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March 27, 2019

Neil DeJesus, Acting Interim City Manager  
City of Delray Beach  
100 N. W. 1st Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33444

Subject: Delray Full Service Center  
Formerly the Historic Carver High School

Dear Mr. DeJesus:

The current Delray Full Service Center campus, formerly the historic Carver High School, consists of 14 buildings, with several constructed between 1957-1961 and the remainder in the mid-1970's. Over the years, the campus has fallen into disrepair, causing the cost of rehabilitation to far exceed the current assessed value of the campus. Projects funded by the 2016 voter-approved one cent sales tax referendum include \$10 million to redevelop the facility as an adult education center.

The Delray Adult Education Center project will support the community by creating an education center that not only educates but supports community wealth-building. The project involves the demolition of all buildings on campus, except the existing gymnasium facility (Building #11) which will be transformed into an auditorium and cultural facility. Should remodeling the gymnasium not be technically feasible, the cafeteria building (#12) will instead be remodeled to function as an auditorium. The project also includes construction of a 20,000 square foot multipurpose adult education training facility.

The plan for reconstruction of Delray Full Service Center involved several public community meetings beginning in July 2017, then April 2018, and most recently in February 2019. The Village Center planning group also met at least 6 times between June 2018 and February 2019 to fine tune the expectations of the facility and educational programs. The adult programs will offer high wage/high demand career studies, such as medical, information/computer technology, and construction trades. District staff also met with the City Manager and CRA Director to discuss and coordinate plans for the campus and other community facility needs.

To pay homage to the history of Carver High School, the School District proposes to restore and repurpose the historic gymnasium, install a historical marker on the campus, and display significant historical artifacts within the public areas of the campus buildings.

March 25, 2019

SUBJECT: DELRAY FULL SERVICE CENTER

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The District has received approval from the Florida Department of Education for demolition of the existing campus, as outlined above, and is working with the Florida Division of Historical Resources to mitigate the adverse effects of demolishing this historic property. We respectfully request your consideration and approval of these mitigation measures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wanda F. Paul', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Wanda F. Paul  
Chief Operating Officer

WFP/SK: kw/cdss

cc: Dr. Donald E. Fennoy, Superintendent  
Dr. Debra Robinson, Board Member/District 7