



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners
City of Delray Beach Commission

FROM: Jennifer Alvarez, Interim City Manager

DATE: February 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Various Operational Updates

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Please see below brief updates on various matters of interest to the City Commission (Commission). As mentioned at the Commission meeting of February 2, 2021, I will periodically provide these update memoranda and place on the Commission agenda. For your reference, attached is the last update memo dated February 1, 2021. As always, should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Disparity Study

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Disparity Study is advertised. As such, the Cone of Silence is in place until the contract is awarded.

FEMA Funding Assistance - Vaccination and COVID Response

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced that vaccination and COVID response expenditures will be eligible for full (100%) FEMA reimbursement, retroactive to January 2020. The City is also pending reimbursement of \$619,000 from Palm Beach County in COVID response grant funds.

State Preemption on Plastic

Resolution 45-21 will be presented to the Commission at its meeting of March 2, 2021. The resolution supports bills submitted in the Florida House and Senate proposing to repeal preemption of local government's ability to regulate polystyrene and single-use plastic bags.

The State of Florida passed preemptive statutes regarding regulation of plastics, including polystyrene and single-use plastic bags: Florida Statutes (FS) 403.7033, 403.708(9) and 500.90. The Miami-Dade Circuit Court, acting in its appellate capacity, ruled the preemptions were unconstitutional. The 3rd District Court of Appeals reversed the Circuit Court decision, upholding the validity of the preemptions. Senator Stewart and Representative Grieco have submitted SB 594 and HB 6027 respectively, for consideration during the 2021 Florida Legislative Session. At their January 2021 meeting, the Green Implementation Advancement Board unanimously voted to request that the City Commission pass a resolution supporting these bills.

Attachment – CM Updates Memo 2.1.2021

c: Department Directors
Lynn Gelin, City Attorney



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Carver High Buildings/Delray Full Service Center

On January 26, 2021, City Staff toured the buildings that are being considered for conveyance to the City by the Palm Beach County School Board. Staff present included myself, the City Attorney, Building Official, Development Services Director, Historic Preservation Planner, Fire Safety Inspectors, Public Works Director and Assistant Director, and the City Engineer. Although this tour provided only a cursory inspection, Staff overall was encouraged by the apparent condition of the buildings. Further action in the next few weeks will include an environmental analysis of the building for potential issues with asbestos, mold and pests (including termites) that could require remediation; as well as a walk through with an architect to identify any potential structural issues and to discuss the potential for adaptive reuse of the three buildings under consideration. Staff will utilize this information while evaluating next steps, to include potential costs of building rehabilitation and operational considerations. These items will be discussed and, where appropriate, included in the draft agreement. Similar to the recent discussion with the Commission regarding the adaptive reuse of the historic train depot, I intend to bring forth a plan of various options to discuss at a workshop in the near future.

Heritage Here Community Mural

We are proceeding with the Heritage Here I-95 Sound Wall Community Mural located at Catherine Strong Park. FDOT has provided an extension for one year to finish the work. We anticipate the Notice to Proceed from FDOT in the upcoming weeks.

Pride/Inclusivity Crosswalk

Staff has met with the proposed sponsor of this initiative (Nicolas Coppola) and the DDA. The proposer will be submitting a rendering to the City, to include proposed locations, colors and cost estimates. Next steps:

- 1) Finalize location. Current potential locations under review:
 - i. The entire section of NE 2nd Ave and NE 1st St.

- ii. The Crosswalk in Pineapple Grove just north of Atlantic
 - iii. Atlantic and Swinton
 - iv. A new crosswalk across Swinton by Old School Square just north of Atlantic
 - v. The entire intersection of NE 3rd Ave and NE 3rd St.
- 2) Discuss at an upcoming Commission meeting or workshop for direction and identify funding.
- 3) The City Manager's Office will work with necessary departments to execute the project.
- 4) Target is to complete the project and have an unveiling in June, which is Pride month.

COVID 19 Vaccination Updates

As of the writing of this memorandum, no further vaccine allocations are being provided to the Department of Health of Palm Beach County. However, the County has communicated their intention to roll out a more extensive plan for vaccination through the community once supply increases. This rollout would likely include Fire Departments, mobile vaccinations and mass vaccination sites. As this matter is changing rapidly, frequent updates and changes are expected. Our City stands ready to participate in the roll out and will continue to advocate for our Fire Department to provide vaccinations on-site at our Fire Station as well as bringing vaccinations directly to communities most in need.

Corey Jones Memorial

Parks & Recreation met with the artist and a preferred location was identified at Old School Square. Parks & Recreation will work with the artist to guide the statue project along to the next phase of completion.

Disparity Study

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Disparity Study is set to advertise this week. Staff extensively researched potential contracts to piggyback. However, none of the potential contracts were determined to be legally viable to access. As such, it was determined to be in the City's best interest to conduct a formal solicitation based on our City's specific needs.

Utility Updates

Utility updates will be transmitted under separate cover via their Monthly Report.

COVID Temporary Measures

As you are aware, certain temporary measures that were put into place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic are set to expire at the end of March 2021. As such, we will bring a discussion forward to the Commission at its next meeting (February 9, 2021) to determine how to handle the measures as the March deadline approaches.

c: Department Directors
Lynn Gelin, City Attorney
Laura Simon, Executive Director, Downtown Development Authority