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Updates from City Commission Meetings

The City of Fort Lauderdale is hosting City Commission meetings in-person at City Hall located at 100 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. If any person wishes to address the City Commission, the person shall sign up in the City Hall lobby using the City Clerk's iPad. The public can listen to and view City Commission meetings on [FLTV](#), [YouTube](#), Comcast Channel 78, and AT&T U-verse Channel 99. To learn more about City Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.gov/citycommissionmeetings.

In case you missed them, the following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. The video is available at youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale and the vote summary will be available later this week at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

City Commission Discusses Planned Development District Height Amendment

Staff updated the City Commission about a public outreach effort that took place from June to October 2022 on the topic of increasing the maximum height limit of the Planned Development District. Staff contacted all recognized civic associations and the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations and followed up with a presentation that included a historical overview and summary of the ordinance, design-related requirements, and a request for input and the position of each group. After hearing additional feedback from the public during the meeting, the City Commission agreed to not take further action regarding the proposed amendment. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3E19buu.

City Commission Signals Support to Name Street in Honor of Coach Marcia S. Pinder

The City Commission heard a request for a secondary street naming for a segment of NW 24th Avenue between Sunrise Boulevard and Panther Lane in honor of Coach Marcia S. Pinder. The street leads up to Dillard High School, where Mrs. Pinder served as the girls' basketball coach for 44 seasons. Coach Pinder passed away in June 2021 after a storied tenure that ended with her as the winningest basketball coach in Florida high school history. Coach Pinder was the recipient of the [2019 City of Fort Lauderdale Citizen of the Year](#) award for her years of dedication and service to the residents of Fort Lauderdale. At the direction of the City Commission, staff will move forward with implementing this request as a City initiative, which will require City Commission approval at a future meeting. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3DQQxoZ.

City Commission Hears an Update about the Aquatic Complex

Staff provided an update about the newly renovated Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex. The facility has been open on a limited programming basis since September 12, 2022, and the

expected final completion date for the \$47 million renovation project is scheduled for December 2022. In October, the City received a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the South Building and a Certificate of Occupancy for the base project. Staff expects an official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the complex for the month of December 2022. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3DQ8X9e.

Fire Rescue Proposes the Formation of an EMS Advisory Committee

Fire Rescue staff outlined the potential structure, goals, and objectives for creating an EMS Advisory Committee. The proposed seven-member committee would serve in an advisory role to provide community-driven feedback to support public safety and review industry standards and department performance measures, among other responsibilities. The City Commission noted that the committee would be a valuable avenue to tap community feedback. A resolution to approve formation of the committee, initially advocated by Commissioner Glassman, will be brought to the City Commission at a future meeting. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3zv4rdB.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING

City Commission Approves a \$1.5 Million Loan for Gallery Development at FAT Village

The Community Redevelopment Agency Board approved a \$1.5 million Development Incentive Program Loan for the Gallery at FAT Village Project, located at 600 N. Andrews Avenue. The nearly \$67 million development project is a mixed-use, mixed-income development that will feature 195 residential units, including 150 affordable and workforce housing units, retail space, and parking. The applicant is seeking to increase the total unit count through the City's process. The Board noted the desire to increase the availability of housing at affordable rates in the City while acknowledging concerns about the number of market-rate units in the development, project delays and increased costs. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3FAmaEo.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Commission Approves Motion to Move Forward with Pickleball Facility

The City Commission approved a motion to enter into an agreement with My Park Initiative, LLC, to design, construct, operate, and maintain a pickleball facility on the southwest corner of Snyder Park, located at 3299 SW 4th Avenue. The complex will include up to 40 pickleball courts, tournament facilities, a restaurant, and other recreational amenities. The Commission noted that this public-private partnership would create an amenity for the entire city and provide recreational programs similar to those made available at other City parks. The Commission also encouraged additional public outreach to solicit input from the community. City staff will add language to the agreement that will allow the future City Commission and City Manager to review and weigh in on the proposed rate structure for public use of the facility. The proposal also includes a redevelopment opportunity of the NOVA site, north of Snyder Park, to be rehabilitated for City Parks and Recreation operations. Under the proposal, the City

will reimburse My Park Initiative, LLC, up to \$1 million for the construction of rehabilitated facilities at the NOVA site. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3SXcRI8.

City Commission Approves a Resolution for an Affordable Housing Loan

The City Commission approved a resolution for a \$600,000 affordable housing loan to Related FATVillage, LLC, for the Gallery at FAT Village project, located at 600 N. Andrews Avenue. These funds complement the \$1.5 million loan approved by the Community Redevelopment Agency Board. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3gYvDLA.

City Commission Approves a Resolution Opposing Conversion Therapy on Minors

The City Commission approved a resolution stating its opposition to conversion therapy on minors. As stated in the resolution, the City Commission believes that conversion therapy on minors is potentially harmful to the physical and psychological well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning persons, and noted that research demonstrates that efforts to change or influence sexual orientation and gender identity pose health risks to the LGBTQ community. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3TbPCUF.

City Commission Adopts Ordinance for Food and Beverage Consumption on the Beach

The City Commission approved an ordinance on second reading to allow Fort Lauderdale Beach hoteliers to offer food and beverage service, including alcohol, on the beach to their guests and members of the public who are renting chairs from the City's concessionaire. The City Commission noted that ordinance states that the hotels serving patrons on the beach will monitor alcohol consumption and clean up afterwards to ensure proper maintenance and conduct of patrons on the beach. Additionally, the City Commission expressed that the ordinance is an attempt, through a measured and controlled process, to bring the use of alcohol onto the beach for a period of one year. The City Commission noted that the language of the ordinance will be reviewed and possibly amended to include hotels along Breakers Avenue. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3DSfQaf.

City Commission Votes to Accept Donation for Tunnel Top Plaza Art Project

Following an update from staff during the City Commission Conference Meeting, the City Commission voted in favor of accepting a donation of \$5 million worth of artwork from the James Winder Laird Trust to commission, purchase, install, and maintain the public art at Tunnel Top Park. The first two projects for the Arts Park, totaling approximately \$1 million, were highlighted in a presentation for the City Commission. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3DSlicU.

More Information

For more information on the November 1, 2022, Commission meetings, visit fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Upcoming City Commission Meetings

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meetings will take place on Tuesday, November 15, 2022.