



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

#25-0511

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 17, 2025

TITLE: Presentation on the Sailboat Bend Vision Plan - (**Commission District 2**)

City of Fort Lauderdale staff and the City's consultant, Dover, Kohl & Partners, will present on the Sailboat Bend Vision Plan project, including a summary of outreach efforts, feedback received, and potential next steps.

Background

In November 2023, the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) sent a communication to the City Commission to consider a revitalization plan to bridge Sailboat Bend, the City of Fort Lauderdale's only residential historic district, and the Himmarshee (H-1) Historic District, including a request to provide funding to initiate the project. This communication was discussed on January 9, 2024, as part of the City Commission Conference meeting. As a result of the City Commission's consideration of the HPB's communication, the Sailboat Bend Vision Plan was added as a City Commission action item for follow up by City staff.

In May 2024, a request for proposals was sent to qualified consultants to obtain bids to complete the vision plan. In July 2024, Dover, Kohl & Partners was selected and engaged. A kick-off meeting with City staff and the consultant was held in August 2024. On October 22, 2024, the City and the consultant hosted an open house at the Fort Lauderdale History Museum to present the scope of the project and gain stakeholder input. As follow-up to the open house event, an online survey was conducted to gain additional feedback for those who were not able to attend the open house and to assist the consultant in prioritizing elements within the vision plan.

The consultant, in collaboration with City staff, completed the Sailboat Bend Vision Plan, which addresses the following elements:

- Key neighborhood improvements.
- Opportunities to activate the public realm and improve streetscape design.
- Improved access to important historic sites and structures within the area.
- Stronger connections between Sailboat Bend and nearby neighborhoods and attractions to build a more integrated community experience.

- Activating local parks while carefully preserving the area's unique historic character.
- Balancing new construction and infrastructure improvements with respect for the neighborhood's cultural heritage.

Within the Sailboat Bend Vision Plan Summary Report (pages 46-48), attached as Exhibit 1, is an outline of the next steps with recommended initiatives and timelines for implementation. This implementation framework is intended as a tool to assist the City Commission with prioritizing potential projects and associated funding to help implement the Sailboat Bend Vision Plan recommendations.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Sailboat Bend Vision Plan Summary Report

Exhibit 2 – Presentation

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