



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING**

#15-0735

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

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

DATE: June 2, 2015

TITLE: South Side School Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update regarding the South Side School project.

Northeast Area:

The bid opening is currently scheduled for June 8, 2015 (Exhibit 1). The City's consultant, Synalovski Romanick and Saye (SRS) has completed the 100% design and construction documents. The design drawings require the review and approval from three agencies: 1) City of Fort Lauderdale Historic Preservation Board, 2) State of Florida, Department of State Division of Historical Resources (FDHR), and 3) Broward County, in addition to other standard construction drawing reviews (e.g., permitting related reviews).

The drawings were approved by the City's Historical Preservation Board on January 5, 2015 and by Broward County on March 18, 2015. However, FDHR was not in agreement with Broward County and the City's Historical Preservation Board's approvals and recommendations. As such, on March 16, 2015 FDHR provided comments (ten items) to the City. Staff has submitted a response to FDHR and addressed most of the comments (seven items). There were three remaining comments which were discussed further with FDHR, and the drawings were revised accordingly. On May 26, 2015 the City received the official approval letter from FDHR (Exhibit 2).

As FDHR requested changes to the exterior of the building and revisions were made to the previously approved elevations, additional reviews and approvals from the City of Fort Lauderdale Historic Preservation Board and the County will be required. However, the revisions are minor and in general agreement with the approvals the City has received. Therefore, staff expects to have a quick review and approval.

Once all agencies, including FDHR, the City's Historical Preservation Board and Broward County approve the proposed revisions, staff will proceed with the construction drawings revisions and will issue a bid addendum. This will in turn result in a bid time extension and delays in commencement of construction activities commensurate with the delay in

approvals. However, it will also allow staff to receive accurate bids based on the finalized approved scope.

Southeast Area:

Staff is continuing to work with the City's lobbyist in an attempt to get FCT to waive or reduce the current payment requirement of \$123,360 associated with the Restrictive Covenants that accompany the property. This work is currently on hold and it is not part of the current bid package.

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.

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

Attachments: Exhibit 1 – Project Schedule
Exhibit 2 – FDHR Approval Letter

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