



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

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TITLE: Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update -
(Commission District 2)

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide updates on the 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. There are ten (10) months remaining before the Beach Community Redevelopment Area (“CRA”) sunsets on September 30, 2020.

Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project

The new Oceanside Park located at Las Olas Boulevard and SR A1A was opened to the public on October 30, 2019. The City hosted the “Light up the Beach” holiday lighting ceremony in the park on November 26, 2019. However, the park does not have final completion. There are remaining base scope items to be completed, and final punch list work items to be completed in the park. The precast seatwall installation and landscape installation is ongoing. Minor decorative lighting and electrical work needs to be completed. The shade canopy needs final touchup, waterproofing, and painting. The hardscape (pavers and concrete) need a final clean and sealing. The South Intracoastal Parking lot closed on April 22, 2019 and Phase II work at the new South Intracoastal Park is underway. The civil utility work is ongoing, and the hardscape pours around the perimeter of the park are mostly completed. The boat show took possession of this park on October 1, 2019 to begin preparation for the Boat Show and finished demobilizing on November 14, 2019. The park’s final hardscape, site grading, irrigation, sod, and landscaping will be installed by January 2020.

There is some remaining roadway work to complete. The final lift of asphalt needs to be installed on Las Olas Circle, Almond Avenue, Las Olas Boulevard, SR A1A, and Seabreeze Boulevard. The asphalt will be milled, and the final lift of asphalt and roadway striping will be installed.

SR A1A Beach Streetscape Improvement Project

The design plans are at 100%. The design team submitted permits to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Florida Department of Environmental

Protection for approval. Staff is targeting 1st Quarter 2020 to begin construction on this 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 FDOT through a joint participation agreement (JPA). The FDOT funding will pay for the construction costs of the pedestrian lights from the northern Beach CRA boundary up to Sunrise Boulevard.

FDOT has required that the JPA be executed before the project can be bid. Staff anticipates to advertise bid documents by 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”) for final sign off in November 2019. Suntex is advancing the construction drawings while responding to the DRC comments. Suntex will submit final federal, state, and county permits in December 2019. Suntex submitted an amendment to the ground lease agreement at the December 3, 2019 Regular Commission Agenda.

DC Alexander Park Project

The drawing concepts and a design task order were approved by the CRA Board of Commissioners and the City Commission at both the July 9, 2019 CRA Board Meeting and Regular City Commission Meeting. The design team advanced the schematic design and presented updated concepts at a November 15, 2019 joint Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board and Parks and Beaches Advisory Board meeting. Both boards had a quorum and unanimously voted to advance the updated concepts. The design team is moving forward with detailed design and incorporating comments from the joint board meeting.

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 successfully completed, and light demolition has begun. Primary power electrical installation is complete. Florida Power and Light (FPL) are scheduled to decommission the existing onsite electrical vaults in December 2019. Decommissioning the vaults will allow final demolition to be completed and open the site up to more construction activities. After final demolition occurs, sheet pile installation will begin around the competition pool and the proposed dive pool and dewatering activities will follow behind.

City Staff is exploring additional scope items for the project which include a 27-Meter Dive Tower and Athlete Locker Room Renovations. Hensel Phelps is working on design concepts for the 27-Meter dive tower and pricing the concepts.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Progress Photographs

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