#### City of Port St. Lucie

121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd. Port St. Lucie, Florida 34984



#### **Meeting Agenda**

\*Meeting to Follow the 5:00 PM GFC\*

Monday, June 23, 2025 5:30 PM

**Council Chambers, City Hall** 

#### **Community Redevelopment Agency**

Shannon M. Martin, Chairman

Jolien Caraballo, Vice Chairman, District IV Stephanie Morgan, Councilwoman, District I Dave Pickett, Councilman, District II Anthony Bonna, Sr., Councilman, District III

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1.	Meeting	Called	to	Order

- 2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda
- 5. Approval of Consent Agenda
  - 5.a Approval of the March 24, 2025 Community Redevelopment
    Agency Meeting Minutes
- 6. Public to be Heard
- 7. New Business
  - 7.a The Port District's River Food Garden Update 2025-533
- 8. Other Issues by Board Members
- 9. Adjourn

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#### City of Port St. Lucie

#### Agenda Summary

2025-536

Agenda Date: 6/23/2025 Agenda Item No.: 5.a

Placement: Minutes

Action Requested: Motion / Vote

Approval of the March 24, 2025 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes

Submitted By: Jennifer Davis, Director, Community Redevelopment Agency

Executive Summary (General Business): N/A

Presentation Information: N/A

Staff Recommendation: Move that the Board approve the meeting minutes.

#### Alternate Recommendations:

1. Move that the Board amend the recommendation and approve the meeting minutes.

2. Move that the Board not approve and provide staff additional direction.

Background: N/A

Issues/Analysis: N/A

Financial Information: N/A

Special Consideration: N/A

Location of Project: N/A

Attachments: March 24, 2025, Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes

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Internal Reference Number: N/A

Legal Sufficiency Review:

N/A

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#### Community Redevelopment Agency

#### **Meeting Minutes**

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Monday, March 24, 2025

5:30 PM

**Council Chambers, City Hall** 

1. Meeting Called to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Port St. Lucie was called to order by Chair Martin on March 24, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., at Port St. Lucie City Hall, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Members Present: Chair Shannon Martin Vice Chair Jolien Caraballo Dave Pickett Anthony Bonna

Members Not Present:

Stephanie Morgan

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Martin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda

There being no discussion, Vice Chair Caraballo moved to approve the Agenda. Mr. Pickett seconded the motion which passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

**5.a** Approval of the November 25, 2024 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes

2025-277

There being no discussion, Mr. Pickett moved to approve the Consent

Agenda. Mr. Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

**5.b** CRA Annual Report for FY 2023-24

**2025-278** 

There being no discussion, Mr. Pickett moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Bonna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public to be Heard

There was nothing heard under this item.

- 7. New Business
  - 7.a Project Updates on Community Redevelopment Areas

2025-279

Jennifer Davis, CRA Director, stated that for Consent Item 5.b – CRA Annual Report, it had been properly noticed and posted on the City's website, and that one supplement would be added to the report once they received the audited financial report from the Finance Department. She then provided updates on Southern Grove, noting that the developer was not ready to announce the names for the businesses in the entertainment district, but would be making an announcement soon. Ms. Davis then gave an update on SE Marshall and SW Village Pkwy, noting that an announcement would be made soon for this as well. Councilman Pickett inquired as to how many acres would be left after this project, to which Ms. Davis replied that it was about 10 acres, which had a few offers, but nothing had been accepted. She continued the Southern Grove updates with an update on NE Becker and SW Village Pkwy, noting that the RFP had closed, and they had received 2 submittals. She then provided a brief update on Project Duvet and the restaurant on the River at The Port.

8. Other Issues by Board Members

There was nothing to be heard under this item.

9. Adjourn

There being no further b	ousiness, the	meeting was	adjourned	at 5:40 p	p.m.

Sally Walsh, City Clerk
Jasmin De Freese, Deputy City Clerk



#### City of Port St. Lucie

#### Agenda Summary

Agenda Date: 6/23/2025 Agenda Item No.: 7.a

Placement: New Business

Action Requested: Discussion

The Port District's River Food Garden Update

Submitted By: Jennifer Davis, Director, Community Redevelopment Agency

Executive Summary (General Business): PIII Investments, LLC, and their restaurant partners have requested to provide an update to the CRA Board with general information on the River Food Garden construction and respective timeline.

