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**RE: Cam D. Milani Park
4705 S Ocean Boulevard, Highland Beach**

Dear Property Owners, Neighbors and Interested Parties,

On February 1, 2024, County staff from the Parks and Recreation (PR) and Facilities Development and Operations (FDO) departments conducted an outreach meeting at the Town of Highland Beach (Town) library in order to gather community input as to the development of the Cam D. Milani Park. At the meeting, County staff explained that in 2010 the Town and the County entered into a Stipulated Settlement Agreement (SSA) allowing for development of the Cam D. Milani Park to proceed in the future as per the Town-approved site plan and development order, which includes 43 conditions of approval. County staff further shared that its main purpose in gathering community input was to shape potential modifications to the scope of development, which the County could then present to the Town for approval. At the conclusion of the meeting, County staff represented that it would return at a future date with options (where feasible) addressing the input/comments received. This commitment was based on an understanding that all parties were amenable to work towards identifying a path forward that would best balance local and countywide community needs.

Following the previously referenced community meeting, on February 6, 2024, the Town adopted Resolution No. 2024-003 opposing development of Milani Park and supporting the sale (to a private developer) of the County-owned property where it is to be developed. County staff understands said action by the Town to unequivocally indicate that a path to re-assess the 43 conditions of approval imposed by the Town for development of Milani Park does not exist. As such, in order to deliver this project, County staff is required to follow the Town-approved development order without pursuing any type of modifications.

To that end, this letter serves the primary purpose of notifying community stakeholders that County staff is proceeding with development of Cam D. Milani Park as per the Town approved site plan, development order and SSA. Notwithstanding the constraints imposed by aforementioned documents, our commitment to work with the surrounding community remains intact. The County, through its Parks and Recreation Department, remains committed to excellent stewardship of the Milani Park. Once built, we will coordinate with local stakeholders regarding operational topics such as, but not limited to, coordination between the current permitted turtle monitoring program and our environmental scientists/natural land management professionals; coordination between our Ocean Rescue and Park Ranger professionals with public safety agencies; and coordination through archeological and

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historic preservation professionals on operationally appropriate resource protection. Timely responsiveness to any park operational question and appropriate resource protection are part of our guiding principles and should be expected by community stakeholders.

We look forward to maintaining open channels of communication. Should you have any questions, we can be reached direct at (561) 233-1447 / IAyalaCollazo@pbc.gov or (561) 966-6613 / JCirillo@pbc.gov.

Cordially,


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