



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

**#19-1050**

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

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

**DATE:** October 15, 2019

**TITLE:** Community Center at the Site of the Former Lockhart and Fort Lauderdale  
Stadiums – (**Commission District 1**)

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On January 28, 2019, the City received an unsolicited proposal from Miami Beckham United, LLC ("Inter Miami") pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, to design, construct, occupy and maintain Parcels 19B, 25, 26 and 27 adjacent to the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport and formerly the site of Lockhart and Fort Lauderdale stadiums.

The master plan for this 64-acre property includes two areas: on the north-end, Inter Miami is building an 18,000-seat professional soccer stadium, a training facility along with practice fields, parking, and a community field for high school teams; on the south-end, the proposed plans for the community park include a community center, multi-purpose fields, kickball field, walking trail, playgrounds, splash pad/aquatics playground, open space, dog park, parking and a festival plaza providing a seamless transition between the north and south ends of the property.

On September 3, 2019 (CAM #19-0903) the City Commission waived the competitive solicitation process for procuring the services of an architect in connection with the development of a community center at this site.

The purpose of this item is to inform the City Commission of the conceptual program for the community center and solicit direction from the City Commission before developing the final space program. The community center is envisioned as an approximately 18,000-square foot single-story structure containing the following activity spaces:

- Lobby/common area
- Two activity rooms/classrooms
- Multipurpose gymnasium sized for high school regulation basketball with limited retractable seating
- Flexible space
- E-Sports room

- Wellness/fitness room
- Restaurant/kitchen space
- Locker facilities/interior restrooms
- Exterior restrooms
- Administrative and janitorial support spaces
- Mechanical/electrical/communications space
- Internal and external storage areas
- Front and side porches that can also serve as performance space

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this item. The cost of the proposed community park and community center will be funded by the voter-approved 2019 Parks Bond.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is consistent with the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* 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.*
  - Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone.
- Goal 4: *Be a healthy community with fun and stimulating recreational activities for our neighbors.*
  - Objective 1: Offer a diverse range of youth, adult, and senior recreational programming.

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

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Master Plan

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