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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, Executive Director

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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 nineteen (19) months remaining before the Beach Community Redevelopment Area ("CRA") sunsets on September 30, 2020.

Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project

The Las Olas parking garage opened on December 20, 2018. Skanska USA Building, Inc. ("Skanska") obtained a temporary certificate of occupancy which gives the City an opportunity to park cars in the garage while remaining garage construction activities are completed (See Exhibit 1). The exterior façade installation is complete and testing of the façade lighting system is ongoing. Estimated completion date of façade lights is March 2019. AT&T has installed new conduits on the east side of the garage, and AT&T work activity no longer impacts site work. Installation of exterior landscaping, lighting, and site concrete on the east side of the garage has resumed. City Commission approved a construction change order on February 5, 2019. Approval of the change order allows work to resume inside garage with installation of additional security features, electric vehicle charging stations, and digital signage. The amenity deck glass railing should be completed by May 2019.

Phase II work is ongoing at the new Oceanside Park located at Las Olas Boulevard and SR A1A. Demolition and clearing is complete. Utility work is ongoing and the storm drain system and cistern are installed. The elevated building pads are constructed and building foundations are poured. Phase II work at the new South Intracoastal Lot should commence in March 2019, once the Skanska contractor trailer yard is relocated.

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. The existing trees on the south side of Las Olas Boulevard are root pruned

and temporary wood braces are installed to each tree. The trees will be relocated in April 2019.

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 four (4) months.

SR A1A Beach Streetscape Improvement Project

The design plans are at 100%. The design team submitted permits to the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for approval. Staff is targeting 2nd Quarter 2019 to begin construction on this project.

Las Olas Marina Expansion Project

The Las Olas Marina Expansion developer, Suntex Marina Developers LLC (“Suntex”), submitted plans to the City’s Design Review Committee (“DRC”) and attended a DRC meeting on April 10, 2018. Suntex has responded to DRC comments and submitted revised plans back to the City.

DC Alexander Park Project

Keith and Associates, Inc. (“Keith”) presented 15% conceptual design and illustrations at the following public meetings:

- A joint Beach Redevelopment Board (BRB) and Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board (PRBAB) meeting on November 7, 2018;
- A public workshop on November 14, 2018; and
- A Central Beach Alliance Board meeting on November 15, 2018.

The public comments were in support of park improvements, but were not supportive of most of the park footprint becoming the “fort” themed playground. Staff and Keith took the notes from these meetings and will make revisions to the concept that addresses some of the comments raised at these meetings. The revised concept will be forwarded to the City Commission and presented at additional public presentations. After obtaining public input, the revised concept will then be presented to the City Commission for approval.

Aquatics Center Renovation Project

On August 21, 2018, the CRA Board of Commissioners and the City Commission awarded a design-build contract, to the construction management firm Hensel Phelps Construction Co. (“Hensel Phelps”), for the construction of the Aquatic Center improvements. A notice to proceed was issued in September 2018. Hensel Phelps has begun design coordination and initial meetings with staff. The contract has a twenty-seven (27) month duration.

The City’s project team has completed 60% design review and revisions were incorporated into the drawings. Hensel Phelps submitted 30% drawings for City of Fort

Lauderdale to begin Site Plan Level I review. Construction is estimated to begin in the 2nd Quarter of 2019.

Staff has allocated funding within the project for a decorative façade treatment on the 10 meter platform, and Hensel Phelps will provide rough order of magnitude pricing for a permanent 27 meter dive tower.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Progress Photographs

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