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LETTER OF INTENT

Deborah Tackett
Historic Preservation & Architecture Officer
Planning Department
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Miami Beach, Florida 33139

RE: Letter of Intent – Addition of Pickleball Courts to Flamingo Park

Dear Ms. Tackett:

Pickleball has become one of the fastest growing sports in our nation, and as such, demand for courts has exponentially increased within our region. For years now, we have experienced a steadily rising number of requests for dedicated pickleball courts to be built within our city. To that end, the City of Miami Beach created its first dedicated pickleball complex within the Miami Beach Golf Club. Since opening for public play, we have experienced incessant use seven days per week, year-round. However, demand has not yet been met.

As a direct result of the existing community demand for the creation of additional dedicated pickleball courts, the citywide pickleball expansion project was approved for funding by the Mayor and City Commission as part of the FY 2023/24 budget process. To that end, the City of Miami Beach intends to build three dedicated pickleball courts, along with ancillary amenities, within Flamingo Park. The project will be performed under the direction and supervision of the Department of Parks & Recreation.

The project consists of building three new asphalt pickleball courts, each measuring 34' x 64', following specifications set forth by the USA Pickleball Association. In addition, new fencing will be added to enclose the court area, consisting of material, color and dimensions to match nearby existing fencing in the park. Sports lighting using LED technology will also be incorporated to provide for evening play, consistent with other active sports areas within the park. Other related amenities will be incorporated including benches, drinking fountain, waste receptacles, walkways, landscape improvements, etc. All proposed improvements are intended to be designed and built in a manner that complements the aesthetics of the park, and ensures the functionality and safety of the improved space.

The services and deliverables for this project include the development of the following items:

- Preparation of construction documents and shop drawings, as required, for obtaining permits for construction;
- Obtaining all required permits; and

- Construction of three new asphalt pickleball courts, with related amenities, including fencing, LED sports lighting, landscape improvements, fixtures, furnishing and equipment, etc.

Based on the above information, as applicant, the City of Miami Beach respectfully requests your favorable review and approval of this application. Should you have and additional questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact me at (305) 673-7272 or via email at JosedelRisco@miamibeachfl.gov.

Respectfully,



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