

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: August 11, 2020

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

From: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

Re: Phipps Ocean Park Masterplan Proposal from the Preservation Foundation

Date: August 3, 2020

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Town Council accept the proposal from the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach to fund the completion of a masterplan for improvement at Phipps Ocean Park by Raymond Jungles, Inc.

GENERAL INFORMATION

As indicated in the attached July 30, 2020, letter from Amanda Skier, Executive Director of the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, the Foundation would like the endorsement of the Town Council to engage Raymond Jungles, Inc. to complete a masterplan for phased and multi-year improvements at Phipps Ocean Park (inclusive of the property on the west side of South Ocean Blvd). The masterplan project was originally initiated with a focus on the Little Red Schoolhouse and the immediately areas around this structure, but after due consideration, the Foundation felt that a holistic evaluation of the entire park would be good for the Town and its residents, hence their offer to fund the work.

With multiple existing facilities already located in the park, including the South Fire Station, Phipps Tennis Center, a guarded beach with lifeguard facilities, public restrooms, parking lots, and a pump station, it was important that departments responsible for the oversight of these facilities discuss the Preservation Foundation's idea prior to presentation to Town Council. A preliminary conversation with Paul Brazil, Carolyn Stone and Darrel Donatto took place and all were enthusiastically supportive of a public/private partnership to complete an improvement plan that would enhance the aesthetics and functionality of the park.

It is our understanding that the masterplan would focus on a design using 100% native plantings, and incorporate improvements that would be Town serving and complimentary to the existing park facilities. The plan would be developed with the intent of a phased implementation over a number of years. The phases are outlined and shown on the following page.

Phase 1: Little Red Schoolhouse Landscape Improvements and Eastern Streetscape

Phase 2: Dune Restoration and Western Streetscape

Phase 3: Main Park Area

Phase 4: South Parking Lot

Phase 5: North Parking Lot



If approved by Town Council, Town staff will serve on the master planning committee to ensure relevant input is provided pertaining to the existing functions/facilities in the park, as well as input on ideas that may contribute to the Town serving goal of the masterplan.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

The masterplan project will be 100% underwritten by the Preservation Foundation.

Attachment

cc: H. Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works
Carolyn Stone, Director of Business Development and Operations
Darrell Donatto, Fire-Rescue Chief
Amanda Skier, Executive Director of Preservation Foundation