Presentation Information: Staff will provide an introduction, and the restaurant developer and team will provide a more comprehensive update. No CRA Board action is requested following the presentation as the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement will be brought forward by Ordinance to City Council for consideration and action.

Background: In late 2020, the City of Port St. Lucie engaged Colliers International to assist with marketing and recruitment efforts for the riverfront restaurant site in The Port District. Subsequently, Colliers worked closely with several interested parties and brought forward PIII Investments, LLC, with a restaurant village concept for the site in January 2022. City staff worked with the proposed developer on the lease terms and conditions and a lease agreement was approved by City Council on January 23, 2023. The overall park site was under construction from August 2022 to June 2024, when the park site and playground was opened to the public by way of a grand opening, PortFest. While the park was under construction, the restaurant developer worked with architects and engineers to prepare civil and construction drawings for the River Food Garden concept. Since the site was turned over in June 2024, the restaurant developer has been working through minor changes to the drawings and through the pre-permitting process with the City and other regulatory agencies. The restaurant developer will use this opportunity to introduce their collaborative team for the next phase of their project: construction and operation.

Issues/Analysis: N/A

Financial Information: N/A

Special Consideration: By way of Ordinance, the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement will be brought forward to City Council for review and consideration once all terms have been agreed upon by both parties and ample publication has been achieved.

Location of Project: The River Food Garden will be located in The Port District along the east shore of the North Fork of the St. Lucie River, adjacent to the newly opened Pioneer Park Playground, Event Lawn,

Agenda Date: 6/23/2025 Agenda Item No.: 7.a

Botanical Gardens, History and Education Center, and Boardwalk.

Attachments: 1. River Food Garden presentation by developer

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Internal Reference Number: 25141-05

Legal Sufficiency Review:

Reviewed by Margaret M. Carland, Senior Deputy City Attorney. Approved as to Legal form and sufficiency by Richard Berrios, City Attorney.

#### Narrative: River Food Garden – Port St. Lucie June 11, 2025

In January 2022, we proposed an ambitious vision: to transform the former Dining Docks site into a vibrant culinary and cultural destination—**The River Food Garden (RFG)**. Our goal has remained clear:

"To create a community gathering space that blends gastronomical excellence with the ecological charm of the St. Lucie River, serving residents and visitors of all ages."

We have worked with the City in a dedicated manner for the past three and a half years because we know this project is special for the City of Port St. Lucie. Since then, we've remained steadfast in executing that vision, with a clear emphasis on design integrity, operational excellence, and community integration.

#### A. Progress & Milestones

- **Design Excellence:** Partnered with Arquitectonica, one of Miami's leading architectural firms, in their first PSL project.
- **Curated Experience:** Mixed-use layout featuring a full-service restaurant, rooftop event venue, upscale mixology bar, and outdoor beer garden—built with the "City of All Ages" in mind.
- **Independent & Quality-Driven -** Our brands, our operations: We've deliberately avoided third-party operators to preserve our culinary standards and brand values.
- **Strategic Collaboration:** Our joint venture with the Atlas Restaurant Group ensures best-in-class food and beverage operations while maintaining our hands-on leadership and brand ownership.

#### **B.** Cost & Construction Update

Due to inflation and rising construction/FF&E costs, total project costs have increased from our original estimate of \$7MM to \$12.5MM. Despite this, our focus remains on delivering an accessible, family-friendly venue with diverse price points and experiences.

#### C. Timeline

Milestone	Status		
LOI Executed	Jan 2022		

Milestone Status

Ground Lease Executed Jan 2023

Site Plan Approval Nov 2023

Riverpark Inauguration June 2024

Construction Drawings Submitted Nov 2024

Permits Expected July–Aug 2025

Construction Start Sept 2025

Construction Completion Oct 2026

Commercial Operations Dec 2026–Jan 2027

#### D. **Permitting Status**

Our construction permits are in progress, with a few remaining utility-related items being worked through in full coordination with City staff. We are grateful for their continued support. Pre-review is complete with only minor utility-related items pending. Once permits are in hand, we will proceed with final design adjustments and start construction.

