



ITEM NO. 11D

North Bay Village Recommendation Memorandum

DATE: December 8, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of the Village Commission

FROM: Ralph Rosado, PhD, AICP, Village Manager

SPONSORED BY: Mayor Brent Latham, Vice Mayor Marvin Wilmoth, Commissioner Rachel Streitfeld

SUBJECT: NBV/FIU Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Sponsored by *Mayor Brent Latham, Vice Mayor Marvin Wilmoth and Commissioner Rachel Streitfeld*

RECOMMENDATION

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION OF NORTH BAY VILLAGE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND NORTH BAY VILLAGE TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY-FOCUSED INITIATIVES; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IN FURTHERANCE HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Approve entering into an MOU with FIU in order to partner on a range of projects, including sustainability-focused initiatives.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

North Bay Village (NBV) and the University of Miami recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) so that the two parties can collaborate on a range of mutually beneficial projects. More recently, members of the Village community, including Sustainability and Resiliency Task Force Chair Deni O'Brien, have been in touch with Florida International University (FIU) about entering into a similar relationship. As a result, FIU has drafted the accompanying MOU in order to initiate and formalize this working relationship.

FIU and NBV agree to consider the feasibility of launching a comprehensive program to bring solutions to local communities' needs related to water quality, climate change and sea level rise, among other concerns. The MOU serves as an institutional framework for collaborative activities. Definitive, legally binding agreement(s) would need to be drafted and executed by the Parties in the case that the exploration of these areas leads to further developments and possible binding obligations. These agreements would need to be approved by authorities at each institution. Nothing in the MOU shall be construed as creating any legal relationship or legally binding agreement between the Parties.

BUDGETARY/FINANCIAL IMPACT (Finance Dept.)

To be determined, on a project-by-project basis

PERSONNEL IMPACT

To be determined, on a project-by-project basis