

Shaw Neighborhood Improvement Association

Shaw Dog Park Resurfacing

Request for Proposals

The Shaw Neighborhood Improvement Association (SNIA), which works to build and serve the community through a variety of neighborhood-generated initiatives and is one of the oldest and most organized neighborhood associations in St. Louis, is seeking an experienced landscape company to obtain and install a decomposed granite surface in the Shaw Dog Park.

Background:

The Shaw neighborhood is a thriving, diverse, and friendly historic neighborhood in south St. Louis. Shaw showcases a variety of architectural styles and includes apartments, multi-, and single-family homes. The neighborhood is bordered by the world-famous Missouri Botanical Garden on the west, St. Louis' popular Tower Grove Park on the south, Interstate 44 on the north and South Grand Boulevard on the east. In addition to historic homes, Shaw features a growing number of small businesses including cafes, shops, and service providers.

The Shaw Dog Park opened in August of 2003. The concept: to provide a safe and secure place for pets to socialize and exercise, enhance city living, and bring community members together. Shaw Dog Park is definitely about the dogs. It provides a place for urban pets to run free in a large space. They can play, run and socialize with other dogs as well as the dogs' people. It provides an opportunity to raise a healthy, exercised, well-tempered dog in a city environment, where yards are often small and not hospitable to a pet.

The Shaw Dog Park is located at the corner of Cleveland and Thurman Aves. It's a fenced enclosure, has lighting at night, water is available on site, and a lock system for entrance. Rules and regulations exist for safe interaction of the animals, as well as a yearly membership fee for all members.

Project:

- The area to be resurfaced is 77 feet by 77 feet.
- Excavation of this area to a depth of 4 inches to 6 inches. Excavation of this area may reveal possible rubble from previous demolition. There will be an 8 foot to 10 foot border between the decomposed granite surface and enclosing fence.
- Installation of a 'mat' to allow water/urine drainage and prevention of vegetation growth to include pinning of mat to dirt surface
- Installation of aluminum edging to prevent decomposed granite from escaping from run area. This edging should have a smooth lip with about 1/2 inch edge once granite is placed

- A fine to medium decomposed granite is to be used. See, for example, the decomposed granite used in Lucas Dog Park in downtown St. Louis.
- Install granite in two layers, allowing the bottom layer to compact and settle out to solidify the pad with a second layer added after compaction

Expected Timeline:

Once the contractor has been selected, work would commence on or about October 13, 2014 with an estimated completion date of December 13, 2014.

Submission process:

Interested parties should submit the following items, which will be the criteria for evaluation:

- A letter of interest detailing experience installing decomposed granite landscapes;
- Compensation required for proposed work;
- Online links to decomposed granite resurfacing projects and/or other work samples;
- **2** References from past customers.

to Jenny Gerstner at snia@shawstlouis.org NO LATER THAN June 16th. For questions about the status of submissions, you may call 314-771-3101. For technical questions, contact Mary Walbridge, Dog Park Committee Co-Chair, at rxmom@sbcglobal.net . SNIA will choose a landscaper based upon the above.