



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#21-1149

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 5, 2022

TITLE: Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution Approving the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board's Recommendation for Approval of 16 Parks Improvement Projects - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution approving the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board's recommendation for approval of 16 parks improvement projects as provided in Bond Resolution No. 18-261 and Bond Resolution No. 20-08.

Background

On March 12, 2019, a referendum passed authorizing the City to issue up to \$200,000,000 of general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing Parks and Recreation Projects. The first installment of \$80,000,000, Series 2020A Bonds ("Bonds"), will fund the cost of development, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, installation, improvement and furnishing of certain Parks and Recreation Projects. The Parks and Recreation Projects to be undertaken by the City and financed with proceeds of the first series of Bonds was approved by the City Commission by subsequent resolution (Resolution 20-08, January 7, 2020); provided, however, that prior to the City Commission's approval of a Parks and Recreation Project that is not one of the four signature park projects (Joseph Carter Park, Holiday Park, Lockhart Stadium and Tunnel Top Park), such project shall have been reviewed by the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board (the "Advisory Board") and the Advisory Board shall have submitted its recommendation to the City Commission as to whether the project should or should not be undertaken and financed, in whole or in part, with proceeds of the Bonds.

The referendum resolution provided the following:

"In deciding whether to undertake and finance with proceeds of the Bonds a Parks and Recreation Project that is not one of the four signature park projects, the City Commission shall conduct a public hearing and consider, but shall not be obligated to follow, the recommendation of the Advisory Board with respect to such project."

On December 1, 2021 City staff and parks bond consultant AECOM presented 16 Phase 2 parks projects to the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board. The following proposed projects were approved for recommendation to the City Commission:

1. Ann Herman Park
2. Benneson Park
3. Bill Keith Park
4. Cooley's Landing Marina
5. Coontie Hatchee Park
6. Croissant Park
7. Esterre Davis Wright Park
8. Flamingo Park
9. Floranada Park
10. Fort Lauderdale Beach
11. Guthrie-Blake Park
12. Lauderdale Manors Park
13. Osswald Park
14. Riverland Park
15. Walker Park
16. Warbler Wetlands

Resource Impact

Resource impact will be reflected on future CAMs approving the procurement of these projects.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024* initiative, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Offer a diverse range of recreational and educational programming

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Resolution No. 18-261

Exhibit 2 – Resolution No. 20-08

Exhibit 3 – December 1, 2021 Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Exhibit 4 – December 1, 2021 Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board Presentation

Exhibit 5 – Resolution

Prepared by: Susan Grant, Director of Finance
Claudelle Rose, Finance

Department Director: Susan Grant, Director of Finance