



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

#21-0404

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: May 4, 2021

TITLE: Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution Approving the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board's Recommendation for Approval of 39 Parks Improvement Projects - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution approving the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board's recommendation for approval of 39 parks improvement projects as provided in Bond Resolution No. 18-261 and Bond Resolution No. 20-08.

Background

On March 12, 2019, a referendum passed authorizing the City to issue up to \$200,000,000 of general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing Parks and Recreation Projects. The first installment of \$80,000,000, Series 2020A Bonds ("Bonds"), will fund the cost of development, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, installation, improvement and furnishing of certain Parks and Recreation Projects. The Parks and Recreation Projects to be undertaken by the City and financed with proceeds of the first series of Bonds was approved by the City Commission by subsequent resolution (Resolution 20-08, January 7, 2020); provided, however, that prior to the City Commission's approval of a Parks and Recreation Project that is not one of the four signature park projects (Joseph Carter Park, Holiday Park, Lockhart Stadium and Tunnel Top Park), such project shall have been reviewed by the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board (the "Advisory Board") and the Advisory Board shall have submitted its recommendation to the City Commission as to whether the project should or should not be undertaken and financed, in whole or in part, with proceeds of the Bonds.

The referendum resolution provided the following:

"In deciding whether to undertake and finance with proceeds of the Bonds a Parks and Recreation Project that is not one of the four signature park projects, the City Commission shall conduct a public hearing and consider, but shall not be obligated to follow, the recommendation of the Advisory Board with respect to such project."

In January and February 2021, the City and parks bond consultant, AECOM, conducted virtual public engagement regarding potential parks bond projects. The results of the outreach efforts and recommendations for 42 projects were presented to the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board on March 24, 2021. The proposed 42 projects were approved for recommendation to the City Commission. As Joseph Carter Park, Holiday Park and Lockhart Stadium are signature projects, the remaining 39 of the 42 require a public hearing:

1. Annie Beck Park
2. Bass Park
3. Bayview Park
4. Chateau Park
5. Colee Hammock Park
6. Cortez Triangle Park
7. Dottie Mancini Park
8. Earl Lifshey Ocean Park
9. Florence C. Hardy Park
10. Francis L. Abreu Place
11. Greenfield Park
12. Harbordale Park
13. Hortt Park
14. Imperial Point Entranceway
15. Jack and Harriet Kaye Park
16. Lake Estates Linear Park
17. Lauderdale Manors Entrance
18. Lewis Landing Park
19. Lincoln Park
20. Lu Deaner Park
21. Mills Pond Park
22. North Fork Riverfront Park
23. Palm Aire Village Park
24. Peter Feldman Park
25. Provident Park
26. Riverside Park
27. Sailboat Bend Preserve Park
28. Sara Horn Greenway
29. Sistrunk Park
30. South Middle River Park
31. Stranahan Landing
32. Sweeting Park
33. Tarpon Cove Park
34. Tarpon River Park
35. Townsend Park
36. Twin Lakes North Park
37. Victoria Park
38. Warfield Park
39. Westwood Heights Triangle Park

Resource Impact

Resource impact will be reflected on future CAMs approving the procurement of these projects.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Top 2021 Commission Priority*, advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024* initiative, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Offer a diverse range of recreational and educational programming

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Resolution No. 18-261

Exhibit 2 – Resolution 20-08

Exhibit 3 – March 24, 2021 Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Exhibit 4 – March 24, 2021 Presentation to Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board

Exhibit 5 - Phase 1 Park Improvement Diagrams

Exhibit 6 – Notice of Hearing - Publication

Exhibit 7 – Resolution

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