



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#15-1122

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

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

DATE: September 1, 2015

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Request the Florida Department of
Transportation to Convey Surplus Property Adjacent to Historic Woodlawn
Cemetery

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to request Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to convey surplus property, adjacent to Historic Woodlawn Cemetery, to the City of Fort Lauderdale to be utilized for public purpose.

Background

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery, located off NW 19th Avenue, is one of four cemeteries owned by the City of Fort Lauderdale. Historic Woodlawn Cemetery is the resting place of many prominent members of the Fort Lauderdale African-American community.

Recently FDOT discovered that as many as 80 bodies were buried along the west side of Historic Woodlawn Cemetery parallel to Interstate 95 in the right-of-way, which the City is seeking to obtain. The procurement of this property will assist the City in completing a more comprehensive restoration of Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. FDOT has been in conversation with the City and is in full cooperation in conveying the property to the City.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact.

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 3: 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.

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

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Resolution and Parcel Sketch

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