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Subject: DRB File No. 23106 – Revision – Letter of Intent

Ref: Convention Center Renovation & Expansion - Park

To Whom It May Concern:

A new urban park is being created to replace the existing surface parking lot (P-lot) as part of the Convention Center Renovation & Expansion Project. The design was approved by the Design Review Board (DRB) on November 6, 2014.

Design Miami has held its annual show at the P-lot since 2010, occupying half of the lot with approximately 70,000SF of actual event space. The approved design does not include an open area large enough to accommodate the show footprint.

On October 18, 2017 the City Commission approved a multiyear License Agreement with Design Miami for use of portions of the park to continue holding the Design Miami Shows.

The landscape architect, West 8, has revised the design to include an open area large enough to accommodate staging for events such as the Design Miami Show while still maintaining the basic elements of the previously approved design including trees and plant palette, lighting and hardscape. The inspiration for this concept comes from prominent art shows staged in beautiful London Parks.

The modifications herein as part of the revised plans include: an increased central lawn space and associated walkway reconfigurations, the elimination of the pavilion, the elimination of the raised planters, an overall increase of approximately 54,000SF (53%) of green space, alterations to the previously approved Veteran's Plaza, the addition of a flexible programmable area, the addition of a flexible play/exercise zone, the addition of a public restroom building, the addition of utilities enclosures for stormwater pump station and electrical transformers, and alterations to the paving materials on the adjacent rights-of-way.

We thank you for your attention towards this matter.

Sincerely,



Maria Hernandez
Project Director, Convention Center District