#### E. Stakeholder Engagement

We maintain active dialogue with:

- City of Port St. Lucie
- Botanical Gardens
- Historical Society
- Parks & Recreation

Our aim is to create a seamless, multi-layered destination experience that is rooted in the cultural fabric of the city.

#### F. Phased Development Strategy

To fast-track operations and ensure adaptability post-launch, we are phasing the project. **Phase 1** includes mostly all elements: full-service dining, bars, and casual food offerings. **Phase 2**—two additional casual venues—will follow once operations are underway.



#### G. Operations: Atlas Restaurant Group Joint Venture

Rather than leasing spaces to third-party vendors, we are extremely excited to have partnered with the Atlas Restaurant Group, to operate the venues within RFG under a shared vision. This joint venture allows us to deliver both consistency and creativity across all food and beverage experiences.

#### **About Atlas:**

Atlas Restaurant Group is a nationally acclaimed hospitality company based in Baltimore. Under Alex Smith's leadership, the group has grown to over 56 restaurants, known for offering high-quality cuisine, distinctive ambiance, and exceptional service. Their portfolio spans luxury dining to casual favorites—making them the perfect partner for RFG's mixed-format.

Please see the attached brochure for Atlas.

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#### H. Restaurant Brands - Phase 1

• The first phase of the River Food Garden will introduce a curated mix of distinctive culinary concepts, each offering a unique dining experience that reflects the vibrancy and diversity of Port St. Lucie:

#### • Main Restaurant & Rooftop

An upscale, seafood-oriented restaurant featuring a rooftop bar with panoramic river views. The menu will focus on fresh, locally sourced sea-to-table dishes, complemented by a refined bar program crafted for both casual diners and culinary enthusiasts.

#### • Italian Casual Restaurant

A relaxed, neighborhood-style trattoria serving Roman-style pizzas, pastas, and other traditional Italian fare, celebrating the authentic flavors of Italy.

#### • Asian Restaurant

A Pan-Asian dining venue with an emphasis on Japanese hand rolls and other popular selections from East and Southeast Asia.

#### • Main Quad Bar

Designed as a central gathering point for the community, this bar will sit within a richly landscaped, shaded area overlooking the river. Styled with elements of a traditional beer garden, it will offer an extensive selection of beers on tap and encourage guests to relax and linger.

#### • Tequi Bar (formerly the Tiki Bar)

Reimagined as a high-energy tequila bar, this venue will feature a wide array of tequilas, mezcals, and specialty cocktails crafted by expert mixologists. Its location offers striking views of the Riverstage, which will host regularly programmed live concerts and public events in partnership with the City.

The official restaurant brand names and identities will be announced during the June 23rd presentation to the City Council.

## The grove AT PORT ST. LUCIE









#### FROM A VISION TO A PROMISE

November 2021: When we first set foot on the site, we had a clear and inspired vision for the "Dining Docks"



In January 2022, we made both a proposal and a promise: "if entrusted with the mandate, we—together with the City—would create something extraordinary for its residents and visitors"

- A River Food Garden that delights all the senses
- A celebration of culinary excellence
- A destination that is culturally rich, architecturally beautiful
- An authentic and harmonious with the natural beauty of the St. Lucie River and its surroundings



We envisioned a place that flows seamlessly with its neighboring attractions, an alliance we intend to deepen as we move into operations.

- Botanical Garden
- Boardwalk
- Event Lawn
- Pioneer Park
- The Preserve
- Historical Society

Importantly, we committed not only to building this destination but to actively operating and nurturing it, rather than handing it off to third parties. This will be a place of authenticity and uniqueness, rooted in care and presence.

And so, we got to work. While the City progressed with the park, we worked alongside, step by step—curating best-in-class partners, shaping the guest experience, and planning with precision. Whenever we faltered, we paused, reassessed, and corrected course—always with the final vision in mind.

Now, as we stand on the threshold of construction, it is time to shine a light on what lies at the heart of this vision: the food.

We are thrilled to announce our culinary partnership with the Atlas Restaurant Group—a team whose excellence and ethos align perfectly with everything we've set out to create.



