



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#26-0115

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: February 3, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closure with Las Olas Association, Inc. for the 38th Annual Las Olas Art Fair (Part II) on Las Olas Boulevard from February 28 – March 1, 2026 - **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an outdoor event agreement and request for road closure with Las Olas Association, Inc., in substantially the form attached, and authorize execution of the agreement by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

Background

On May 2, 2025, Las Olas Association, Inc. submitted an outdoor event application for the 38th Annual Las Olas Art Fair (Part II) to be held Saturday, February 28 – Sunday, March 1, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both event days. The Las Olas Art Fair started in 1987 and is an annual, three (3)-part event series that takes place on Las Olas Boulevard, between SE 6 Avenue and SE 11 Avenue. The most recent Las Olas Art Fair was held January 3-4, 2026 (CAM #25-1095).

The February 3, 2026, City Commission Regular Meeting agenda includes five (5) outdoor events that are seeking to host its event on February 28, 2026. City staff reviewed the five (5) outdoor event applications and don't anticipate any major conflicts as the event times, impacted areas, and operational needs vary across the five (5) events. The five (5) outdoor events include:

1. Las Olas Art Fair (CAM #26-0115)
2. The All-Star Classic – Sistrunk 5k (CAM #26-0006)
3. Sistrunk Historical Parade and Festival (CAM #26-0007)
4. Rhythm and Vine 10 Year Anniversary (CAM #26-0015)
5. Dolphins Cancer Challenge XVI (CAM #26-0016)

The application was submitted prior to the ninety (90)-day application deadline therefore the outdoor event application fee is \$200. The event organizer will submit a separate application Part III of the event series.

The Part II event impacts begin on Saturday, February 28, 2026, and are scheduled to end on Sunday, March 1, 2026, which includes the setup period, event period, and breakdown period. The road closure request includes Las Olas Boulevard between SE 6 Avenue and SE 11 Avenue as further defined within Exhibit 1.

This event organizer is requesting the following special permission that requires City Commission approval:

- Road Closure - East Las Olas Boulevard from SE 6 Avenue to SE 11 Avenue

The event organizer attended the January 14, 2026, outdoor events meeting to review the event details with City staff, including the Parks and Recreation Department, Transportation and Mobility Department, Police Department, and Fire Department. The outdoor events meetings focus on operational logistics, cross departmental coordination, and event organizer requirements. The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan affects the Beverly Heights and Colee Hammock neighborhoods. The Art Fair Part I, which took place in January 2026, implemented revisions to the historical MOT plan for this event to provide a more appropriate level of mobility and access within the impacted area. The Art Fair Part I MOT plan, with minor potential modifications, will be used for Part II.

City staff invited the surrounding civic associations to the outdoor events meeting as well as shared a copy of the application and site plan. Upon approval, the City's online events calendar will be updated to reflect this event.

The event agreement defines the responsibilities of the event organizer such as covering the associated event expenses and the required certificates of insurance. The event organizer will also secure all other necessary permits and licenses that are required from other agencies. Authorization for the execution of the event agreement is contingent upon the City Attorney's Office reviewing and approving as to form all documents prior to execution by the City Manager or designee.

Resource Impact

Revenue related to these agreements is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Operating Budget in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of January 6, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT / ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-6025-574-347-200-PKR029	Community Events	Charges for Service/ Nonsponsor Charges – Spec Event Fees	\$30,000	\$0	\$200
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$200

Strategic Connections

This item supports the 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Here.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Place specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Area
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our city.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – 38th Annual Las Olas Art Fair Part II Event Agreement

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