



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

**#25-1194**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** January 6, 2026

**TITLE:** Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closure with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee, Inc. for the 2026 King Holiday Parade & Multicultural Festival on January 19, 2026, at Joseph C. Carter Park - **(Commission District 3)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an outdoor event agreement and request for road closure with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee, Inc., in substantially the form attached, and authorize execution of the agreement by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

**Background**

On October 27, 2025, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee, Inc., submitted an outdoor event application for the 2026 King Holiday Parade & Multicultural Festival to be held at Joseph C. Carter Park on Monday, January 19, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event began more than twenty (20) years ago and continues to be held annually in partnership with the City's Parks and Recreation Department. The Parade is roughly one (1) mile long and begins at the intersection of NW 5 Avenue and NW 6 Street. The application was submitted within the 90-day application deadline therefore the outdoor event application fee is \$1,000. The event impacts begin on Sunday, January 18, 2026, and are scheduled to end on Monday, January 19, 2026, which includes the setup period, event period, and breakdown period.

The road closure request for the parade route includes NW 6 Street from NW 2 Avenue to NW 15 Avenue and NW 15 Avenue from NW 6 Street to the south entrance of Carter Park, as further defined within Exhibit 1. City staff invited the surrounding civic associations to the outdoor events meeting as well as shared a copy of the application and site plan.

This event organizer is requesting the following special permissions that require City Commission approval:

- Road Closure – NW 6 Street from NW 2 Avenue to NW 15 Avenue and NW 15 Avenue from NW 6 Street to the south entrance of Carter Park

The event organizers attended the December 3, 2025, 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 meeting focuses on operational logistics, cross departmental coordination, and event organizer requirements. The event organizer is not requesting special permissions that require additional City Commission approval.

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**

There is no fiscal impact related to this agreement.

### **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 – 2026 King Holiday Parade & Multicultural Festival Event Agreement

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