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This could be the new waterfront restaurant in West Palm's Currie Park

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A Miami restaurant group's plan for a waterfront restaurant at West Palm Beach's Currie Park has won over city leaders.

A city panel last month selected Breakwater Hospitality Group to construct and operate a restaurant that the city hopes will be a main draw at the 13-acre waterfront park north of downtown, which is undergoing a $35 million renovation.

The restaurateur has proposed a 378-seat eatery called the Sea Salt Beach House. The restaurant would include indoor and outdoor seating as well as a rooftop event space.

Breakwater says on its website that its plans for the restaurant include "expanded public park activations, including a family play area, a convenient grab-and-go kiosk and year-round programming designed to bring the waterfront to life."

"As part of the broader Currie Park redevelopment, the project aims to enhance public access to the waterfront while introducing new dining, recreation and community gathering opportunities," the company said.

The 13-acre park along North Flagler Drive is being completely revamped and is tentatively scheduled to open in March, with a second phase of construction completed in September. The restaurant will be built at a later date.

The city is hoping the renovation will transform the once-underused park into a bustling, waterfront attraction. It will feature an amphitheater, docks, a playground, a kayak launch and pickleball and tennis courts.

The city's Community Redevelopment Agency said in a news release that the restaurant plan "complements the park's transformation into a premier public destination along the Intracoastal Waterway."

Breakwater's proposal was selected by a city panel from among several bids. The company and the city now are negotiating a contract to proceed with the project.

Breakwater developed The Wharf Miami and The Wharf Fort Lauderdale, waterfront event spaces in the respective cities' downtowns, and operates JohnMartin's Irish Pub & Restaurant in Coral Gables.

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