



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

**#21-0487**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** June 1, 2021

**TITLE:** Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Five-Year Agreement with the School Board of Broward County for Reciprocal Use of City Parks and School Board Facilities in the City - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a five-year agreement with the School Board of Broward County (SBBC) for Reciprocal use of City parks and School Board Facilities across the City.

**Background**

The City owns and operates a number of public parks with facilities located in the City of Fort Lauderdale, which are suitable for use by the SBBC for its educational, recreational and training programs. The City agrees to allow the SBBC use of City parks, excluding those facilities in which the City has an existing license of lease agreement with SBBC, on such days and at such times as are mutually agreed upon by the Director of Parks and Recreation or designee. The City agrees to waive any and all rental fees associated with the SBBC's use of City facilities. The facilities are to be used by the SBBC solely for educational, recreational and training purposes, which are an integral part of the Public Educational Program of Broward County, and for no other purpose whatsoever without the prior written consent of the City.

SBBC owns, operates and maintains elementary, middle, high and technical schools, sites, athletic fields and training facilities located in the City of Fort Lauderdale that may be suitable for use by neighbors and the City may desire to place its recreational programs, special functions, training programs, homeowners association and community meetings, at the sites.

SBBC agrees to allow City use of SBBC owned facilities in the City of Fort Lauderdale on such days and at such times as are mutually agreed upon by the Superintendent or his/her designee and the City Manager or his/her designee. The SBBC agrees to waive any and all rental fees associated with the City's use of SBBC facilities.

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends approval of a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a five-year agreement with the School Board of Broward County (SBBC) for the shared use of City parks and School Board owned facilities in the City.

Authorization for the execution of the event agreements is contingent upon the City Attorney's Office receiving and approving a validly executed agreement.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**Strategic Connections**

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

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Building a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: 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*.

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Reciprocal Use Agreement

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