

From the desk of STEVEN GLASSMAN

Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner, District 2



April Newsletter

Sailing Forward – Commission Approves Final Las Olas Marina Agenda Items for Next Steps

Tourism and the marine industry are the two major economic engines of Fort Lauderdale, and we have come a long way in the over two decades of discussion regarding the publicly owned land on the barrier island just north of the Las Olas Blvd. Bridge.

In 2003 and in 2014, as a neighborhood activist, I fought the massive proposals from Palazzo and LOMMXD that were 1M+ sq. ft. and 600K+ sq. feet. The colossal project scale and lack of open space is why I stood with my neighbors and opposed the giveaways to the developers.

The prior Commission approved a 50-year lease agreement with Suntex Marina in 2017. After being elected in 2018, I picked up the baton and for 16 months, I worked directly with the developer, Suntex Marina, along with immediate and nearby neighbors, to address their concerns and find creative solutions and alternatives to mitigate the impact of the project. My July 2019 Newsletter summarizes all the changes that were made to help the surrounding neighbors and creating a world-class facility that will deliver hundreds of millions of dollars to Fort Lauderdale.

At this past Tuesday's meeting, the Commission approved multiple items that will allow for Suntex to work with the State for their final approvals and anticipates taking occupancy of the site this summer. Below is a summary of the Marina related approvals:

Pump Station Agreement

As part of the approved site plan, Suntex is required to relocate pump station D-31, which the city has identified as needing major rehabilitation or replacement and will have Las Olas SMI complete the work as part of their relocation efforts. The City will fund the cost of the pump station replacement components, estimated at \$2,500,000, and Suntex is responsible for the cost associated with relocating the pump station and underground pipe infrastructure.



Turn Lane Agreement

As part of the approved site plan, I insisted that Suntex be required to modify the intersection of Las Olas Circle at Birch Road to create a dedicated turning lane. This turn lane will allow people to get out of the garage and head north without getting caught at the bridge. The cost is capped at \$200,000.



Marina Trailer Agreement

To maximize the available space, Las Olas SMI, LLC will lease the Marina Facilities Trailer to serve as their primary construction office. The Marina Facilities Trailer is near the Demised Premise, and City staff will be vacating the trailer once Las Olas SMI, LLC takes control of the Las Olas Marina operations. The License Agreement is proposed for two (2) years, with a 90-day transitional period allowing for immediate termination, and one year renewal options. The agreement requires that Las Olas SMI, LLC make End of Agreement improvements which includes the demobilization of the trailer and restoration to the park area. The annual cost of the License Agreement is \$2,400 with End of Agreement improvements valued at \$25,000.



Amended and Restated Release of Deed Restriction and Reverter Agreement

As part of the State of Florida's review process, the following agreement modifications were identified for the State to formally approve the Las Olas Marina project: 1) Add recitals reflecting the evolving redevelopment plans for the site over the last 30 years to establish the context for the Restated Agreement; 2) Revise the percentage of revenues received by City for lease of the Lot which are payable to the State as set forth in the FDEP Action (15% of lease revenues on uplands and 6% of lease revenues on excavated submerged portion of fee lot); 3) Add a minimum rent component guaranteeing \$110,000 to be received by State, but such minimum rent guarantee only in effect after a Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the marina redevelopment.

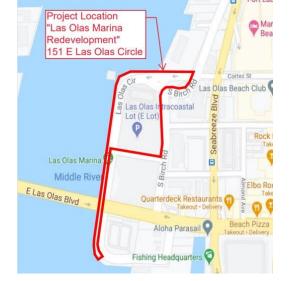
Procurement Waiver

City staff recommends waiving the procurement rules to allow Las Olas SMI to serve as the overall project manager for the Marina, including the pump station and the dedicated turn lane. This will ensure a cohesive and timely implementation and incorporate these two projects into the larger development effort.

Right of Way Closures

The proposed closures are being requested as a safety measure for pedestrians and motorists due to the limitations of the site and proximity of construction to the right-of-way. It is also necessary to raise the marina side to meet the elevation of the garage and accommodate the undergrounding of utilities. The temporary right-of-way closure timeframe for the five overlapping construction phases will be up to twenty-four (24) months. The developer will provide notice of the right-of-way closures by certified mail return receipt requested to the neighborhood associations and business associations officially recognized by the City. The developer will also send regular mail notice of the right-of-way closures to business owners and residential property owners within a five hundred (500) foot radius of the project.

