



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#21-0142

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 16, 2021

TITLE: Resolution Approving a Dog Recreational Area within Riverside Park Neighborhood and the Execution of a Use and Occupancy Agreement between the Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Fort Lauderdale - **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution supporting a dog recreational area within Riverside Park Neighborhood and authorizing the execution of a Use and Occupancy Agreement, in substantially the form attached, between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City of Fort Lauderdale (City).

Background

Residents have expressed the desire to use the open space on the west side of Riverside Park Neighborhood as a dog friendly area. FDOT has agreed to lease the right of way to the City at no cost for the public purpose of a temporary dog recreational area for an initial term of four (4) years. The leased spaced is located west of SW 20th Ave between 2nd St and 4th St. The park-like area will have no parking spaces or vehicular access.

FDOT requires any use of airspace above or below the established grade line within the approved right of way limits on a Federal Aid System, to be accomplished pursuant to a right of way use and occupancy agreement.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Place Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Use and Occupancy Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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