



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 20-076

Date: August 14, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Re: Parks Bond Update

On May 5, 2020, the contract awarding AECOM as our Program Manager for implementing the Parks Bond initiative was approved. Attached is an update on the status of their initial work as they begin community outreach for each park to be improved throughout the City.

If you have any questions please contact Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Director at 954-828-4349 or PThornburg@fortlauderdale.gov

Attachment – AECOM Parks Project Status

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**Project name: City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks Projects**

Project ref: N/A

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Date:
August 12, 2020

To:
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City of Fort Lauderdale

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Overview

The purpose of this program is to implement the community aspirations based on the values and expressed needs and priorities for the parks and recreation system as defined within the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan (PRSMP). The needs and priorities identified within the PRSMP were based on extensive, equitable public input, the acceptance of the Plan by the City Commission and ultimately the vote of the City residents on funding the program through a General Obligation Bond (GOB). The purpose of the planning and design efforts within this program are to translate the intent of those community expressed needs and priorities into a series of physical projects that meet the intent of the community, Commission and park bond program. Program goals and objectives include:

Goals

- a. Transparency: Our communication to the community throughout the program must be open, transparent and inclusive. We must not have any perception that decisions are being made without full transparency.
- b. Equity: Program efforts should strive to deliver projects across the City in a fair and equitable way, irrespective of other factors.
- c. Efficiency: Every effort should be made to seek to maximize the benefit to the community of the monies that have been entrusted to us. Design and construction projects should be organized toward this end and extensive efforts need to be made to leverage those funds through other potential funding sources.
- d. Seamlessness: All projects need to be evaluated and organized to work in concert with parallel City efforts.
- e. Coordination: All projects should seek to work in coordination with other public and private developments planned during the program term.

Objectives

- a. Safe
- b. High Quality
- c. Accessible
- d. Branding
- e. Recognition as a great place to live, work, and play

- f. Sustainable / Resilient
- g. Conserve Natural Resources
- h. Promote Social Cohesion
- i. Encourage health and well being

Project Update

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently working in cooperation with AECOM the awarded program manager, to quickly advance the Parks Bond program. The team is aware of the community desire for active involvement in the design process as well as the eagerness to advance the projects as expeditiously as possible. We are currently in the process of the project start up that includes the development of:

- Staff and Stakeholder Meetings
- Public Engagement Plan
- Park Data Inventory Development
- Park Improvement Diagrams (based on initial input from the previously completed parks system master)
- Program Prioritization and Management Plan
- Grant Identification Services
- Project Dashboard and Website
- Project GIS Coordination Plan
- Task Order development for signature and tranche 1 parks
- Coordination with InterMiami and its consultants on the cooperative development of Lockhart Park and Community Center

The project team will be moving next to develop:

- Virtual Public Involvement Platform inclusive of all graphics and background information for neighborhood input
- District Commissioners engagement
- Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board engagement
- Other stakeholder engagement