



## Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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**TO:** CRA Board of Commissioners  
**FROM:** Tara Toto, Redevelopment Manager  
**THROUGH:** Renée A. Jadusingh, Esq., CRA Executive Director  
**DATE:** August 31, 2021

### **DISCUSSION - REV. J.W.H. THOMAS JR. PARK - NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

#### **Recommended Action:**

Board discussion.

#### **Background:**

Reverend J.W.H. Thomas Jr. Park is located at 46 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue within the Southwest Neighborhood. The park was completed in 2015 and named in honor of Reverend J.W.H. Thomas Jr. who was a pastor at the Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church for forty-six (46) years.

The Delray Beach CRA was awarded the 2020 Solid Waste Authority Grant for Blighted and Distressed Properties Clean-Up and Beautification Grant in the amount of \$22,800 for the park. The park underwent a renovation in the spring of 2021, which included removing and replacing twelve (12) dead trees, replacing other dead landscaping such as shrubs, grass and ornamental flowers. In addition, landscaping maintenance, fertilization and irrigation repair were performed, and the entrance sign was restored.

The park has existing playground and exercise equipment for use by a single or double rider. The City of Delray Beach Parks and Recreation Department has inspected the existing equipment and determined that one (1) of the pieces is broken and cannot be repaired. The piece can be replaced with a new piece of playground equipment similar in nature.

In light of the renovations completed by the Delray Beach CRA, the City of Delray Beach Parks and Recreation Department has provided two (2) options to upgrade the existing playground equipment. This would include playground equipment to accommodate multiple users and a shade to cover the area. Two (2) proposals were provided:

- Option #1 total cost (equipment and installation): \$141,785.59
- Option #2 total cost (equipment and installation): \$86,342.85

At this time, CRA staff is requesting the CRA Board discuss this item and provide input on upgrading the playground.

Attachment(s): Exhibit A - Proposal Option 1; Exhibit B - Proposal Option 2; and Exhibit C - Site Photos

**CRA Attorney Review:**

N/A

**Finance Review:**

N/A

**Funding Source/Financial Impact:**

N/A