



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

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

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

DATE: March 6, 2018

TITLE: Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide updates on the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project, State Road (SR) A1A Beach Streetscape Improvement Project, Las Olas Marina Expansion Project, DC Alexander Park Project, and Aquatics Center Renovation Project. There are 30 months remaining before the Beach Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) sunsets on September 30, 2020.

Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project

Skanska USA Building, Inc. finished installation of the parking garage augercast piles and has begun pouring concrete for the garage pile caps. The vendors have finished constructing precast panels, beams, and tees for the garage and are shipping them to the project site. Precast erection of the garage will begin the first week in March. Root pruning of the Medjool Date Palm Trees on Las Olas Boulevard has occurred in anticipation of relocating the trees and in preparation to begin work on the Las Olas Boulevard sidewalk, which is scheduled to begin at the end of March. There will be required lane closures on Las Olas Boulevard associated with the sidewalk work that will remain in place until the sidewalks are finished. The Skanska outreach team has met with staff, condo associations, businesses, and advisory boards to inform them of the upcoming work on Las Olas Boulevard and associated lane closures.

SR A1A Beach Streetscape Improvement Project

Staff and the design team met on January 17, 2018 to investigate security enhancements for the project such as traffic rated bollards and security cameras. Staff is working on design concepts and estimated costs associated with these security enhancements.

Las Olas Marina Expansion Project

The City Commission approved the final lease agreement on July 11, 2017 with Suntex Marina Investors LLC (Suntex). The Lease agreement remains unexecuted by the parties. Suntex has begun permit submittals for the dredged portion of the project and finalized the site plan for the upland improvements. Suntex has also submitted plans to the Design Review Committee (DRC) for approval.

DC Alexander Park Project

On February 20, 2018, the City Commission approved a consultant agreement with Keith and Associates, Inc. for design of DC Alexander Park. The contract and task order are being routed for execution. The task order delivers 15% conceptual drawings and cost estimates, and is estimated to be completed in four (4) months upon notice to proceed. Staff will present the conceptual design and cost estimates to the Beach Redevelopment Board (BRB) and Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board for recommendation to the CRA Board of Commissioners and City Commission. If the CRA Board and City Commission approve moving forward with the designs, a second task order will be issued.

Staff is also investigating the feasibility of installing a Ferris Wheel in the park.

Aquatics Center Renovation Project

The Request for Proposal (RFP) closed on February 16, 2018 and the selection committee has begun reviewing bid responses.

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