



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#17-0263

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

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

DATE: March 7, 2017

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Submittal of a Matching Grant Application to the
Florida Inland Navigation District, Waterway Assistance Program for an
ADA Accessible Dock at Sweeting Park - \$40,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a matching grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) to construct an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible floating dock in Sweeting Park along the North Fork of the New River and delegating authority to the City Manager to sign the application and any incidental documents related thereto. This grant requires a City match of \$40,000 if it is awarded. This resolution would authorize application only.

Background

The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) administers the Waterway Assistance Program (WAP) program. FIND provides funding assistance to local governments within the District to provide public access to the waterways.

Sweeting Park is located on the North Fork of the New River. The City is in the process of enhancing the park. Currently there are two small fixed docks along the river in Sweeting Park. The enhancement project calls for the demolition of the existing wooden docks and replacing them with a single dock made of sustainable materials such as recycled plastic. The docks provide access to the New River for fishing, crabbing and as a scenic vista.

District funding is made available after October 1st of each year. Applicants must provide a minimum of 50% of the total project costs. The estimated cost for materials and to build the dock is \$80,000. The application deadline is April 1, 2017.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with the grant application. If awarded, the grant will be brought back to the City Commission for execution and appropriation.

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.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Ready*.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Grant Pre Application Form

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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