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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

DATE: August 19, 2014

TITLE: Motion to approve a three year agreement with Partners in Action, Inc.,

d/b/a Kids Ecology Corp.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a three year agreement with Partners in Action, Inc., d/b/a Kids Ecology Corp., dated September 16, 2014 through September 14, 2017, and authorize the proper City officials to execute on behalf of the City.

Background

On September 7, 2010, the City Commission approved retaining the services of Partners in Action, Inc., d/b/a Kids Ecology Corp., for nature programming at Snyder Park, with a one-year agreement with three (3) one-year extensions. Services offered include children's nature classes and volunteer opportunities for people of all ages to assist with park beautification. On September 9, 2011, the City Commission approved the first extension to this agreement. On August 21, 2012, the City Commission approved the second extension, and amendments to the agreement. The third and final extension of the agreement was approved by the City Commission on September 13, 2013. Staff recommends approval of a three year contract in order to streamline the process.

Under the agreement, the instructor is an independent contractor and is not compensated by the City. The instructor is authorized to charge a participant fee for regular public programming, not to exceed \$10.00. If there are supply costs associated with the program offered, program participants will be required to pay for them. At the time the program is scheduled, the instructor will be required to notify the Parks and Recreation Director of program fees and any associated material costs.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

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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 4: 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.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Agreement 2014

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