Click here for detour plan



As this project gets underway, we look forward to all stakeholders coming together as a team to ensure a smooth process and as few disruptions to our neighbors as possible. We plan on working together with the surrounding neighborhoods in the coming weeks and months to make sure everyone is fully informed and engaged in the process. Additionally, coordinating construction schedules with our special events, such as the Boat Show and the Tortuga Music Festival, is a top priority so that attendees can still enjoy our events while we continue to move forward on Marina construction.

Meanwhile, Suntex has been a fantastic partner. While they only committed to spending \$19 million on the marina during the RFP process, they have now committed to spent \$50+ million dollars on this project. If you have any questions or concerns for them, please feel free to reach out to our Suntex representative, Eric Metz, at 213-814-8829 or <u>emetz@metzreg.com</u>.

Public Input Virtual Meetings

The City of Fort Lauderdale is pleased to expand the availability of park space for the mutual benefit of schools and the community through an innovative partnership with Broward County Public Schools. The Fort Lauderdale Parks Bond will support improvements to select school recreational areas for the benefit of the community and joint use by the school and surrounding neighborhood.

Love this concept and pushed hard for it as it only makes sense. Was so pleased to attend the opening of the first joint-use park at Bennet Elementary School in Poinsettia Heights – a great success!

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	DATE	TIME	SCHOOL PROJECT
	April 28	5:30 p.m.	Virginia Shuman Young Elementary School
	April 28	6:30 p.m.	Sunrise Middle School
	April 29	5:30 p.m.	Stephen Foster Elementary School
	April 29	6:30 p.m.	Westwood Heights Elementary School
	May 3	5:30 p.m.	Stranahan High School
	May 3	6:30 p.m.	Rock Island Elementary School
	May 5	5:30 p.m.	Thurgood Marshall Elementary School
	May 5	6:30 p.m.	Dillard (6-12)
	May 6	5:30 p.m.	Croissant Park Elementary School
	May 6	6:30 p.m.	North Fork Elementary School
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Please see below for the latest updates on this year's City Commission goals





Solid Foundation Series FREE VIRTUAL WEBINARS

The City of Fort Lauderdale's BEAMs program will begin the Solid Foundation series April 2021. The initial series will feature four parts, in which new and existing businesses are provided nuggets of useful information to be successful in their first year. If the student successfully completes the series, they will be issued a certificate and businesses success kit from the City's Economic and Community Investment (ECI) Division.

SOLID FOUNDATION SERIES WEBINARS:

April 26 | 6:00 PM Creating a Business Plan

May 3 | 6:00 PM Sourcing Capital for Your Small Business May 10 | 6:00 PM

Grow Your Sales Skills, Grow Your Business

May 17 | 6:00 PM Business Roundtable

SCORE /// Broward

The City's ECI Division has partnered with a local Broward County organization SCORE Broward. SCORE is nationwide nonprofit organization with over 300 Chapters, serving to build a more resilient entrepreneurial community and economy.

Learn More: ftlcity.info/solidfoundation2021



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Want to start or grow your business in Fort Lauderdale? Email us to schedule a consultation.

Economic and Community Investment 100 N. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 Phone: 954-828-6350 Email: <u>economicdevelopment@fortlauderdale.gov</u>

We have the following Board Vacancies below. Please email Nancy Fry <u>nfry@fortlauderdale.gov</u> if you are interested in serving on a Fort Lauderdale City Board.

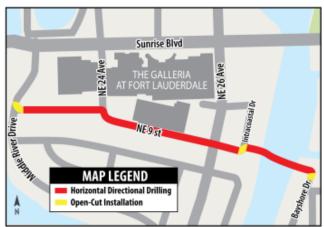
Central City Redevelopment Code Enforcement Community Appearance Community Services Aviation Education Infrastructure

Boards and Committees Information



BAYSHORE DRIVE INTRACOASTAL FORCE MAIN CROSSING REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The City of Fort Lauderdale and DBE Utility Services will be replacing approximately 3,300 feet of 18-inch sewer force main with new 20-inch high-density polyethylene pipe (HDPE) in your neighborhood. The work will start along NE 9 Street and Middle River Drive, continue beneath the Intracoastal Waterway, and end at Bayshore Drive and Vistamar Street. The City will also be installing a stormwater tidal valve on NE 9 Street at Intracoastal Drive to reduce effects of flooding in the area. The improvements being made as part of this project will increase the reliability of the transmission system and reduce flooding in the area.



