

## NEW INITIATIVES (WHITE PAPER) FY2018

### \*\* CREATION OF A SPECIAL POPULATIONS CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS SIMILAR TO HIALEAH'S EDGAR J. HALL FACILITY \*\*

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## PROPOSED BY: MAYOR MANNY CID

### 1. Strategic Structure

Strategic Priority (6) – Achieve National Recognition as a "Model Town" for Creativity, Education, Innovation, and Use of Technology

**New** Goal (6.6) - Establish an All-Inclusive Town

New Initiative (6.6.2) - Creation of a Special Populations Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults similar to Hialeah's Edgar J. Hall Facility

### 2. Legality

To create a Town Special Populations Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults similar to Hialeah's Edgar J. Hall Facility. The City of Hialeah's Edgar J. Hall Special Population Center, located at 2250 W 60 Street, offers a day and evening program for developmentally disabled adults. Participants enjoy fun social events, Special Olympics training and competitions, and day-to-day personal development activities. Parents of participants benefit from the shared community life that revolves around the center as well as a safe haven for their adults while they are away at work.

The Town would need to determine a location for the center and seek to either: purchase or lease an existing facility; utilize the future 8,000 sq. Ft. commercial space that will be provided to the Town under the development agreement for the Dunn properties; or construct a new facility at a TBD location. The facility will need to meet all ADA regulations and all programming and staffing will need to obtain any licensing requirements to have this facility, as applicable. Another alternative is to enter into a private/public partnership to create a center within the Town.

### 3. Funding Source & Cost Estimates

TBD depending on direction from the Town Council. If a Town funded project, estimates can be as high as \$1.5 million for a new facility comparable to Edgar J. Hall which is 7,500 sq. ft. Operating costs for programming and staffing can be as high as \$600,000 based on

costs from the Edgar J. Hall facility. For cost recovery, the Center collects an average of \$35,000 in fees annually with the Center charging up to \$155 per week per participant for morning/afternoon hours and \$95 for afternoon/evening hours. Presently, they have 45 regularly attending patrons.

#### **4. Responsible Organizational Units / Resource Requirements**

The Community and Leisure Services Department will be the lead department for plan implementation. A full time special needs specialist or coordinator may be needed if Town supervised.

#### **5. High-Level Timeline/Schedule**

TBD; 2-5 years depending on approach.

#### **6. Performance Tracking Measures Toward Achieving the Associated Goal**

Completion and opening of facility; # of programs offered; participants attending

#### **7. Identify Synergies to other Goals or Strategies**

Staff could look to partner with the City of Hialeah to for guidance during development. A private partnership is also a possibility. Potential grant funding opportunities may be available for this purpose, but funding may trigger new obligations.

#### **8. Feasible Alternative Strategies Addressing at a Minimum, Funding and Timeline, and may Provide Other Benefits of the Alternatives**

Staff could look to partner with the City of Hialeah to and subsidize programs at the existing center in Hialeah for the benefit of Town residents.

