

