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TO: CRA Chairman & Board of Commissioners
Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, Executive Director

DATE: August 21, 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 25 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 has finished painting the garage structure, and has begun attaching garage façade elements (See Exhibit I). The bottom slab is poured, and ground floor masonry work is ongoing. Masonry work on the rooftop amenity deck is complete. Interior garage lights are installed on levels 1 thru 4, and plumbing and fire installation is ongoing. Site utility work around the garage and around Las Olas Circle is ongoing.

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 was a conflict with a mismarked existing TECO gas line in the portion of the sidewalk between Almond Avenue and SR A1A that was discovered on April 30, 2018. From May 24, 2018 it took TECO Gas eleven weeks to install a new gas line away from obstructions and remove the existing line. On August 9, 2018 TECO Gas finally completed the project. This conflict with the gas line delayed the sidewalk installation and the approved improvements to the Las Olas Boulevard roadway. A total road closure on Las Olas Boulevard is required to install the approved roadway improvements. As a result, the road closure dates need to be rescheduled to avoid conflicts with the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show. The revised road closure dates will not delay the overall project completion date. The sidewalk work on the north side of Las Olas Boulevard will be completed before the start of the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show.

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. Staff and the design team are moving forward with the design and will begin permit submittals mid-September 2018.

Las Olas Marina Expansion Project

The City Commission approved the final lease agreement on July 11, 2017 with Suntex Marina Investors LLC (Suntext). Suntext 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. Suntext submitted plans to the City's Design Review Committee (DRC) and attended a DRC meeting on April 10, 2018. Suntext 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 held 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 was used in developing 15% conceptual drawings and renderings for the park. Staff and the design team are revising the concepts. Once the concepts are complete, staff will present to the Beach Redevelopment Board, Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board and the City Commission for review and approval.

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 negotiated with Hensel Phelps, the top ranked firm, and received direction from the Commission on July 10, 2018 to negotiate a contract up to an amount of \$27 Million. On the August 21, 2018 CRA Board of Commissioners and the City Commission agendas, staff will seek CRA funding approval and City Commission approval for contract award.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Progress Photographs

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