



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CRA BOARD MEETING

#21-0665

TO: CRA Chairman & Board of Commissioners
Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, Executive Director

DATE: September 9, 2021

TITLE: Motion Approving an Agreement in an Amount Not to Exceed \$163,870 for Design Plans and Post Design Services with ACAI Associates, Inc. for Provident Park Improvements at 1412 Sistrunk Boulevard - **(Commission District 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners approve a Motion to approve an agreement for plan design and permitting services with ACAI Associates, Inc., which will include development review, schematic design, design development, construction documents, and contract administration, for improvements in Provident Park, located at 1412 Sistrunk Boulevard, in an amount not to exceed \$163,870. Based on the preliminary construction estimate, the total project cost will not exceed the CCNA threshold of \$4 million, exclusive of the design costs, and will not have to be bid out as a full project. Under the Provident Park Improvement Project, renovations will be made to the existing park, as well as new features added.

Background

Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights (NPF) CRA staff introduced its proposal for the improvement of Provident Park at the November 12, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting (Exhibit 5). ACAI Associates, Inc., a City-approved architectural firm providing the architectural services for this project, was procured from the City's continuing services contract list. The proposed upgrades within the park will include monuments to honor the neighborhood's historical significance, interactive water splash pads, improved walking trails, an amphitheater/bandstand, new restrooms, and landscape designs. Provident Park is located in the heart of the Sistrunk Corridor and across from the new YMCA. It is currently not used much by the community, but with certain improvements, it could become an enjoyable landmark. In addition to honoring the Trailblazers and the Pioneers with historically and culturally significant monuments, the improvements are also designed to make it inviting to both residents and visitors alike. All age groups will be able to enjoy the park's new features at any time of day. The amphitheater/bandstand will bring new life to the neighborhood, as people will have a space to relish in musical and theatrical performances that will bring neighbors and visitors together. A splash pad will be an inviting feature for children, who will be drawn to play and interact in nature and

enjoy outdoor activities. The walking trails and new landscape will invite neighbors to enjoy everything the park has to offer, exercise, and re-connect.

As the area continues to grow and experience an economic upswing, established and new residents will look for enjoyable and relaxing activities after restaurant visits or shopping trips in the area. The visitors to the new YMCA might also look for an additional space to exercise or relax. The upgraded park will be a child friendly environment that will also highlight the history and heritage of the community.

Enjoyable outdoor activities enhance neighborhood safety, contribute to a vibrant environment in the neighborhood, and create community. Moreover, outdoor venues contribute to the reduction of crime and blight and help reinforce investments made in housing and other redevelopment efforts. The CRA should continue funding cultural improvements throughout the CRA that benefit the area.

The project is consistent with the NPF CRA Community Redevelopment Plan which provides for direct physical improvements to enhance the overall environment, improve the quality of life and attract sound business and commercial development that provide employment and job opportunities. CRA staff therefore recommends partial funding for the design plans for the Provident Park Improvement Project from the Capital Improvement funds, not to exceed \$163,870.

Resource Impact

Funds for this transaction are available in the account listed below.

Funds available as of July 19, 2021					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUBOBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
347-12621.347-6599	Provident Park Improvements	Capital Outlay/Construction	\$914,336	\$914,336	\$163,870
TOTAL ►					\$163,870

Strategic Connections

1. This item is a 2021 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.
2. This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:
 - The Public Places Focus Area
 - Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
 - Objective: Enhance the City's identity through public art, well-maintained green spaces, and streetscapes

3. This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Here.
4. This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan, specifically advancing:
 - The Public Places Focus Area
 - The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element
 - Goal1: Be a community where persons of all ages are able to partake in a fun and healthy lifestyle.
 - Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Location Map

Exhibit 2 - Broward County Property Appraiser Information

Exhibit 3 - CRA Proposal for Provident Park Improvements

Exhibit 4 - ACAI Associates, Inc. Proposal with Fee Breakdown for the Design Costs

Exhibit 5 - NPF CRA Advisory Board Approved Minutes of November 12, 2019

Exhibit 6 - NPF CRA Advisory Board Approved Minutes of June 8, 2021

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