



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

#17-1067

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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 6, 2017

TITLE: Motion Authorizing the Execution of a Consent and Joinder of Lessor to
the Master Solar Energy Agreement with Project Discovery, Inc.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve and authorize execution of a Consent and Joinder of Lessor to the Master Solar Energy Agreement between Project Discovery, Inc. ("Project Discovery") and Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") for the construction of "Solar Sites" to enhance Project Discovery's Science Park.

Background

On July 12, 2016, the City Commission approved Resolution 16-114 authorizing the City to enter into a lease agreement with Project Discovery for 401 W. Broward Boulevard. Said lease was executed on September 8, 2016 between City and Project Discovery.

Project Discovery will construct a Science Park on the property to encourage open-ended experimentation with physical science and the development of science thinking. As part of the park development, Project Discovery is desirous of entering into an agreement with FPL for the installation of certain renewable energy generating equipment, including but not limited to, solar panels and solar canopy structures. The solar equipment, collectively known as "Solar Sites," will be integrated into the Science Park landscape where residents will have an opportunity to see and learn about solar energy.

Pursuant to Section 10.1 of that certain Lease Agreement entered into on September 8, 2016, City, as Lessor, must consent to the Master Solar Energy Agreement. City finds that the generating of solar energy on Project Discovery's property, utilizing FPL equipment, provides a benefit to the City and its residents, and serves a valid public and educational purpose.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering in places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.
- Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone.

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Master Solar Energy Agreement

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