



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 25-201

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: October 23, 2025
SUBJECT: **YMCA of South Florida at Holiday Park - Upcoming Construction Activities**

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide the City Commission with an update on the upcoming construction activities related to the YMCA of South Florida (YMCA) project at Holiday Park. The initial site work and clearing activities are scheduled to begin in November 2025.

On June 30, 2025, the City Commission adopted an ordinance approving the site plan (Case No. UDP-S24057) allowing the YMCA of South Florida and Broward Health to build a joint facility in Holiday Park through an associated lease agreement (CAM #25-0686). The project includes a new YMCA building with a wellness center, pool, and a Broward Health emergency room facility. The project is scheduled for completion in 2027.

The project applied for a master building permit for the YMCA building on July 18, 2025, and permit is expected to be issued by the end of October 2025. A separate building permit for the Broward Health emergency room was applied for on September 9, 2025.

The proposed landscaping includes, but is not limited to:

- Fifteen (15) 22-foot Live Oak trees;
- Three (3) 12-foot Medjool Date Palms along North Federal Highway and NE 8 Street; and
- Eight (8) additional street trees along NE 9 Street.

In addition, the project will enhance landscaping over the entire site with plants, trees, and shrubs along the property lines, including adjacent to The Parker Playhouse and NE 9 Street. In total, the development includes one hundred five (105) trees and thirty-six (36) palms.

Based on an arborist report, eight (8) existing trees will remain on site, including a 50-foot Live Oak specimen tree and a 37-foot Mahogany tree. A 25-foot Gumbo Limbo tree

is proposed to be relocated onsite. The existing Strangler Fig tree at the corner of North Federal Highway and NE 8 Street has been permitted for removal, along with approximately forty-nine (49) other trees and palms.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lorraine Tappen, Principal Urban Planner, at 954-828-5018 or via email at LTappen@fortlauderdale.gov.

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