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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: July 25, 2014

SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FLAMINGO PARK MASTER PLAN**

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 15-06/07, Resolution No. 2007-26609 was adopted on September 05, 2007 approving the execution of an Agreement with Wolfberg Alvarez and Partners for Professional Architecture and Engineering Services for the Flamingo Park Project. Wolfberg Alvarez and Partners (WA) was retained to prepare a Master Plan for the Flamingo Park facility on March 27, 2008.

On August 6, 2008, the Consultant conducted a community design charrette, wherein five various design options for the Flamingo Park Master Plan was presented. Input from the community was obtained and the Consultant developed two (2) additional Master Plan options, and subsequently presented several options during the November 6, 2008 Community Design Workshop (CDW).

The City Commission approved "Option L" of the Master Plan at its September 09, 2009 Commission meeting and the Basis of Design Report (BODR) was issued November 2009. The Flamingo Park Master Plan was approved at the Historic Preservation Board meeting of November 7, 2010.

The elements included in the Master Plan were designed based on the community feedback that was provided back in 2008. Some of the key improvements outlined in the approved Master Plan consist of the following (a sketch of the Master Plan is provided as Attachment A):

- Reclamation of the park area resulting from the relocation of the Property Management Facility off site
- New Tennis Facility
- Football Field/Track renovation to include artificial grass surface, remodeling of concession and box office building and new lighting
- Baseball field renovation with lighting upgrade, new batting cages with storm drainage, and ADA upgrades to stadium seating
- Restroom renovations, inclusive of plumbing fixtures and accessories replacement
- New park entrance features
- Enhanced pedestrian/bike paths
- New interactive water feature
- Pedestrian lighting enhancement
- Park-wide signage
- Landscaping and irrigation
- Enhancing the Dog Park with new landscaping, shade trees and equipment for both small and large dogs
- Restoration of the existing Lodge House
- Demolition of the Friendship Corner Building

- Community garden and landscaping
- Drainage improvements
- Removal and replacement of fences throughout the park
- Demolition of the Robert C. Hass handball court building and replace with 8 new one-wall handball courts
- Improvements to the Joe Rubin handball courts
- Construction of a new centrally located restroom facility to conveniently serve the new dog park, new skate park and existing basketball courts

The design and construction of a new tennis center was completed in June 2012. A new state-of-the-art football field/track was completed in September 2013. In December 2013, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2014-28449 amending the professional services agreement with Wolfberg Alvarez to provide professional services that include planning, design, permitting, bid/award, construction administration and project closeout, including a phasing plan for the construction and restoration of all amenities to facilitate continued park use by its patrons.

The Administration believes that there is an opportunity to revisit the Flamingo Park Master Plan in order to ensure that the design elements are consistent with the current needs and desires of the community. For example when the Master Plan was designed, the soccer and softball fields were in good condition and therefore, the Master Plan did not contemplate any renovations to the fields. However, five years have passed and there now is a need to renovate these fields. The approved Master Plan also provides for the restoration/rebuild of twelve handball courts. Based on the use of the existing handball courts, the proposed number of courts may be excessive. Reducing the amount of handball courts could provide opportunity to add other elements into the Plan, including reconsideration of a skate park that was initially proposed as part of the Master Plan but was subsequently removed pursuant to the recommendation of the Land Use and Development Committee at their November 22, 2010 meeting. In addition, the City has been charged with proactively addressing stormwater flooding issues. Should there be a desire to revisit the Master Plan, there is a potential opportunity to include underground stormwater storage within the Park.

CONCLUSION

Wolfberg Alvarez will be providing a presentation on the Flamingo Park Master Plan at the July 25, 2014 Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee (NCAC) meeting. The Administration seeks direction from the NCAC on whether or not the Flamingo Park Master Plan should continue as planned or should be revisited in order to incorporate elements into the plan that satisfy the current needs of the community.


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Attachment

