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PRESS RELEASE

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STATE OF THE ART GYMNASIUM AT THEODORE GIBSON PARK UNDERWAY

(Miami, FL) — On September 17, 2014, City of Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado and CRA Board Chairman Commissioner Keon Hardemon joined city administrators, local leaders and area residents to celebrate the start of construction on a new indoor gymnasium at Theodore R. Gibson Park. The brand new 22, 820 square foot facility, located at 401 NW 12th Street, will feature a two-story building with an indoor basketball court and recreational space for residents to enjoy. “Gibson Park stands as a testament to our commitment to revitalize Overtown, said CRA Board Chair, Commissioner Hardemon “this gymnasium will provide the community with a beautiful place to play and enjoy.” The construction of the new gymnasium marks the final stage of a 15 million dollar major overhaul to Gibson Park funded in part by the CRA. The state of the art sports complex currently has a new football and baseball field with artificial turf, upgraded sports lighting, covered bleachers and a recreation building with a fitness center, a new Olympic size swimming pool, kids play area, walking paths, and an open air plaza.

The new gymnasium will consist of an indoor basketball court with seating for 260 people and a concession area with a full kitchen. The second floor will house a computer room and six classrooms. The total cost of the new gymnasium is 5.3 million with 4.3 million funded by the CRA and a 1 million dollar donation coming from The Play to Win Fund at the Miami Foundation. "In every great community across America, parks and open spaces are a part of the fabric that attracts families into neighborhoods," said Clarence Woods, Executive Director of the CRA, "this fact is not lost at the CRA and is evidenced by our commitment to building a state of the art park at Gibson Park." The gymnasium at Gibson Park will be constructed over the next 13 months and is scheduled to be complete in the summer of 2015. For more information, contact the CRA at (305) 679-6800.

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