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Thomas White, ASLA-ISA
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Re: City Ft. Lauderdale, Invitation to comment
Lewis Landing Park property in coordination with Fort Lauderdale, Planning and
Zoning DRC submittal

Dear Mr. White,

A Phase I study of Lewis Landing Park is not required as that work, as well as a subsequent Phase II study, was completed in coordination with the site's initial development. The scope and result of the studies are summarized in the park Management Plan (pgs 12-14). Recommendations and requirements for continuing development and maintenance of the site are included on pgs 13-14 of the Management Plan. Generally stated, these include:

- 1. All proposed new construction should be concentrated to the site of former pool area or areas of fill.*
- 2. Demolition of structures should be monitored by a professional archaeologist*
- 3. Holes dug for new plantings exceeding 24 inched in diameter and/or 1 foot in depth should be monitored by an archaeologists.*
- 4. Consideration should be given to using hand tools and herbicides for the removal of any exotic species outside of the northern portion of the parcel. If heavy equipment must be used to remove plants, then monitoring must be conducted.*

Consistent with the archaeological recommendations, the site shall be monitored by a professional archaeologist during all earth moving activities on the parcel such as landscaping, building razing, installation of parking and facilities, vegetation removal and similar activities.

In additional to the requirements of the Management Plan, the Broward County Historical Commission recommends minimal ground disturbance activities in the park parcel to ensure the preservation of intact archaeological deposits on the parcel.

If in the event archaeological features or artifacts are discovered during the course of development, the Broward County Office of Planning *shall* be notified within twenty four (24) hours of the discovery and sufficient time provided to allow proper recordation, recovery, or preservation of the find (Broward Co. Florida Ord. 92-38).

If, in the event, any unmarked human burial remains are discovered, then work in the vicinity of the burial find is to halt immediately until a determination can be made, in accordance with Florida State Statutes, Chapter 872, by either the state archaeologist or the county medical examiner as to jurisdiction, custody, and disposition of the remains. Should this occur, this office is to be contacted immediately to facilitate the coordination of the find.

Sincerely,

Matthew DeFelice
County Archaeologist

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