



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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 3, 2014

TITLE: Motion to approve Task Order No. 2 – P12016, DC Alexander Park
Improvements Project.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve Task Order No. 2 to EDSA, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$48,670.00 to complete final conceptual design, renderings, and prepare an order of magnitude cost estimate for the DC Alexander Park improvements (P-12016).

Background

At the September 23, 2013 joint City Commission / Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board (BRAB) meeting, the Commission directed staff to prepare design concepts and a cost estimate to enhance DC Alexander Park. On March 5, 2014 the City issued Task Order No. 1 to EDSA, Inc. in accordance with the terms of the agreement for General Landscape Architectural Consultant Services to prepare preliminary conceptual designs, renderings, and an order of magnitude cost estimates for the renovation of the park.

On May 13, 2014 a joint City Commission / BRAB joint workshop was held to discuss DC Alexander Park. The City Commission and the BRAB agreed that DC Alexander Park needed to be viewed in a broader context, with clear connections to the Aquatic Center and the beach. It was also agreed that green space is a priority and that the park needed to be both functional and flexible. EDSA, Inc. was asked to revise the concepts to include a base plan (with costs) that provides infrastructure, site work and other required elements.

On July 17, 2014 a workshop was held at the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) banquet room to brainstorm ideas for the iconic feature at the park. The workshop was facilitated by EDSA. Our neighbors, the BRAB and members of the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board were invited, as well as City staff. The comments received from a July 4th comment board and survey were presented and used to aid in the discussion. Comments from the workshop were varied, with some common themes including providing infrastructure at the park to allow flexibility, a water feature, consistency and connectivity with other beach projects, and concerns about the

budget. This input, combined with direction received from the City Commission and the BRAB, will be used to prepare new design concepts.

To complete the new design concept, cost estimate, and present to the BRAB, Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board and the City Commission, a second task order is recommended to be issued to EDSA, Inc. This task order will include the following services:

- Review expanded site, prepare base maps for expanded site, and site reconnaissance. The expanded site includes connections to the Aquatic Center and SE 5th Street.
- Prepare two preliminary conceptual design alternatives (including sections and preliminary cost estimate of improvements)
- Prepare final conceptual design (including two renderings, two sections, and preliminary cost estimate of improvements)
- Meetings with City staff (up to 5)
- Meetings with the BRAB, Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board and City Commission (up to 4 meetings)

The final conceptual design will be reviewed by the BRAB and the City Commission at the same time as the Stage II (15% design plans) Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$48,670. Funding for this item is contingent upon approval of the consolidated budget amendment CAM 14-0905.

<i>Funds available as of August 22, 2014</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
346-P10216.346-6534	DC ALEXANDER PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	CAPITAL OUTLAY/ CONSULTANT ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$48,670
PURCHASE TOTAL →					\$48,670

Strategic Connections:

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

- **Goal 3:** Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering 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*

Related CAM: #14-0905
#14-0931

Attachment: Exhibit 1 – Task Order No. 2

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