



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**CRA BOARD MEETING**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, Executive Director

**DATE:** April 2, 2019

**TITLE:** Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

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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 eighteen (18) 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 exterior façade installation is complete and programming of the façade lighting system is complete. The contractor will make final adjustments to the garage façade fins and relocate the royal palm trees by the end of April 2019. Installation of exterior landscaping, lighting, and site concrete on the east side of the garage will be complete in April 2019. 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 June 2019.

Phase II work is ongoing at the new Oceanside Park located at Las Olas Boulevard and SR A1A. Utility work is ongoing and the storm drain system, sanitary system, and cistern are installed. The building foundations and walls are poured. Phase II work at the new South Intracoastal Park should commence in April 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 is responding to DRC comments and will submit revised plans back to the City.

There is a companion item also scheduled for the April 2, 2019 City Commission Conference Meeting, where Suntex will provide a project update to the City Commission.

### **DC Alexander Park Project**

City staff received revised concept drawings and they are being reviewed by staff. Any staff modifications will be incorporated into the concept drawings and public presentations will be scheduled accordingly. After public presentations are finished, the concept drawings will be presented to City Commission for approval.

### **Aquatic Center Renovation Project**

In addition to this Commission Agenda Memo, Hensel Phelps will also provide a project update at the April 2, 2019, Community Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting. City staff completed 60% design review and has begun review of the 90% design plans. Hensel Phelps submitted 30% drawings for City of Fort Lauderdale to begin Site Plan Level I review and submitted a demolition and foundation permit package to the City of Fort Lauderdale Building Services Division.

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for April 5, 2019. The site will be closed to the public the week of April 15, 2019 to begin mobilization. Construction is estimated to begin May 2019.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Progress Photographs

Exhibit 2 – Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center PowerPoint Presentation

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