



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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: May 3, 2022

TITLE: Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution Approving the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board's Recommendation for Approval of 12 Parks Improvement Projects - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution approving the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board's recommendation for approval of 12 parks improvement projects as provided in Bond Resolution No. 18-261 and Bond Resolution No. 20-08.

Background

On March 12, 2019, a referendum passed authorizing the City to issue up to \$200,000,000 of general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing Parks and Recreation Projects. The first installment of \$80,000,000, Series 2020A Bonds ("Bonds"), will fund the cost of development, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, installation, improvement and furnishing of certain Parks and Recreation Projects. The Parks and Recreation Projects to be undertaken by the City and financed with proceeds of the first series of Bonds was approved by the City Commission by subsequent resolution (Resolution 20-08, January 7, 2020); provided, however, that prior to the City Commission's approval of a Parks and Recreation Project that is not one of the four signature park projects (Joseph Carter Park, Holiday Park, Lockhart Stadium and Tunnel Top Park), such project shall have been reviewed by the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board (the "Advisory Board") and the Advisory Board shall have submitted its recommendation to the City Commission as to whether the project should or should not be undertaken and financed, in whole or in part, with proceeds of the Bonds.

The referendum resolution provided the following:

"In deciding whether to undertake and finance with proceeds of the Bonds a Parks and Recreation Project that is not one of the four signature park projects, the City Commission shall conduct a public hearing and consider, but shall not be obligated to follow, the recommendation of the Advisory Board with respect to such project."

On January 26, 2022, City staff presented 12 Phase 2 parks projects to the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board. The first 11 school parks improvements were developed after extensive review from school board and city staff. The final recommended plan for use of the park bond dollars on school board property was then presented and approved by the Education Advisory Board as well as the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board. The following proposed projects were approved for recommendation to the City Commission:

1. North Fork Elementary School/Park
2. Sunrise Middle School/Park
3. Stranahan High School/Park
4. Stephen Foster Elementary School/Park
5. Westwood Heights Elementary School/Park
6. Rock Island Elementary School/Park
7. Thurgood Marshall Elementary School/Park
8. Dillard 6-12 School/Park
9. Harbordale Elementary School/Park
10. Virginia Shuman Young Elementary School/Park
11. Sheridan Technical High School/Sunset Park
12. George English Pickleball Courts

A public hearing was held on March 15, 2022. At that time the City Commission deferred the item to the April 19, 2022 meeting, pending additional information on the funding level of several of the proposed projects. At the April 19, 2022 meeting the item was deferred to May 3, 2022. The Commission may approve all or select projects from the list of proposed projects. Any projects not approved at this time can be brought back at a future Public Hearing.

Resource Impact

Resource impact will be reflected on future CAMs approving the procurement of these projects.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2022 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Building a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Offer a diverse range of recreational and educational programming

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

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Element
- Goal 1: Be a community where persons of all ages are able to partake in a fun and healthy lifestyle.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Resolution No. 18-261

Exhibit 2 – Resolution 20-08

Exhibit 3 – January 26, 2022 Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Exhibit 4 – PRAB Recommendations Joint Use Bond Improvements & GE Pickleball Phase 2b

Exhibit 5 – Resolution No. 22-

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