

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Grant a Utility Easement to Broward County from the School Board of Broward County, Florida for Meli Park

Broward County Water and Waste Water Services is requesting a Utility Easement from the School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC) for water and waste water lines which were installed through Meli Park. The easement is necessary to provide accommodation for water and wastewater service for Meli Park and the surrounding community in the City of Dania Beach.

The water and wastewater main lines were designed in 2008 and construction was completed in 2012. The work entailed a new water system to provide adequate pressures for fire suppression and domestic use, while the wastewater system was to be installed to replace the existing septic tank systems located throughout the project.

A Master Lease Agreement exists between SBBC and City of Dania Beach for Meli Park. The water and wastewater main lines were installed without an easement being acquired from SBBC. The reason for this oversight was due to the Master Lease Agreement being in place, and it was Broward County and their consultant's understanding that the City of Dania Beach had the authority to grant an easement. Broward County and the City of Dania Beach had worked together to expedite the installation of improvements to eliminate water repairs and failing septic systems, receiving approval from the City of Dania Beach at the September 8, 2009 Commission Meeting. At the time of the approval, it was not known that Dania Beach did not have the authority to grant such easements.

Broward County and its consultant did not contact SBBC regarding this issue, only because it was a misunderstanding about who the responsible party was for the easement. All of the coordination was done with the City of Dania Beach and not SBBC.

The granting of the easement by SBBC will result in no financial impact, no maintenance costs, and will not have any future financial impacts to SBBC. This easement is strictly for the benefit of Meli Park and the surrounding community, and will be utilized by Broward County to maintain and operate the water and wastewater system.