



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CRA BOARD MEETING

#24-1068

TO: CRA Chairman & Board of Commissioners
Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting CRA Executive Director

DATE: November 19, 2024

TITLE: Motion Approving the Transfer of Property on NW 24th Avenue Between the North Fork of the New River and Sistrunk Boulevard from the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency to Broward County, Florida - **(Commission District 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners pass a Motion to approve the transfer of property (Property IDs 5042-05-07-1410, 5042-05-07-1370, and 5042-05-07-1390) from the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency to Broward County, Florida and authorize execution of the Quit Claim Deed by the proper CRA officials.

Background

On May 5, 2001, the CRA purchased property from The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale for a purchase price of \$120,146 in the 500 block of NW 24th Avenue between the North Fork of the New River and Sistrunk Boulevard. The property included five parcels. It consisted of 3 large parcels zoned residential RM-10 (Property IDs 5042-05-07-1410, 5042-05-07-1370, and 5042-05-07-1390), consisting of partially submerged vacant land in unincorporated Broward County with a total area of approximately 37,432 square feet (.86 acres), and two small parcels of partial street right of way (5042-05-07-1380 and 5042-05-07-1420) within the City limits of Fort Lauderdale with a total area of approximately 7,259 square feet (.166 acres).

Property IDs 5042-05-07-1410, 5042-05-07-1370, and 5042-05-07-1390 are directly adjacent to Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park (Broward County park) and front the North Fork of the New River. The western City limit in this area is the west right-of-way line of NW 24th Avenue. There were discussions at that time of extending the City limit to the North Fork of the New River and incorporating the property into the CRA boundary, but that did not occur. An additional property in this area, also located in unincorporated Broward County and zoned RM-10, was purchased by the City of Fort Lauderdale in 1999 (Property ID 5043-05-07-1340) and also fronts the North Fork of the New River. This property is also proposed to be transferred to Broward County by the City of Fort Lauderdale and is tentatively set to be on the December 3rd City Commission

Regular Meeting as CAM 24-0724. A Location Map of the properties is attached as Exhibit 1 and Broward County Property Appraiser information of the properties is attached as Exhibit 2. The Broward County Property Appraiser estimates the Just Value of the property proposed to be transferred by the CRA to Broward County as \$524,050.

In 2006, the City was awarded a grant from Florida Communities Trust to purchase adjacent property along the North Fork of the New River and combine it with the previously purchased CRA and City property at this location to create Phase 1 of a North Fork of the New River Greenway Project in conjunction with the Broward County Urban River Greenway as the New River Loop of the Broward County Urban River Trails to protect environmentally sensitive land and wildlife in this undeveloped remaining stretch of "Wild Urban River". The City, however, decided to decline the funding to seek out other development opportunities for the sites. Since this time, the property has remained vacant land and staff recommends that the property be transferred to Broward County since it is both outside the CRA boundary and the city limits of the City of Fort Lauderdale, and it is adjacent to other Broward County assets managed by the County. The property will be transferred by quit claim deed.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2024 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Places initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community

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

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Conservation Element
- Goal 5: Conserve, protect, and appropriately utilize the City's natural resources, including soils, designated sensitive lands, and natural reservations.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Location Map

Exhibit 2 – Broward County Property Appraiser Information

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