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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: August 13, 2013

SUBJECT: Update on Status of the Flamingo Park Football Field and Track Project

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to provide an update on the Flamingo Park Football Field/Track Renovation Project.

The project includes the renovation of the bleacher building concession area, bathrooms and press box, installation of site drainage, artificial turf at the football field, and a new 8 lane multi-purpose track.

Commission awarded this project in May 8, 2013. The first Notice to Proceed (NTP) for this contract was issued on May 22, 2013. The second NTP for this contract was issued on May 29, 2013 and construction commenced. Contractually, the contractor has 120 calendar days to reach substantial completion.

Currently, 95 percent of the field has been compacted and the artificial turf will be installed within the next two to three weeks. The track base preparation is in progress and the perimeter curb is 30 percent complete. The building renovation has progressed slowly due to unforeseen conditions that required structural redesign of the handicap accessible ramp and seating, in addition to the recent adverse weather conditions.

When the contract was awarded, a commitment was made to the Parks and Recreation Department that the contractor would have the football field ready for Miami Beach High School's first game on September 6. A separate building permit was acquired in order to expedite the use of the field. The contractor is on track to have the football field finalized for the required date; however, the building would not be occupiable and would be off limits.

On July 31, 2013, City staff met with the Miami Beach High School Principal and Athletic Director to discuss the project status and current completion schedule. It was decided that the first football game at Memorial Field shall take place on September 27 instead of September 6. CIP staff would continue to update the school staff on a regular basis. The Capital Projects Team will continue to work closely with the contractor to ensure the facility is ready, weather permitting.


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