



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
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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 three years and eight months remaining before the Beach Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) sunsets on September 30, 2023.

Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project

The new Las Olas Oceanfront Park opened to the public and the City hosted the “Light up the Beach” Holiday Lighting Ceremony in the park on November 26, 2019. However, the park does not have final completion. There are remaining base scope items and final punch list work items to be completed in the park. The main base scope items to be completed include the shrub and tree installation, the LED strip lighting on the precast seat walls, light pole installations, and the shade canopy roof installation, waterproofing, and painting. Punch work is ongoing in the park and unacceptable plantings are being removed and replaced, sections of sidewalk are being removed and repoured, caulking around the water feature is being replaced, and tree grates are being leveled.

The South Intracoastal Park is finishing up punch work. Sections of the sidewalk are being removed and repoured, landscape installation is ongoing, and the light pole installation is being finalized.

The asphalt is installed on the roadways, and the pavement striping and signage installation is ongoing.

SR A1A Beach Streetscape Improvement 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 allowed 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

southern Beach CRA boundary up to Sunrise Boulevard. FDOT has required that the JPA be executed before the project can be bid.

A draft JPA agreement was sent to the City in January 2020. Staff anticipates providing a resolution to City Commission in February 2020 for the City to execute, and then sending over to FDOT for their execution. Staff anticipates advertising bid documents by end of 1st Quarter of 2020.

Las Olas Marina Expansion Project

The Las Olas Marina Expansion developer, Suntex Marina Developers LLC (“Suntex”), received site plan approval at the July 9, 2019 Regular City Commission Meeting. Suntex submitted plans to the City’s Development Review Committee (“DRC”) and has received final DRC signoff. Suntex has submitted final Federal, State, and County permits for submerged work in December 2019. Suntex is submitting drawing packages to the City’s building department to acquire building and utility permits. Once the permits are acquired, Suntex will begin with utility work and utility relocations.

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 advanced the schematic design and presented updated concepts at a November 15, 2019 joint Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board and Parks and Beaches Advisory Board meeting. Both boards had a quorum and unanimously voted to advance the updated concepts.

The design team incorporated comments from the joint board meeting into the design and submitted plans to the City for a January DRC Administrative Review.

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. Primary power electrical installation is complete. Florida Power and Light (FPL) are scheduled to decommission the existing onsite electrical vaults in January 2020. Decommissioning the vaults will allow final demolition to be completed and open the site to more construction activities. After final demolition occurs, sheet pile installation will begin around the competition pool and the dive pool, with dewatering activities following. Sheet pile installation is expected to begin February 2020.

Hensel Phelps has completed schematic design plans for the 27-Meter Tower and Observation Deck and submitted to the City for a DRC Administrative Review. Design work is progressing on the 27-Meter Tower and the Observation Deck.

Hensel Phelps submitted an unsolicited proposal to the City in October 2019 for the demolition, design, and construction of a new South Locker Room Building. The proposal was taken to City Commission on November 5, 2019 with a resolution to enter into a comprehensive agreement with Hensel Phelps pending an advertising period pursuant to Florida Statute Section 255.055. After a 21-day advertising period, no other

bids were received. Staff is drafting language for the comprehensive agreement and will bring to the City Commission for approval.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Progress Photographs

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