

STAFF REPORT

CITY COMMISSION & CRA JOINT WORKSHOP – WMODA

AGENDA DATE: October 7, 2024

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office,
City Attorney's Office, Community Sustainability,
and Lake Worth CRA

TITLE:

Proposed Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts (WMODA) Project Presentation

SUMMARY:

The Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts (WMODA) will provide an overview update in collaboration with the Lake Worth CRA and the City on the proposed WMODA Mixed-Use Cultural Arts Campus

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Beginning in late 2023, representatives of WMODA, currently in Hollywood, Florida, approached the Lake Worth CRA regarding their search for a permanent home for WMODA. Over the intervening months, WMODA's team in collaboration with the Lake Worth CRA and City Staff have developed a comprehensive proposal for a Mixed-Use Cultural Arts Campus (Campus). The Campus is proposed to be constructed on properties that the CRA owns on the block between South M Street and South L Street along Lake Avenue. It will include a 33,000 plus sq ft museum for the WMODA collection and 110 residential apartments to the south, whose revenue will support the museum's operations. The proposal also includes below grade parking for the residential units, an arts alley running east and west between the museum and residential structure as well as public open space, community art space, 8 affordable live/work, artist lofts and a wide array of amenities. The proposal also includes the relocation and restoration of 4 contributing structures and support for a downtown parking garage to be owned and operated by the City.

The presentation will include a summary of stakeholder meetings, outreach, public participation and input including a charette held in the Spring of 2024. It also will provide details on the financial structure and entitlement process for the project and the public/private collaboration necessary for the project to be successful including the financial, cultural, historical and social benefits to the CRA and City and the residents of Lake Worth Beach as a whole.