

## LETTER OF INTENT

TO: City of Miami Beach Planning Department: Design Review Board

FROM: Colette Satchell, Capital Projects Coordinator

DATE: September 18, 2020

SUBJECT: Brittany Bay Park Living Shoreline, Overlook and Park Renovation

The Office of Capital of Improvement Projects hereby submits an application to the Design Review Board, seeking approval of the site plan for the construction of a living shoreline with an overlook along the water's edge at Brittany Bay Park, and the renovation of the park to include replacement of light fixtures, exercise equipment, benches and bike racks throughout the park. This plan previously received approval from the DRB on March 7, 2017.

This effort is part of the City of Miami Beach Rising Above Resiliency Strategy and will assist the City in bouncing back from shocks and stressors in the face of climate change. The proposed project will provide improved facilities, as well as, an enhanced experience for the city's patrons through the implementation of the following elements:

- Turtle-friendly, pedestrian lighting to enhance security and safety;
- Living shoreline with native resilient species to provide shoreline stabilization;
- Improved pathways;
- Improved benches;
- One overlook to provide access to water views;
- Educational signage;
- Vegetation improvements;
- Tree removals, relocations and planting.

The previously approved scope as covered by DRB16-0101 includes the rehabilitation of approximately 600 linear feet of existing steel sheet pile seawall with concrete cap along Indian Creek, along the westernmost boundary of Brittany Bay Park, and other site improvements incorporating a living shoreline, construction of three viewing platforms, and the replacement of benches, and bike racks.

In 2017, the City's Public Works Department obtained state and county permits for the portion of the project that covered the seawall rehabilitation, and then implemented that portion of the project. The construction was completed in 2018. The remaining approved scope of work was assigned to the Office of Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for implementation. The three overlooks were reduced to one in response to comments received from Miami Dade County Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM) and the Army Corp of Engineer (USACE) during the process of obtaining both permits.

CIP applied for Building permits in April 2018, which were only approved in August 2020, due to the length of time required to obtain approvals from the USACE, the Florida Department of Environment Protection, and DERM. During the time required to obtain these approvals, DRB approval 16-0101 expired. Consequently, a new DRB approval is needed.

Based on the above information, the Applicant respectfully requests your favorable review and approval of this application. If you have any questions or comments regarding the application, please call me at 305-673-7071.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Satchell", with a large, stylized initial "C" on the left.

Colette Satchell, Senior Capital Project Coordinator

Cc: David Martinez, P.E., Director, CIP  
David Gomez, Division Director, CIP