

Craddock Avenue Median Project

Background: Craddock Ave medians, consisting of 7 large and 2 small islands and totaling 23,178 sq ft, have been a barren landscape for 10 years. The project includes: removal of old fill, removal of previous street in some locations, installation of irrigation, hardscape and plants. In comparison, the gateway improvement at Hwy 80 and IH35 cost \$250,000 for approximately 9,889 sq ft (\$25.28/sq ft).

Landscape Architect: After interviewing on call landscape architects, Bryan Mask with Mask Landscape Architecture was contracted on 09/28/2017 to design the plans for the Craddock Ave medians. Cost: \$10,220.00

Design: The proposed new design will combine native Hill Country plantings with accent representation of the San Marcos River in a pebble mosaic. Proposed budget: \$215,000

First Round of Bids: On 08/13/2017 the design went out to bid until 09/07/2017. An addendum was added and pushed the close date to 09/12/2017. We received one bid much higher than our proposed budget. Sent to council to reject all bids on October 2, 2017.

Design: Bryan Mask added alternates to the base bid to give options for installation costs. The flower planting areas were replaced with sod for alternate #1. The hardscape was completely cemented for alternate #2.

Second Round of Bids: The base design with two alternates went out to bid on 11/19/2017 until 12/14/2017. An addendum was added and pushed the close date to 01/04/2018. Three bids were received. Staff chose the base design bid of the lowest bidder: Maldonado Nursery and Landscaping, Inc. The contract for Maldonado Nursery and Landscaping is on the council agenda for 02/20/2018. Cost: \$262,847.81 (\$11.34/sq ft)

Maintenance: San Marcos Unitarian Universalist Fellowship has adopted 3 of the 9 medians. We are working on getting the rest of the medians adopted. There are a couple interested groups.