



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo

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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, City Manager

DATE: November 6, 2012

TITLE: Resolution dedicating a right-of-way over a portion of Provident Park and designating the name "NW 14 Terrace" for that right-of-way

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution dedicating a right-of-way having a width between approximately 50 and 55-feet, located on the west side of Provident Park and to designate the name "NW 14 Terrace" for that right-of-way.

Background

The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale (HACFL) has applied for a development permit from the City of Fort Lauderdale to construct 48 multi-family affordable housing units on a parcel of land located at 1436 NW 6 Street (Sistrunk Boulevard). The Development Review Committee is reviewing this project as the "Sistrunk Gardens" project under case number 54-R-12. The property is located south of Sistrunk Boulevard and is adjacent to the west side of Provident Park. Provident Park is currently owned and maintained by the City of Fort Lauderdale. A location map and survey sketch is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

In keeping with their corridor design initiatives to promote pedestrian travel, the NWCRA staff has asked that the proposed ingress/egress plan for this development eliminate all driveway cuts on Sistrunk Boulevard. As a result, our Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with the HACFL to utilize an existing 24-foot wide asphalt road located on the western portion of Provident Park. The subject road is aligned in the north-south direction and extends approximately 250 feet south of Sistrunk Boulevard. The road serves park visitors and a multi-family residential complex located immediately south of the park. It is also adjacent to the east property line of the development property and would therefore serve as adequate access for the Sistrunk Gardens project.

In order to utilize this road for broader public purpose it will be necessary for the City to formally dedicate the park property as right-of-way. The approximate width of proposed right-of-way varies between 50 feet and 55 feet. A conceptual sketch is attached as **Exhibit 2** and a legal sketch and description is provided in the Resolution (attached as **Exhibit 3**).

Based on a recent site review conducted by Engineering staff the roadway meets minimum safety and construction standards and is in acceptable condition for public use. City staff and the HACFL have conceptually agreed to certain improvements, itemized as follows:

1. Resurface the existing road within the proposed right-of-way
(Items 2-6 below apply to the west side of the road only)
 - a) Install a Public Sidewalk compliant with ADA standards
 - b) Install decorative landscaping and irrigation systems
 - c) Install pedestrian lights
 - d) Pay for service installation and monthly utility bills for lighting and irrigation
 - e) Install a swale for collection of roadway and sidewalk surface water runoff
2. Provide all plans, specifications, permit applications and bonds required to construct improvements to engineering standards.
3. Provide a maintenance declaration to maintain the improvements on the west side of the road. The City would be responsible for maintaining the asphalt roadway and the swale on the east side, in perpetuity.

These conditions are also memorialized in the Resolution. The Resolution (and right-of-way dedication) would not take effect until a certificate of completion is issued by the City Engineer and recorded in Broward County Public Records. The right-of-way dedication will also be a condition prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the Sistrunk Gardens Project.

Once the right-of-way dedication becomes effective the maintenance responsibility of the road will be transferred to the Public Work Department and be funded from our annual operating budget. Because of the initial resurfacing and maintenance commitment by the HACFL for the improvements, these costs are anticipated to be minimal. Based on a resurfacing life cycle of 15 years the impact is anticipated to be less than \$500 per year.

The resolution would also designate the street name "NW 14 Terrace" for the newly dedicated public right-of-way.

Resource Impact

There is no immediate fiscal impact to the City, however the future annual maintenance and operation cost to the Public Works Department is estimated to be less than \$500.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Location Map and Survey Sketch

Exhibit 2 - Conceptual Right-of-Way Sketch

Exhibit 3 - Resolution

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