Construction will begin in late April 2021 and be completed in August 2021. Work will take place Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience and cooperation as we strive to upgrade our sewer and stormwater system.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Most of the replacement force main will be installed through horizontal directional drilling, a trenchless method that reduces construction impacts to the surrounding community. However, some portions will be constructed using the open-cut method.

Temporary road closures will be required along NE 9 Street between Middle River Drive and NE 24 Avenue and at intersection of NE 9 Street and Intracoastal Drive. Please follow posted signs and drive with caution in the area. The contractor will work with neighbors to maintain access to individual properties.

If you have any questions, please contact the project community outreach team at 877-436-0207 or <u>info@dickeyinc.com</u>. Alternatively, please use the City's Lauderserv app or call 954-828-8000 to reach our 24-Hour Neighbor Service Center.

If you would like this publication in an alternate format, please call (954) 828-4755 or email strategiccommunications@fortlauderdale.gov.



Construction is expected to be completed in August 2021. Dickey Consulting is the communications consultant on this project.

The team at Dickey Consulting has scheduled a public meeting for next Thursday, April 29 at 6 p.m. They've provided the following meeting details:

Join Zoom Meeting: <u>zoom.us/j/5925113933?</u> pwd=bnFnVEhzeUg3R3NKLzB5c2o3Vk56UT09 Meeting ID: 592 511 3933 Passcode: Sff15Z



Changes are Coming Soon to the City's Free Community Shuttle Service

This summer, the City of Fort Lauderdale will be introducing a series of new features to our free community shuttle service to enhance the service's quality, safety, and ridership experience:

· New name and look as part of a rebranding effort

New vehicles equipped with an air filtration system to provide better interior air quality
 New user-friendly mobile app that passengers can use for trip planning and tracking shuttle locations in real-time

Fort Lauderdale's community shuttle service is in the midst of a transformation. Over the past few months, we have transitioned to temporary vehicles and updated the service to provide access along Broward County Transit routes with fixed stops and schedules.

These improvements demonstrate our commitment to our riders and a key component of

that is open communication. If you have any questions, concerns, or additional ideas, please call 954-828-8000 or email <u>transportation@fortlauderdale.gov</u>. We look forward to hearing from you!

For more information about our community shuttle service, please visit <u>www.fortlauderdale.gov/communityshuttle</u>.



EMERGENCY RENT ASSISTANCE

A new Broward County program can pay up to 12 months in past due rent and utilities if renters have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Broward County Commission has launched an Emergency Rental Assistance program for residents who have been impacted by Covid-19 and meet certain income requirements. This Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), which provides the County with \$53 million in U.S. Treasury Department funds, is different than previous programs offered, so even if renters were not qualified for, or elected not to participate in, other rental assistance programs, they should take a moment to review this new assistance.

ERAP provides up to 12 months of past

due rent and utility payments (back to March 13, 2020) for low-income rental households that have experienced financial hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, eligible households can receive up to three months of future payments if needed to ensure housing stability, and if funds are available.

Tenants and landlords must work together to participate in the program, and funds will be paid directly to landlords/rental management companies and utility providers. The county has made various resources available to assist in the application process, including local intake centers where help is offered in person, as well as a call center staffed with multilingual English/Spanish/Haitian Creole professionals from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Applications are now being accepted!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Thomasina Turner • (954) 828-4617 @FTLVILLAGEDIST FORTLAUDERDALECRA.com



GAMING & ESPORTS **SPEAKER SPEAKER SERIES** WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 6:30 -7:45 PM

Parents of gamers and gaming enthusiasts, join us for an open discussion about gaming and esports with industry leaders.

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION Meeting URL: ftlcity.info/esports4-28-21 Meeting ID: 161 458 5440



AUPLIFT THLETICS

INTRODUCING 2021 FORT LAUDERDALE FITNESS & EXOTIC CARS SHOWCASE EVENT

LUXSSO AUTO STUDIO

FEATURING: •Fitness & Lifestyle Brands •Fitness Influencers •Live DJ •Fashion Show •Food Trucks •Fitness obstacle course •Giveaway Prizes

MAY15¹¹,2021

2 PM – 6 PM | 1227 NE 9th Avenue Fort Lauderdale FL 33304



EVENT PARTNERS:



COVID-19 Update

All individuals age 18 and older are now eligible to receive any COVID-19 vaccine, and those 16 years of age and older will be eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine.

