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**TO:** CRA Chairman & Board of Commissioners  
Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

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

**DATE:** November 5, 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. Eleven months remain 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 finalizing landscaping. The 5<sup>th</sup> floor light shields are installed and the 5<sup>th</sup> floor amenity deck is open.

The new Oceanside Park located at Las Olas Boulevard and SR A1A was substantially completed on October 30, 2019 and the City was able to take beneficial use and open it to the public. There are remaining base scope items and a final punch list work items to be completed. The shade canopy is poured and the finishing and painting are ongoing. The final waterproofing and painting of the canopy will be completed after the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (Boat Show). Cast-in-Place site walls are installed and final pre-cast seat walls will be set and plumbed. The South Intracoastal Parking lot closed on April 22, 2019 and Phase II work at the new South Intracoastal Park is underway. The civil utility work is ongoing and the hardscape pours around the perimeter of the park are complete. The Boat Show took possession of this park on October 1, 2019 to begin preparation for the event and will finish demobilizing by November 18, 2019. The park's final site grading, irrigation, sod, and landscaping will be completed after the Boat Show demobilization.

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 roadway work is complete and the sidewalks and road are opened.

### **SR A1A Beach Streetscape Improvement Project**

The design plans are at 100%. The design team submitted permits to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for approval. Staff is targeting 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 to begin construction on this project. Staff received final approval from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) for the proposed pedestrian lighting system on October 14, 2019. This approval will allow the project to receive funding from FDOT through a joint participation agreement (JPA). The FDOT funding will pay for the construction costs of the pedestrian lights from the northern Beach CRA boundary up to Sunrise Boulevard.

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 project received site plan approval at the July 9, 2019 Regular City Commission Meeting. On October 15, 2019, the City Commission approved the vacation of a number of utility easements to facilitate the construction of the Las Olas Marina Expansion Project. Recently installed utilities, landscaping, lighting, and digital signage need to be relocated to construct an additional turn lane at the intersection of Las Olas Circle and Birch Road, adjacent to the Las Olas Parking Garage. City staff is working to identify a funding source for the design and construction, and will be able to provide a schedule update for this work activity once the funding is secured.

### **DC Alexander Park Project**

The drawing concepts and a design task order were approved by the CRA Board of Commissioners and the City Commission at both the July 9, 2019 CRA Board Meeting and Regular City Commission Meeting. The design team is advancing the schematic design based off of the approved concepts and will present an update at a joint Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board and Parks and Beaches Advisory Board meeting. A November meeting date and time are being coordinated.

### **Aquatics Center Renovation Project**

The site was closed to the public on April 16, 2019 to allow onsite mobilization. The auger cast test piles were successfully completed and light demolition has begun. The swimming statue was relocated onsite. Primary power electrical installation is complete. Florida Power and Light (FPL) will decommission the existing electrical vaults after the Boat Show. Decommissioning the vaults will allow demolition activities to progress. Sheet pile installation will begin around the competition pool and the proposed dive pool and dewatering activities will follow behind.

City Staff is exploring procurement options to add additional scope items for the project which include a 27-Meter Dive Tower and Viewing Deck. An unsolicited proposal was submitted to renovate and reconstruct the locker room facility and will be considered by the City Commission during the evening meeting on November 5, 2019.

**Attachment**

**Exhibit 1 – Progress Photographs**

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