



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

#16-1065

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

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

DATE: November 1, 2016

TITLE: Motion Approving the Friends of Levitt Pavilion Fort Lauderdale Tri-Party Agreement for Improvements to Esplanade Park to Build an Outdoor Performance Venue

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion to enter into a Tri-Party Agreement with the Levitt Foundation and the Friends of Levitt Pavilion Fort Lauderdale, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, for improvements to Esplanade Park and construction of an outdoor performance venue (Levitt Pavilion).

Background

On December 15, 2015 the City Commission approved a motion to endorse the development of a Levitt Pavilion at Esplanade Park, authorizing the formation of the nonprofit organization Friends of Levitt Pavilion Fort Lauderdale (FLPFL). The FLPFL group is directing the fundraising efforts to support the development and ongoing operations and programming of the Levitt Pavilion, coordinating such efforts with the City and the Parks and Recreation Department.

The agreement outlines the private funding necessary, the timeline, and sets forth the roles and responsibilities of all parties for development of the site, construction and maintenance, management and programming of the Levitt Pavilion throughout the term of the agreement. The agreement also outlines the availability of the Levitt Pavilion for public and private use throughout the term. The term of the agreement is 50 years.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

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.

- Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone
- Objective 2: Integrate arts and cultural elements into public places.

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Tri-party Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Site and Structure Requirements

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