

# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: September 13, 2022

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To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

From: Carolyn S. Stone, Assistant Town Manager

Re: Phipps Ocean Park Update  
Resolution No. 123-2022

Date: September 12, 2022

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval from the Mayor and Town Council of Resolution No. 123-2022 accepting a donation from the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach in the amount of \$250,000. Staff also recommends Mayor and Town Council provide direction on estimated costs of invasive species removal and provide direction on donor terms to the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach has submitted to Landmarks Commission the Phipps Ocean Park submittal package which contained the development review application (signed by the Town as owner), development review checklist, the plan set (at 30% design), and traffic study. In a parallel process outside of the actual park design, staff has been coordinating with the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach on the management and grant agreements which are needed to move the project forward and currently are in draft form. Staff will provide an update at subsequent meetings as to the status of the agreements.

Amanda Skier, CEO and President of the Preservation Foundation will provide an update on the project at the September meeting and be seeking feedback on items related to donor terms. Staff is seeking the approval of Resolution No. 123-2022 which will provide the funding needed to establish a project account for the Phipps Ocean Park Project which will allow for the solicitation of a CMAR. At 30% design, this project is now in need of these services to move forward. If the Town does not approve the management or grant agreements at a future date and does not move forward with the project, a refund for the unused portion of the \$250,000 donation will be issued back to the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach.

Future items to be presented to the Mayor and Town Council for consideration and approval will include:

- Final Park design and project costs
- Estimated Phipps Ocean Park Operating and Maintenance Budget
- Park policies

- Lease agreements for the Little Red Schoolhouse and Coastal Restoration Center, and
- Final versions of the management and grant agreements

### **FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT**

The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach will raise the \$20 million projected project cost and establish an endowment fund of \$5 million. They are requesting the Town to contribute \$300,000 annually, inflation adjusted, toward the maintenance of the park. The Town will incur costs associated with park maintenance, staffing, security, liability and property insurance, beach renourishment, and invasive species removal.

#### Attachment

cc: H. Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works  
Jane LeClainche, Finance Director  
Mark Bresnahan, Recreation Director  
Darrell Donatto, Fire-Rescue Chief  
Wayne Bergman, Planning, Zoning and Building Director  
Dean Mealy, Procurement and Contract Manager  
Amanda Skier, Executive Director of Preservation Foundation