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AND

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Re: Project Compliance Review & Recommendations –

“A Cultural Resources Assessment Survey of South Side School & Florence C. Hardy Park, City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida.” Conducted by Advanced Archaeology, Inc. for the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Dear Mr. Krashefski and Mr. Ferrer,

I have had an opportunity to review “A Cultural Resources Assessment Survey [CRAS] of the South Side School and Florence C. Hardy Park, City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida” conducted by Advanced Archaeology, Inc. for the City of Fort Lauderdale (February 2015). The CRAS was performed to fulfill requests from Broward County in consideration of the requirements of the Hardy Park Management Plan (OS-23), administered through the Broward County Safe Parks Bond Program.

The purpose was to “assess any historic cultural resources that may be present within the subject parcel boundaries and its viewshed, and to determine the effects [of proposed future development] upon any potential resources found” (page 1). The CRAS resulted in the documentation of six (6) previously recorded historic resources and three (3) newly recorded/identified historic resources located within the project Area of Potential Effect (A.P.E.).

Previously Recorded Resources:

1. 8BD150 (Coca Cola Bottling Plant)
2. 8BD176 (South Side School)
3. 8BD1327 (Ft. Lauderdale Fire Station No. 2)
4. 8BD4157 (Stranahan Cemetery)
5. 8BD4311 (Mr. Nick's Subs)
6. 8BD4323 (1318 Sw 1st Ave)

Newly Recorded Resources:

1. 8BD5238 (South Side Historic District)
2. 8BD5239 (Hardy Park Clubhouse)
3. 8BD5240 (Hardy Park Pump House)

The project consultant's findings:

- Previously recorded resource 8BD150 (Ft. Lauderdale Coca-Cola Bottling Plant) is eligible for listing on the *National Register of Historic Places*.
- Previously recorded resource 8BD1327 (Ft. Lauderdale Fire Station No. 2) is eligible for listing on the *National Register of Historic Places*.
- Newly recorded resource 8BD5238 (South Side Historic District) is eligible for listing on the *National Register of Historic Places*.
- The shuffleboard courts and the racquetball court are not eligible for listing in the *National Register of Historic Places*,” and further, “that the proposed construction for the parking lot and the alterations to the South Side School building will have no adverse effects to any significant cultural resources.” (page. 1.)

The project consultant's recommendations:

- Archaeological assessment prior to future impacts of the following resources:
 - 8BD150 (Ft. Lauderdale Coca-Cola Bottling Plant)
 - 8BD1327 (Ft. Lauderdale Fire Station No. 2)
 - 8BD1457 (Stranahan Cemetery)
 - 8BD5238 (Hardy Park Historic District)
 - 8BD5239 (Hardy Park Clubhouse)
 - 8BD5240 (Hardy Park Pump House)
- Archaeological monitoring of ground-disturbances within the area of 8BD417 (Stranahan Cemetery)
- Archaeological monitoring of future developments in vicinity of Block 54, Lots 10 and 11 – the location where human remains were recovered circa 1920 (Page 55).

A review of the report and additional materials indicates that the project meets the professional standards set forth the State of Florida Division of Historical Resources, Standards and Operations Manual, Module Three. Additionally, a review of these materials supports the consultant's findings and recommendations.

Recommendations / Requirements

In consultation with Richard Ferrer, Broward County Historic Preservation Officer, and in my capacity as the County's archaeological consultant, it is our opinion, in concurrence with the consultant's findings, that the proposed project will have no adverse impacts to significant historic cultural resources. However, the CRAS resulted in the recording of three (3) newly identified historic cultural resources that are eligible for both local (municipal) historic designation and listing on the *National Register of Historic Places*. Additionally, the CRAS revealed that a preponderance of evidence indicates that resource 8BD1457 (Stranahan Cemetery) is located in the vicinity of the project area and there remains a moderate probability that materials associated with the resource may be encountered in future development related

excavations. Therefore, in consultation with Richard Ferrer, the Broward County Historic Preservation Officer, and in my capacity as the County's archaeological consultant, it is recommended that:

1. "A Cultural Resources Assessment of the South Side School and Florence C. Hardy Park, City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida," should be accepted as complete and the consultant's conclusions and recommendations should be adopted and enforced during the proposed and future development of the project area.
2. There is no objection to the proposed rehabilitation of resource 8BD176 (South Side School), however, because the resource is listed on the *National Register of Historic Places*, it is recommended that the proposed project should be submitted to the Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Resource, Compliance Review Section for an opportunity to review and provide comments
3. An alternate phased-parking installation plan is strongly encouraged in order to preserve the greenspace and park-like relationships of resource 8BD176 (South Side School) with the rest of the park facilities.
 - a. First phase parking is recommended north of the tennis courts and east of resource 8BD5239 (Hardy Park Clubhouse), as proposed in site-plan Option 2.
 - b. Future second phase parking installation maybe added in the location west of resource 8BD176 (South Side School) as proposed in site-plan Option 1, if necessitated by demonstrated occupancy of the redeveloped site.
4. The extant masonry and iron fencing located to the north of the shuffleboard courts should be retained and incorporated into the proposed site-plan.
5. The extant tree plantings located with the site, particularly in the vicinity of the tennis courts and resources 8BD5239 (Hardy Park Clubhouse) and 8BD5240 (Hardy Park Pump House) should be retained, and:
 - a. Any new plantings should be monitored by an archaeologist;
 - b. Removal of trees and foliage should be monitored by an archaeologist.
6. The following resources should be individually designated as historical resources pursuant to the City of Fort Lauderdale historic preservation ordinance:
 - a. 8BD5238 (Hardy Park Historic District)
 - b. 8BD5239 (Hardy Park Clubhouse)
 - c. 8BD5240 (Hardy Park Pump House)
7. Resources 8BD5239 (Hardy Park Clubhouse) and 8BD5240 (Hardy Park Pump House) should be stabilized and rehabilitated for future adaptive reuse. If it is anticipated that these resources will remain underutilized in the short-term, a maintenance program

should be put into action that will stem continued deterioration of the structures while preserving the structure's historical integrity.

8. All future ground disturbance activities within resource 8BD5238 (Hardy Park Historic District) should be monitored by a professional archaeologist; the purpose of which will be to observe development activity and monitor for the discovery of archaeological deposits or materials associated with resource 8BD1457 (Stranahan Cemetery). The work should be completed by a qualified professional archaeologist per *36 CFR part 61 (as amended)* and should conform to the standards for such work as outlined in the State of Florida Division of Historical Resources, Standards and Operations Manual, Module Three: <http://www.flheritage.com/preservation/compliance/docs/Module3.pdf>.
 - a. In the event that any unanticipated archaeological features or artifacts are discovered during the course of development or survey, in accordance with Broward County Ordinance 2014-32, the County Historic Preservation Officer shall be notified of the discovery within 24 hours.
 - b. If any unmarked human burial remains are discovered, then work in the vicinity of the burial find must halt immediately until a determination can be made pursuant to Florida Statute Chapter 872, by either the State archaeologist or the County medical examiner as to jurisdiction, custody, and disposition of the remains. Should this occur, the County Historic Preservation Officer, Rick Ferrer, should be contacted immediately at 954-357-9731 or referrer@broward.org to facilitate the coordination of the finding(s).

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The County's comments should be returned to:

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Please contact me if you have any questions or if you would like additional information regarding these comments.

Respectfully,

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