Vaccine Eligibility (April 5th):

- Pfizer Vaccine- 16 years and older
- J&J Vaccine- 18 years and older
- Moderna Vaccine- 18 years and older

Floridians are encouraged to pre-register a<u>twww.myvaccine.fl.gov</u>. Once pre-registered, they'll be contacted when the vaccine is available in their area.

Florida Department of Health	Broward County Hospitals	Federal Retail Pharmacy Program	Florida Department of Emergency Management
myvaccine.fl.gov 866-201-6313 833-476-1526 (TTY) See Site Locations Below	Participating Hospitals	 CVS Publix Sam's Club Walgreen's Walmart Winn Dixie 	In-home Vaccinations for Homebound Residents Complete the Survey Call 866-779-6121 for assistance completing the survey Or email: homeboundvaccine@em.myflorida.com



HISTORY Fort Lauderdale



The Plane! The Plane!

U.S. Navy Blue Angels flying high!

https://fortlauderdaleairshow.com/

NSU ART MUSEUM FORT LAUDERDALE FORT LAUDERDALE NEIGHB R DAY

Fort Lauderdale residents receive FREE admission to NSU Art Museum on Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Days

Now on view: Iké Udé': Select Portraits, The World of Anna Sui, I Paint My Reality: Surrealism in Latin America, Eric N. Mack: Lemme walk across the room, William J. Glackens from Pencil to Paint, visit the Museum Cafe (outdoor dining only) and Store and receive 10% off books published by NSU Art Museum.

For free admission, residents must show a photo ID, driver's license or residential utility bill with proof of Fort Lauderdale address.

Next Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Days:

- Sunday, April 25
- Sunday, May 30
- Sunday, June 27
- Sunday, July 25
- Sunday, August 29

Historic Sailboat Bend is our City's oldest neighborhood and it was a pleasure to join the civic association along with our top-notch Transportation and Mobility staff. Always a spirited meeting!





Holiday Park is abuzz with activity! Many months of meetings with the surrounding neighborhoods and the Florida Panthers produced a plan for War Memorial Auditorium that won easy approval at the City Commission. In particular, I want to thank the residents of Victoria Park for their input and patience as the Park has been used as a staging area for infrastructure work, COVID-19 testing and vaccination, renovations on Parker Playhouse, and now the Auditorium and Parks Bond improvements. The finished product will be spectacular. For more than two years, the Las Olas Mobility Working Group has worked on a cohesive plan for the entire Las Olas corridor - Andrews Avenue to the beach. Thank you to my co-chair Commissioner Sorensen, the stakeholders, TAM staff and the Corradino Group. Lots of terrific input, not everyone always agreeing, and the Commission will weigh in one more time on May 4. Still some tweaking to do and planning for the next steps.

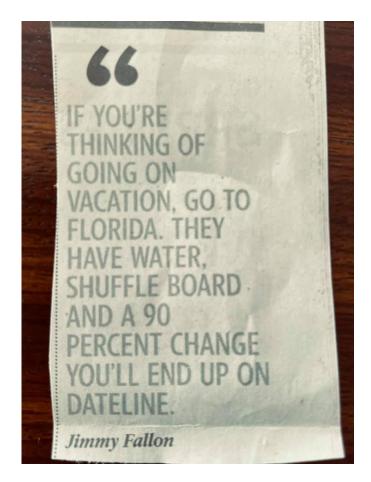






The modernist and award-winning Fire Prevention Bureau building (1983) was designed by well-known local architect Donald Singer. It sits beautifully on Lake Melva in Poinsettia Heights with the rear of the structure jutting out over the water.

The City Commission is moving forward with leasing the site to Fire Fighters Union Local 765; the much needed TLC is just around the corner. I wanted to get some photos before renovations begin and was led to the sight by this adorable family near the water's edge.



Sometimes, you just have to laugh. But come on, Miami Herald editors/proofreaders!

News Articles

COVID in Florida: 'We have a small window' to get coronavirus under control

Let's Go, South Florida: Get your beer buzz, food fix and art appreciation at Sistrunk Marketplace

Florida reports 4,671 and 36 additional COVID deaths

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions & Informational Links



The greatness of our community starts with passionate citizens like you.

Please do not hesitate to contact our District 2 Outreach Coordinator, Celia Gisleson, with any questions, comments or thoughtful suggestions cgisleson@fortlauderdale.gov or 954-828-5923.

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