#### PROGRESS & MILESTONES

Design Excellence

**ARQUITECTONICA** 

Curated Experience
"CITY OF ALL AGES"

Independent & Quality Driven

Strategic Partnership
OPERATING WITH



Construction Cost Update:

COSTS UP TO \$12.5M FROM \$7M

FOCUS ON QUALITY, ACCESSIBILITY & FOCUS ON FAMILY FRIENDLINESS

INFLATION & RISE IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Permit Status:

IN PROGRESS

PRE-REVIEW COMPLETE WITH MINOR ADJUSTMENTS

CONSTRUCTION TO COMMENCE AFTER PERMITS IN HAND

#### PROJECT TIMELINE

LOI Executed
JANUARY 2022

Ground Lease Executed
JANUARY 2023

Site Plan Approved

Riverpark Inauguration

Construction
Drawings Submitted
NOVEMBER 2024

Permits Expected
JULY/AUGUST 2025

Construction Commences

SEPTEMBER 2025
(PHASE ONE)

Construction Completed
OCTOBER 2026
(PHASE ONE)

Targeted Soft Launch
DECEMBER 2026

Full Phase One
Operation
FEBRUARY 2027

#### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



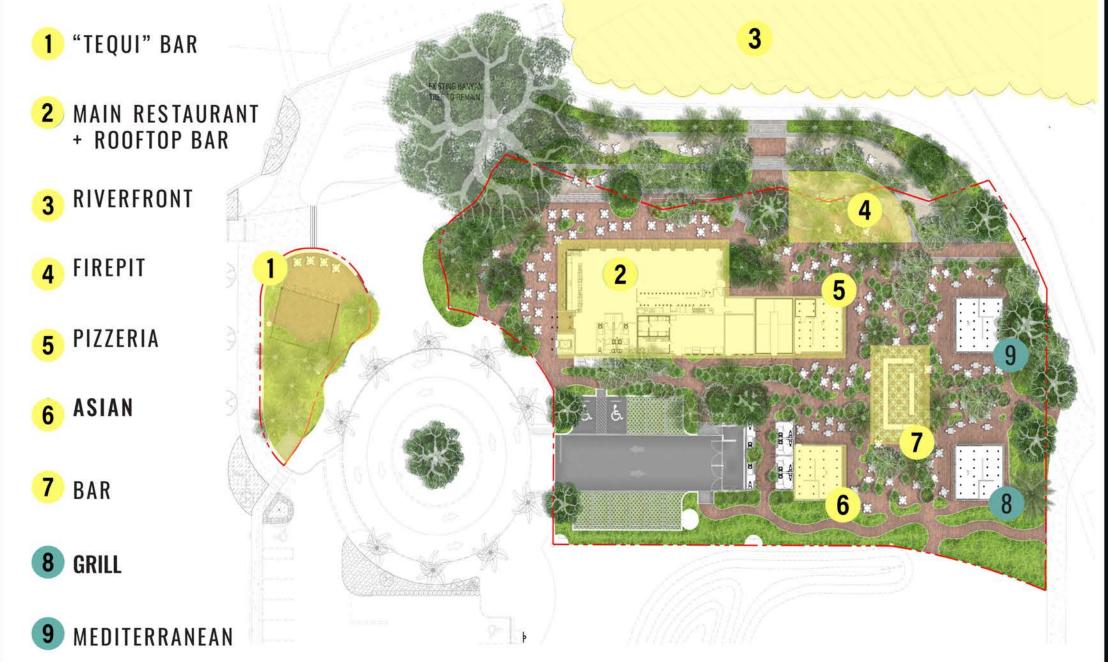






#### Phase One

- Main Restaurant
- Grove Bar
- Tequi Bar
- Pizzeria
- Asian/Sushi













#### Phase Two

- Grill (TBD)
- Mediterranean (TBD)













## REDEFINING the DINING EXPERIENCE

CONCEPT BY CONCEPT

OMMUNITY BY COMMUNITY

## MOTHATED to ANIAZE

Baltimore-based Atlas Restaurant Group is a national lifestyle hospitality group with a farreaching mission.











2016



























2020







ADMIRAL'S

CUP

2021

2022











EGO ALLEY



VALLEY INN





James Joyce





2023





































2025



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## PILLARS of ATLA

foundation, these are the

strengths that define us.

