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**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD** 1700 Convention Center Drive Miami Beach, FL 33139

## **RE:** LETTER OF INTENT AND REQUEST FOR DRB APPROVAL FOR THE RENOVATIONS TO THE MAURICE GIBB MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA - DRB FILE NUMBER DRB19-0372

To Mr. Thomas Mooney:

On behalf of the Applicant, City of Miami Beach, this is to respectfully submit a Letter of Intent as part of the Design Review Board Land Use Board Hearing Application Package for the proposed renovations to the Maurice Gibb Memorial Park (Project), located at 1700 Purdy Avenue, City of Miami Beach. The Project is requesting a Design Review Approval for a previously approved project, pursuant to DRB19-0372. The Project is in the final stages of permit approvals and is currently processing the Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM) Core Plan Review authorization. Upon receipt of these approvals, the City will issue the bid package for responses from available contractors.

## BACKGROUND & PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project proposes to renovate Maurice Gibb Memorial Park. The existing soil is contaminated due to past land use as a gas station. In order to contain the contamination, the top soil is proposed to be capped with approximately 6,855 cubic yards of soil. With the capping, the Project proposes a new park site plan. The site plan includes new concrete walkways, new playground equipment designed by MONSTRUM, open green space, a large dog park, a living shoreline, a new overlook area, and a fishing pier. The Project will have new furnishings throughout. Additionally, the project proposes 150 linear feet of new structural wall behind the existing seawall, 450 linear feet of new seawall, and 480 linear feet of retaining wall to contain the additional soil used for the capping.

## SEA LEVEL RISE AND RESILIENCY

The Project is being proposed with focus on the City of Miami Beach Code Section 133-50 for Sea Level Rise and Resiliency. The Project is being designed in regards to sea level rise projections and land elevation studies of the area. The elevation of the park will be adaptable to the raising of public right-of-ways and adjacent lands. Furthermore, all critical mechanical and electrical systems shall be located above the base flood elevation of +9 feet NGVD, and water retention systems shall be provided. The Project aims to be in congruence with the resiliency initiatives of the City of Miami Beach.

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## SCHEDULING

Thank you for your assistance in processing this Design Review Board Land Use Board Hearing Application Package. We look forward to working with you and your staff on this Project. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (305) 669-6236 or <u>rhsasso@coastalsystemsint.com</u>, or Ms. Taylor Scheuermann at (305) 669-6230 or <u>tscheuermann@coastalsystemsint.com</u>

Sincerely, COASTAL SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

R. Harvey Sasso, P.E. President

cc: Ms. Colette Satchell, Capital Improvements Program Ms. Paola Vega, Capital Improvements Program

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