



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

DATE: June 19, 2018

TITLE: Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide updates on Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project, the State Road (SR) A1A Beach Streetscape Improvement Project, Las Olas Marina Expansion Project, DC Alexander Park Project, and Aquatics Center Renovation Project. There are 27 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 erection of the precast parking garage May 10, 2018. Skanska is proceeding with painting and caulking the structure, and has begun garage façade attachments (See Exhibit I). Site utility work around the garage and within Las Olas Circle is completed. Roadway work on Las Olas Circle has begun and Las Olas Circle will be reopened no later than July 2, 2018.

New sidewalks are being installed on the north side of Las Olas Boulevard between Seabreeze Boulevard and SR A1A. In addition to new decorative paving, improvements will also include new light poles, trees and bollards. There is a conflict with an existing TECO gas line in the portion of the sidewalk between Almond Avenue and SR A1A that we are working to resolve. Until this conflict is resolved, sidewalk work will be focused between Seabreeze Boulevard and Almond Avenue. To allow for the sidewalk work, the west bound lane on Las Olas Boulevard is closed. It is anticipated that the sidewalk will be completed in 1 ½ months.

SR A1A Beach Streetscape Improvement Project

On May 2, 2018 the Beach Redevelopment Board (BRB) recommended to advance to the CRA Board of Commissioners refined streetscape design concepts that focuses on the east side of SR A1A. On May 15, 2018, the CRA Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to advance these refined design concepts.

Las Olas Marina Expansion Project

The City Commission approved the final lease agreement on July 11, 2017 with Suntex Marina Investors LLC (Suntex). Suntex has begun permit submittals for the dredged portion of the project and has received permit approvals from Broward County and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Suntex submitted plans to the City's Design Review Committee (DRC) and had a DRC meeting on April 10, 2018. Suntex is responding to DRC comments and making design revisions accordingly.

DC Alexander Park Project

On May 21, 2018 Keith and Associates, Inc. (Keith) held an interactive public design workshop at the Fort Lauderdale Beach Community Center. On May 29, 2018 Keith hosted a similar workshop on the 8th Floor of City Hall at a special joint meeting with members of the Beach Redevelopment and the Parks, Recreation and Beaches advisory boards. The feedback from these public meetings will be used in developing design concepts for DC Alexander Park.

Aquatics Center Renovation Project

The City received two responses to a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the renovation of the Aquatics Center. The RFP requested a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) to design and renovate the Aquatics Center. The RFP selection committee met on May 16, 2018 and ranked the two firms. Staff has begun negotiations with the top ranked firm. Once negotiations are complete, staff will bring a recommendation to the City Commission and the CRA Board of Commissioners for contract award.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Progress Photographs

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