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

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

**DATE:** November 7, 2017

**TITLE:** Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide updates on the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor and Beach Streetscape improvement projects, the Las Olas Marina expansion and the Aquatics Center renovation. There are 34 months remaining before the Beach Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) sunsets on September 30, 2020.

**Las Olas Boulevard Corridor**

Skanska finished mobilization and site clearing for the garage. The project schedule was impacted by Hurricane Irma and as a result the marina building demolition and Las Olas Circle road realignment were delayed. A temporary road was installed for the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show 2017 operations so Skanska could continue underground utility installation and not impact the Boat Show. Augercast piles are scheduled to begin in November.

**Beach Streetscape Improvement Projects**

The Beach Streetscape Improvement design is on schedule. The construction for the project is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2019. On April 11, 2016, the Beach Business Improvement District (BID) recommended funding the design of turtle-compliant lights on the west side of SR A1A, north of the CRA boundaries (Alhambra Street to Sunrise Boulevard). The construction funding for the lights would come from the remaining \$1.57 million Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) grant.

The City will be responsible for any construction costs that exceed the FDOT JPA funds. Staff received correspondence from FDOT that JPA funds will be available in Fiscal Year 2020. It is recommended that this work be added to the Beach Streetscape Improvement Project in order to potentially reduce costs and complete construction earlier. A design change order will be submitted to the City Commission at its November 21, 2017 Regular Meeting.

A design conflict with an existing City watermain was discovered on the project. In order to maintain the current design, a portion of the watermain will need to be relocated

from the sidewalk to under State Road (“SR”) A1A. Staff will be meeting with FDOT to discuss the relocation and seek approval.

### **Las Olas Marina Expansion**

The City Commission approved the final lease agreement on July 11, 2017. The document is pending execution.

### **DC Alexander Park**

City staff is currently reviewing bid responses to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking a design team to provide design and construction administration services for park improvements. These proposed park improvements shall include a restroom facility with attached concession stand, shaded seating areas, inviting greenspace, the two-waying of SE 5<sup>th</sup> Street, pedestrian lighting, and a signature family-oriented artistic appurtenance that will transform the park into a destination location.

One possible appurtenance that staff is currently investigating is a ferris wheel. To better understand what is involved with constructing, maintaining and operating a ferris wheel, staff met with two vendors in that business. The ferris wheel concept was presented to the Beach Redevelopment Board (BRB) at their October 16, 2017 meeting. The BRB requested that the City Attorney’s Office provide a legal opinion to determine if a ferris wheel is allowed on the DC Alexander site due to existing deed restrictions.

### **Aquatics Center**

On June 20, 2017, the CRA Board of Commissioners reviewed the Aquatic Center schematic design and budget and directed staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a design-build team. The RFP package to procure a design-build team will be advertised the first week in November.

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