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

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

DATE: November 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 22 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 on May 10, 2018. The goal for the parking garage was to achieve a temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO) before November 18, 2018. A TCO would give the City an opportunity to park cars in the garage while remaining garage construction activities are completed (See Exhibit 1). Once the garage receives a TCO, Skanska will begin mobilization to install temporary construction fencing, tree removal, and demolition on the Oceanside Parking Lot located at Las Olas Boulevard and SR A1A.

The remaining garage construction activities include the façade installation, exterior site landscaping, exterior site concrete, amenity deck glass railing, and additional security features. These remaining garage activities should be completed by end of December 2018 with some exceptions. The amenity deck glass railing should be completed by January 2019. The exterior site concrete and landscaping on the east end of the garage should be completed by March 2019. AT&T needs to install a new fiber line on the east side of the garage; until this happens, Skanska will not be able to complete the work in this area.

The new sidewalks on the north side of Las Olas Boulevard between Seabreeze Boulevard and SR A1A are installed and open to the public. The new trees will not be planted on the north side of Las Olas Boulevard until a permanent irrigation system can be installed. A permanent irrigation system will be installed during the Las Olas Boulevard roadway construction, at which time, new trees on both sides of the road will be planted as a part of this construction.

A total road closure on Las Olas Boulevard is required to install the approved roadway improvements. The road closure dates were rescheduled to avoid conflicts with the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show. The revised dates will not delay the overall project completion date and is scheduled to begin in April 2019. The roadway work duration is estimated at 4 months.

SR A1A Beach Streetscape Improvement Project

The design plans are progressing and staff anticipates beginning reviews of 100% design drawings by November, 2018. The design team submitted permits to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for approval. Staff is targeting 2nd Quarter 2019 to begin construction on this project.

Las Olas Marina Expansion Project

Suntex submitted plans to the City's Design Review Committee (DRC) and attended a DRC meeting on April 10, 2018. Suntex is responding to DRC comments and making design revisions accordingly.

DC Alexander Park Project

On October 1, 2018 a meeting of the Beach Redevelopment Board (BRB) and the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board (Parks) was held. At this meeting staff proposed a more active alternative to the park renovation to include an experiential playground centering on a "fort" theme – harkening back to the original Fort Lauderdale. The park will connect to the history of Fort Lauderdale through representation of a fort and at the same time provide shaded/interactive areas of play for neighbors of all ages. The joint boards unanimously agreed to move forward with of the idea.

Keith and Associates, Inc. (Keith) will present 15% conceptual design and illustrations to a joint BRB and Parks Board meeting on November 7, 2018. A public workshop will be held on November 14, 2018 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the International Swimming Hall of Fame to present the 15% conceptual design. Finally, the concepts and input from the public and advisory boards will be presented to the CRA Board of Commissioners and the City Commission for approval in December 2018.

Aquatics Center Renovation Project

On August 21, 2018 CRA Board of Commissioners and the City Commission awarded an approximately \$27 million design-build contract to Hensel Phelps for the construction of the Aquatic Center improvements. A notice to proceed was issued in September, and Hensel Phelps has begun design coordination and initial meetings with staff. The contract has a 27 month duration period. Design is ongoing and construction is estimated to begin in the 2nd Quarter of 2019.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Progress Photographs

Exhibit 2 – DC Alexander Park Conceptual Designs Illustrations

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