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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 sixteen (16) 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. The final adjustments to the garage façade fins will occur after the garage facade is cleaned. The electrical vehicle charging stations have shipped to site and will be installed by the end of the month. The artificial turf on the garage amenity deck is installed and the amenity deck light shields and glass railing are in fabrication. The digital signage has shipped to site and will be installed by the end of the month.

Phase II work is ongoing at the new Oceanside Park located at Las Olas Boulevard and SR A1A. The civil utility work within the park is complete, the water feature plumbing is installed, and site electrical conduit and light poles are being installed. The building foundations, walls, and roof are poured. The shade canopy rebar is installed and concrete pours will begin this month. 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 utility work along Las Olas Circle is complete and the roadway was reopened on May 25, 2019.

A total road closure on Las Olas Boulevard between Seabreeze Boulevard and State Road (SR) A1A commenced 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, and the utility lines are installed. The roadway curbs are poured and the pedestrian bollards are installed. The roadway asphalt

base will be installed this month, and road work will begin at the Seabreeze Boulevard and SR A1A intersections.

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 hosted a public presentation on May 25, 2019 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 has received DRC signoff and is on the City’s Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) agenda for June 19, 2019.

DC Alexander Park Project

City staff received revised concept drawings and finalized review. Staff resumed public outreach for the project and presented the concept drawings at the May Central Beach Alliance Meeting. Staff also presented the drawing concepts to a joint Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board (BRB) and Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board (Parks Board) meeting on May 20, 2019. Staff received a unanimous decision from the joint boards to advance the design concept, but it should be noted there was not a quorum for the Parks Board. Staff will bring the drawing concepts to Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners and the City Commission for approval at the June 18, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting.

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, and is responding to permit comments. The site was closed to the public on April 16, 2019 to allow onsite mobilization.

City Staff is exploring additional scope items for the project which include a 27-Meter Dive Tower and Athlete Locker Room Renovations. Hensel Phelps has finalized design concepts for the 27-Meter dive tower and has begun detailed design and pricing.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Progress Photographs

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