



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-110

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: April 17, 2026
SUBJECT: **Landscaping and Beautification Project at Peter Feldman Park – Update to LTC No. 26-102**

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to update the information previously provided to the City Commission via LTC No. 26-102 regarding the upcoming Peter Feldman Park beautification project.

LTC No. 26-102, published on April 8, 2026, described the landscape and beautification project planned for Peter Feldman Park which included a landscape plan for the north, east and west sides of the sanitary sewer lift station with a mural on the south wall of the pump house. There was a misrepresentation of the mural installation, which was noted to be on only one (1) side. It was confirmed that the current plan includes a mural on all four (4) sides which negates the need for the level of enhanced landscaping that was planned. The previously provided rendering is no longer applicable, and the current mural design (shown on one (1) side as an example) is attached as Attachment 1.

A Commission item is scheduled for May 5, 2026, to seek approval of an agreement with the artist for the execution of the mural. This project is anticipated to begin in late May or early June and will take approximately three (3) weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Mural Background

At its May 20, 2024, meeting, the Public Art and Placemaking Advisory Board (PAPAB) unanimously recommended artist Pepe Gaka (Giuseppe Percivati) for the design and installation of the mural following a community engagement process and artist review.

Pepe Gaka is an internationally recognized muralist whose work explores the relationship between nature and the built environment. He has completed large-scale public art projects for municipalities and cultural institutions throughout the United States and internationally.

The proposed mural will transform the existing sanitary sewer lift station perimeter walls into a fully integrated work of public art, with all four (4) sides of the structure painted as part of the composition. The artist's narrative centers on the relationship between nature and geometric forms, creating a dynamic and immersive visual experience. The design incorporates botanical elements, wildlife imagery, and contemporary geometric shapes to celebrate the natural environment while introducing a modern visual language. The artwork is intended to soften the appearance of the utility structure and enhance the overall aesthetic character of Peter Feldman Park.

The artist will complete all necessary surface preparation, including pressure washing and priming, and will utilize high-quality exterior paints to ensure durability and longevity of the mural.

The project will be funded through the Public Works Department as part of the sanitary sewer lift station improvements and managed by the Community Services Department through the City's Public Art & Placemaking Program. The total project cost is \$50,000, and which includes artist services, materials, equipment, and installation.

This project supports the City's continued investment in enhancing public infrastructure through art and contributes to the creation of vibrant, welcoming public spaces for residents and visitors.

For additional information on the mural, please contact Joshua Carden, Cultural Affairs Officer, at jcarden@fortlauderdale.gov or 954-828-5044.

Attachment:

1. Mural Rendering

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