



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#19-0773**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** August 20, 2019

**TITLE:** Motion Authorizing Execution of a Contract and Addendum for the Donation of Property Located at 1311 Citrus Isle, Fort Lauderdale, Florida to be Preserved as a Passive Park - **(Commission District 4)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a motion authorizing execution of a Contract and Addendum for the donation of Property located at 1311 Citrus Isle, Fort Lauderdale, Florida to be used and preserved as a Passive Park in perpetuity. The Property is being donated by the Irvin Jack Mitchell Revocable Trust.

**Background**

City Staff received a call from Ms. Liza Siegel, Esq. representing her client Mr. Irvin Jack Mitchell. Ms. Siegel informed staff that her client wished to deed to the City his property located at 1311 Citrus Isle, Fort Lauderdale, FL to be used exclusively and in perpetuity as a public passive park. The property is located in the River Oaks neighborhood, it is approximately 57,367 square feet or 1.317 acres, and provides access to the South Fork New River. Mr. Mitchell asks that when the property opens as a public passive park that it be named the "Mitchell Family Park." City Staff has reviewed the site and believes that the property's waterfront access is an ideal location for a passive public park with enhanced features such as trees and landscaping, benches, picnic tables, walkways, and permitted use for marginal dock. Allied Appraisal Services, Inc. performed an appraisal of the property and provided an "as-is" value of \$1,490,000 (Exhibit 1).

Attached to the Contract and Addendum is the format for a Special Warranty Deed and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants. The Declaration of Restrictive Covenants provides restrictions as to the use of the Park.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**Strategic Connections:**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Community*.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – 1311 Citrus Isle Appraisal

Exhibit 2 – Property Map

Exhibit 3 – Purchase Contract and Addendum

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