

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date: April 4, 2011

Action Required: Approval of Concept for Belmont Bridge Sidewalk Fence

Presenter: James E. Tolbert, AICP, Director of NDS

Staff Contacts: James E. Tolbert, AICP, Director of NDS
Tony Edwards, City Engineer

Title: Belmont Bridge East Sidewalk Repair/Fencing

Background: Several weeks ago staff approached Council about fencing off the sidewalk on the east side of the Belmont Bridge while awaiting the bridge repair. You asked that we explore a more aesthetic option than either chain link or wood fencing. Council also acknowledged the concerns with weight and wind loading and asked that those be addressed in any solution.

Discussion: At the request of City Council, staff has explored additional options for fencing this section of sidewalk in a more attractive manner. What is now proposed is to fence the sidewalk with decorative metal fencing at a cost of \$14,530. A drawing of the fence is attached to this memo. This is essentially a four foot version of the fencing that has been used to protect the railroad tracks near the C & O Property and near the University Hospital. The cost is in line with all other proposals and it is much more attractive.

Alternative: Staff was asked to consider the possible installation of Art in Place along the bridge. As our engineers examined this possibility, it was determined that there were several issues that made art installation problematic

on this sidewalk:

- The weight of the art is generally too heavy for this sidewalk to support.
- The sidewalk is too brittle to attach the necessary supports for the art.
- The Traffic Engineer is concerned about traffic implications as drivers slowed to look at the art given the existing traffic concerns on the bridge.

Budgetary Impact: \$14,500 that can be paid from the Bridge Repair Account.

Recommendation: Staff met as requested with Councilors Szakos and Huja to discuss this option and both agreed that it is an appropriate solution. Staff recommends approval of the concept.

Attachments: Fence Proposal/Example

FENCE PROPOSAL

Orme Fence Company

DATE March 7, 2011

Wayne Orme
1276 Jones Overlook
Howardsville, VA. 24562
434-974-6630 (office)
434-263-4118 (fax)
434-989-0248 (mobile)

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO:
NAME Tony Edwards / City Engineer
City of Charlottesville
ADDRESS 610 East Market Street
Charlottesville, Va. 22902

WORK TO BE PERFORMED AT:
ADDRESS

PHONE NO. 970-3992 FAX NO. 970-3359
EMAIL ADDRESS

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:

RE: BELMONT BRIDGE FENCE BARRIER

Includes 620' of Ornamental Aluminum Fence

620' of Aluminum Fence Style is Radiance 4' High RAS-100
Three Rail with Pressed Spear Top
Color is Black
Posts are 2 x 2, Set in Hydraulic Cement
Posts to have Cannon Ball Caps
Sections are 6' or 8'
Posts to be Anchored Back to Bridge Railing Every 50'

Total Project Cost: \$ 14,530.00

WE PROPOSE hereby to furnish materials and labor - complete in accordance with these specifications for the sum of
Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Dollars. (\$ 14, 530.00)

Payable as follows: Half Down at Start of Project. Balance Upon Completion

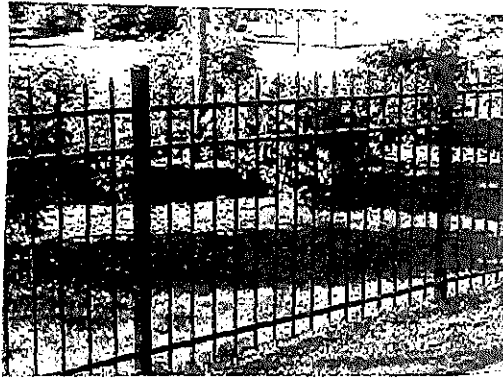
All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practice. Any alterations or deviation from above specifications involving extra cost will become an extra cost charge over and above the estimate.

Authorized Signature Wayne Orme

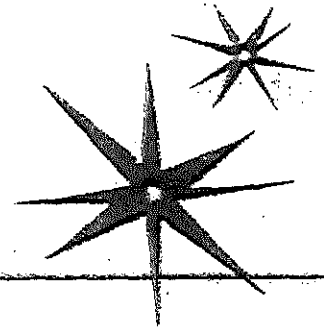
ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL: The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Signature _____ Date _____

CONTRACT



RAS 100



The RAS-100 Series is another popular ornamental aluminum fence. This elegant and refined fence offers a traditional wrought iron spear top look. This design is available to be assembled with 2, 3, or 4 rails and can be built to any standard height. This style of fence is available in all 3 colors: Black, Bronze, and White. The RAS-100 Series of fence can be offered in standard, modified, or flush bottoms. Also, as a replacement for the punched spear, Tri-Finials and Quad Finials are available. By adding the Ball-Cap option to the posts, this style of fence offers a quality of elegance and beauty that can not be matched.

