



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
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**TO:** CRA Chairman & Board of Commissioners  
Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

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

**DATE:** July 9, 2019

**TITLE:** Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update -  
**(Commission District 2)**

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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 fifteen (15) 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 are being installed. 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 the site is prepped for installation. The garage façade lights were turned on June 13, 2019 and display content was uploaded to the server. At this time, there are five lighting programs uploaded and another 30+ in development. A United States American Flag will be displayed on July 3 through July 7<sup>th</sup>. The lighting façade is programmed to operate between 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM on weekdays and from 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM on weekends. During the upcoming weeks, staff will collect feedback from neighbors and then recommend a permanent light schedule which will include days of the week, times of the day, special lighting requests, and lighting intensity levels.

The new garage tram has been delivered and will be wrapped and ready for use to transport visitors from the Las Olas Parking Garage to the Oceanside Park, once the park is completed (October 2019).

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 concrete is 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 is underway. Demolition work is ongoing and tree relocation is almost complete. Utility work within the park has begun, and the marina promenade site electrical is installed and the concrete pours are following behind the electrical installation.

A total road closure on Las Olas Boulevard between Seabreeze Boulevard and State Road (SR) A1A was installed on April 9, 2019 to begin roadway improvements. The anticipated duration is four months. The existing medjool date palms were relocated, the sidewalk and roadway demolition are complete, and the utility lines are installed. The roadway curbs are poured, the pedestrian bollards are installed, the roadway asphalt base is installed, and the roadway concrete surface pours are underway. Road work has begun on the Seabreeze Boulevard and SR A1A intersections. Work on the inside lanes will occur first. Once the inside lanes are constructed the work will shift to the outside lanes. Both lanes in the intersections will open once the road work is complete.

### **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.

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.

Staff is packaging the bid documents and will advertise the project to procure a contractor.

### **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 received preliminary DRC signoff and presented to the City's Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) agenda on June 19, 2019. The PZB voted 6-2 in favor of the project with the following conditions:

1. Limit the restaurant to 375 seats;
2. Applicant shall meet with City staff and Jackson Tower representatives to resolve the Birch Road access issue prior to the City Commission meeting;
3. The applicant will have a phasing plan during construction to minimize impacts on the Boat Show;
4. The applicant will work with the City regarding Las Olas Circle and Birch Road widening to make each lane 10 feet wide;
5. The applicant will verify total trips generated by the site prior to the City Commission meeting.

The project is scheduled to be presented to City Commission for Site Plan approval at the July 9, 2019 Regular City Commission Meeting.

### **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. The revised concepts will be presented to the CRA Board of Commissioners and City Commission for approval, together with a task order request to bring the designs to 100%.

### **Aquatics Center Renovation Project**

City staff finalized 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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