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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)

This is a monthly update on significant public improvement projects within the Beach Community Redevelopment Area, including:

- 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.

Recently, the City Commission and the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners approved an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County extending the CRA's term for up to three years on a non-Tax Increment Finance basis. The CRA Board of Commissioners and the City Commission also approved an amendment to the Beach Community Redevelopment Plan to extend the term of Plan. The new CRA sunset date is September 30, 2023.

Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project

The new Las Olas Oceanside 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 is not completed. There remains 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 shade canopy roof installation, waterproofing, and painting. The interactive water feature required additional electrical and mechanical work to install new pumps. This work is complete and final inspection with Department of Health is being scheduled. 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 in the punch work item phase. Sections of the sidewalk are being removed and repoured, landscape installation is ongoing, and the light poles installation is being finalized.

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 the Florida Department of Transportation (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. There is a resolution on the March 3, 2020 Regular Commission Agenda for the City to execute, and then send 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 permits, and utility permits. Once the permits are acquired, Suntex will begin with utility work and utility relocations.

DC Alexander Park Project

The design team submitted plans to the City for a January DRC Administrative Review. City staff is reviewing plans and anticipates having 60 percent plans and estimated construction costs by the end of March.

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 completed, and light demolition has begun. Primary power electrical installation is complete. Florida Power and Light (FPL) was scheduled to decommission the existing onsite electrical vaults in January 2020. Decommissioning the vaults will allow final demolition to be completed and will open the site to more construction activities. Sheet pile installation has begun around the competition pool and the proposed dive pool and dewatering activities will follow behind.

At the City Commission's request, additional scope items for the project which include a 27-Meter Dive Tower and Observation Deck on the North Building are being incorporated into the design. 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. Additional 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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