Our nonnegotiable

01

#### INTEGRIT Y

Ingredients of the highest quality, sourced globally and locally.

02



#### HOSPITALITY

Impeccable service, uncommonly good food & drink, memorable experiences.

03

#### ATMOSPHERE

Attention to every detail of ambiance: design, decor, lighting, entertainment

04



#### COMMUNITY

Supporting local farmers and purveyors, our communities and employees.

## TEAM of LEADERS



#### Alex

PRESIDENT CEO + FOUNDER

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#### Brian MCCORMACK

COO + PARTNER

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MANAGING PARTNER



#### Aaron

CORPORATE CHEF



## TEAM of LEADERS



#### Roy

VICE PRESIDENT OPERATIONS



#### Erin

VICE PRESIDENT MARKETING





DIRECTOR OF TRAINING



#### Jackie

HEAD OF INTERIOR DESIGN



## ATLAS by the NUMBERS

3,000+ EMPLOYEES

250MM
ANNUAL REVENUE

50+

RESTAURANTS

5

STATES

40

DIFFERENT BRANDS

### Largest

MULTI-CONCEPT
OPERATOR IN THE
MID ATLANTIC



Investing in a city or neighborhood is more than just opening a new restaurant.

It means positively impacting the community for years to come through participation, cooperation and volunteerism.



## INVESTING and INVESTED in COMMUNITY

#### Serving

At Atlas, we consider ourselves an integral part of the communities where we operate. Because we serve more than food and drink—we serve our neighbors. We support efforts to improve their health & wellness; neighborhood preservation and conservation; and numerous organizations and charities. And we are committed to ensuring diversity, inclusivity, and fairness in hiring and in the workplace.

#### Volunteering

Our collective commitment to service also encompasses participating in volunteer initiatives, such as neighborhood cleanups, grocery giveaways, youth mentorships, and others. To date, hundreds of our employees—and our leadership team—have generously volunteered their time at dozens of community-focused charitable events.



#### Donating

We extend our community support through donations of gift cards, curated dining experiences, and in-kind contributions of food and beverages, reinforcing our holistic approach to community enrichment.

Donations (2023)



NEARLY 400 GIFT CARDS



OVER \$40K IN CURATED DINING EXPERIENCES



OVER \$60K IN FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Community Investment Across All Locations Nationally (2023) 68% ightarrow community support

21% ightarrow health and wellness

11% ightarrow preservation and conservation









































#### ATLAS APP EREWARDS

Instant access to the world of Atlas.

The Atlas app allows users to quickly find nearby restaurants, make reservations, and place online orders (at select locations). Additionally, it's just as easy to track and earn points, view reward status, and redeem rewards.



Earn one point for every dollar spent.

Receive a:

\$10 REWARD AT 500 POINTS

\$20 REWARD AT 1000 POINTS

\$25 REWARD AT 1500 POINTS

\$30 REWARD AT 2000 POINTS



Customize your experience and get personalized rewa rd s.

Receive notifications for double reward days, birthday perks and more.

Keep up with the latest events and promot ion s.

Be the first to learn about upcoming Atlas events and special promotions.

#### an ATLAS SAMPLER

Based on a philosophy of methodical and responsible growth, Atlas Restaurant Group builds concepts that fill a culinary and experiential void in the market. The goal of these properties, however, reaches far beyond the food and beverage landscape. Atlas strives not only to offer a premier dining experience, but also to provide jobs that encourage employees to learn, grow, make an impact, and be proud of the brand they represent.

The appeal of our concepts can be defined by three key elements:

#### the EXPERIENCE



What's the inspiration, design and decor, entertainment and vibe.

#### the CUISINE



What's on the menu, what we're known for, what you won't soon forget.

#### the BEVERAGE PROGRAM



What's on tap, what's in the cellar, what's on the top shelf.

#### SALT RIVER

St. Lucie River Gastronomy

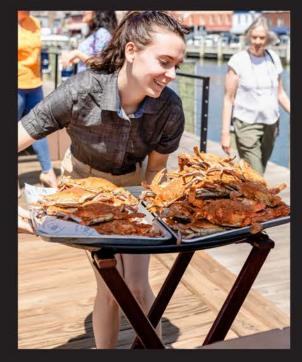


#### theEXPERIENCE

A classic Maryland fish & crab house, starring steamed blue crabs, with live local music seven nights a week. The spacious patio features an outdoor bar, gas lanterns, games, and plenty of seating. Relax with friends and watch the bustling neighborhood all around you.



