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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 -
(Commission District 2)

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 seventeen (17) 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 hardscape is installed and the contractor is installing landscaping and cleaning the garage façade. Once the cleaning is complete on the south side of the garage, the contractor will install the catenary lights. The royal palms were relocated to Channel Square Park. The final adjustments to the garage façade fins will occur after the mesh is cleaned. 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. The utility work within the park is complete and the water feature plumbing will be complete by the end of May 2019. The building foundations, walls, and roof are poured. Fine site grading is underway and terrace steps and walls are being formed and poured. The South Intracoastal Parking lot closed on April 22, 2019 and Phase II work at the new South Intracoastal Park has begun. Trees are root pruned and will be relocated, and demolition has started. The Skanska construction trailer is now located on the north side of the bridge.

A total road closure on Las Olas Boulevard between Seabreeze Boulevard and State Road A1A was installed on April 9, 2019 to begin roadway improvements. The anticipated duration is four months. The existing medjool date palms were relocated and the sidewalk and roadway demolition are complete. The contractor will begin installing

irrigation, electrical, and storm water utility lines. The contractor will also begin installation of bollard foundations.

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 3rd Quarter 2019 to begin construction on this project.

Staff has begun public outreach for the project and presented at the April meetings of the Beach Redevelopment Board, Beach Business Improvement District, and the Central Beach Alliance. Staff is also host a public presentation in May to discuss the project.

Las Olas Marina Expansion Project

The Las Olas Marina Expansion developer, Suntex Marina Developers LLC (“Suntex”), submitted plans to the City’s Development 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.

DC Alexander Park Project

City staff received revised concept drawings and finalized review. Staff is scheduling public meetings for May 2019. The goal is to bring final concepts to Commission for approval in June 2019. Commission approval will allow the design team to begin detailed design of the concept.

Aquatics Center Renovation Project

City staff has begun 90% design review. Hensel Phelps has finalized Site Plan Level I review comments and submitted back to the City. Hensel Phelps has submitted a demolition and foundation permit package to the City of Fort Lauderdale Building Services Division.

The site was closed to the public on April 16, 2019 to allow onsite mobilization. Construction has commenced with demolition activities.

City Staff is exploring additional scope items for the project which include a 27-Meter Dive Tower and Athlete Locker Room Renovations. Hensel Phelps is finalizing concepts for the 27-Meter dive tower and rough order of magnitude costs and will transmit to the City by the third week of May 2019. Hensel Phelps is also pricing the Athlete Locker Room Renovations and will submit pricing to the City by the first week of June 2019.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Progress Photographs

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