THE CHOPTANK













#### the CUISINE

Local seafood takes the spotlight on the menu, with many selections freshly caught in Chesapeake Bay. Enjoy our famous steamed hard-shell blue crabs, or crab cakes seasoned with The Choptank's proprietary special recipe. The menu also includes freshly shucked oysters, soups, sandwiches, and nonseafood entrées, like our house-battered Eastern Shore fried chicken

## The grove AT PORT ST. LUCIE

Low impact fast casual dining concepts offering an array of choices for a diverse group of guests.

Includes four concepts and the Grove Bar that serves as a central gathering point.



# PIZZERIA · BAR · RISTORANTE





#### ITALIAN DISCO

Take a trip back to the days of groove and glam at Italian Disco. Enjoy delicious Italian pizza and tunes straight out of the 70s & 80s. Italian Disco takes your classic Italian joint and flips it on its head, infusing it with old-school flavor and modern energy.

This is not your average pizzeria; with a menu by famed Italian chef Julian Marucci—recognized as one of America's Best Chefs—your neighborhood pizza joint has never been this exciting. Whether it's casual lunch, dinner, takeout, or late-night bites, Italian Disco is your go-to spot for good vibes and great eats.

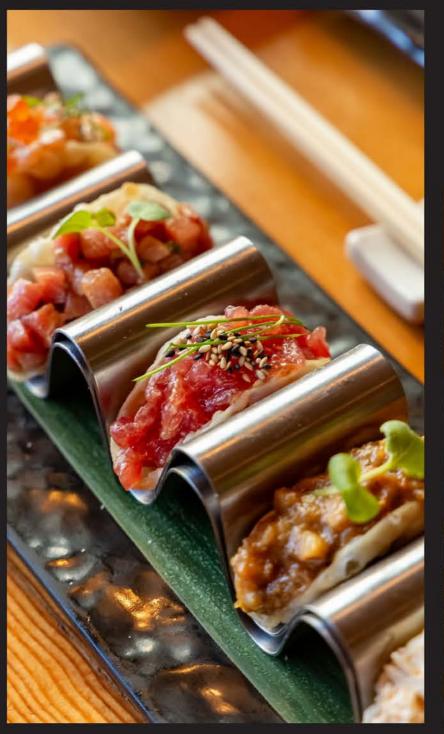




#### the EXPERIENCE

Inspired by the casual Italian-American pizzerias and restaurants of the late 1970s and 80s, Italian Disco is reminiscent of the days of MTV, the Brat Pack and Mystic Pizza.





## HANNON







#### KANNON

Helmed by Atlas Concept Chef Timur
Fazilov, known for his culinary
excellence at Azumi in Baltimore and
Houston, Kannon will feature a bold
menu focused on handrolls, sashimi,
nigiri, and crudo. Each dish will be
prepared with the precision and
artistry that guests have come to
expect from Fazilov.











#### the EXPERIENCE

Helmed by Atlas Concept Chef, Timur Fazilov, known for his culinary excellence at Azumi in Baltimore and Houston.

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#### THE GROVE BAR

Located in the heart of The Grove, the Grove bar is the apex of activity for the exterior space. It will feature local beers, fun, craft cocktails and something for everyone. Guests will be surrounded by lush landscape, grab a bite at one of the food stands and embibe in local beers and fun, craft cocktails.

#### TEQUI BAR

A play off of the traditional tiki bar, the "Tequi" bar will feature artisan, tropical inspired drinks with an emphasis on tequila. Top mixologists will specialize in both the classics and create a menu of new favorites for all guests to come.



#### the BEVERAGE PROGRAM

The pride of the Grove beverage program is its variety of beer, with over 20 selections on tap, the majority from local breweries. Enjoy a tequila based, tiki-inspired craft cocktail, at the "Tequi Bar".



#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR COLLABORATION

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHAPING THE LANDSCAPE OF PORT ST. LUCIE AND PROVIDING A GATHERING SPACE FO THE COMMUNITY FOR YEARS TO COME.

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