



**Parks and Recreation Capital Project Workshop
City Hall, Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, 1700 Convention Center Drive
March 18, 2015**

Mayor Philip Levine	
Vice-Mayor Jonah Wolfson	Absent
Commissioner Michael Grieco	
Commissioner Joy Malakoff	
Commissioner Micky Steinberg	Absent
Commissioner Edward L. Tobin	Absent
Commissioner Deede Weithorn	Absent

City Manager Jimmy L. Morales
City Attorney Raul J. Aguila
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Parks and Recreation Capital Project Workshop called to order at 3:43:40 p.m.

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Discussion Covering Identified Projects, Both Funded And Unfunded, As Well As Identifying Priorities And Possible Alternatives.

ACTION: Discussion held.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Work with public schools to have aftercare programs run out of their schools.
- Use the North Shore Youth Center as the North Beach Teen Center.
- Reprioritize Muss Park Facility to have it ready for North Beach residents.
- Work with Boys & Girls Clubs so that their services are not duplicated by the City.

MOTION 1: Motion made by Vice-Mayor Wolfson; seconded by Commissioner Malakoff to give direction to staff to work with the public schools to have aftercare programs run out of their schools, which would free up the Scott Rakow Youth Center to be the new Teen Center, and use the North Shore Youth Center as the North Beach Teen Center. Voice-vote: 4-0. Absent: Commissioners Tobin, Steinberg and Weithorn.

MOTION 2: Motion made by Commissioner Grieco, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wolfson to give direction to staff to work with Boys & Girls Clubs, so that the City does not duplicate services once they open at Flamingo Park. Voice-vote: 4-0. Absent: Commissioners Tobin, Steinberg and Weithorn.

John Rebar, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced himself and his team, Elizabeth Valera, Parks & Recreation Deputy Director; and Cynthia Casanova, Park Facilities Manager. The purpose of this workshop is to provide the City Commission with a comprehensive view of the current system with the objective of devising guiding principles. The last Park System Master Plan was conducted and finished in 1996. This workshop is the first step in updating that Master Plan. Mr. Rebar will provide the City Commission with a snapshot of the current system, an overview of the projects being currently managed, highlights of some of the areas in need of immediate attention, pinpoint short-term priorities, detail bigger projects that the CIP manages, and finish by asking for direction on some of the recommendations that are made.

PowerPoint presented. Click [here](#) to view PowerPoint.

Mayor Levine asked for an update on the status of Banyan Tree Park.

David Martinez, CIP Director, stated that they expect to start construction in the first half of 2016. The project will take between 14 to 16 months, and will probably be completed in 2017.

Discussion held.

Commissioner Grieco agrees with the project prioritization.

Commissioner Malakoff suggested that the Muss Park Facility be reprioritized, and moved up the first group.

David Martinez, CIP Director, stated that the issue they are having with Muss Park is that the contract with the consultant services had sub-consultants, and they are asking for a great deal of money. He would rather wait for the new subcontractors, because currently he cannot agree to the amount of money requested for the project.

PowerPoint presentation continued.

Commissioner Malakoff stated that when the Scott Rakow Youth Center was originally built, it was intended to be used as a Teen Club. She agreed that partnering with the Miami-Dade County School System to conduct after-school programs is a win-win situation.

Discussion continued regarding enrollment at Scott Rakow Youth Center.

PowerPoint presentation continued.

Commissioner Malakoff emphasized the importance to have Muss Park ready for the North Beach residents.

Discussion continued.

John Rebar, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that the North Shore Park Youth Center can be used for North Beach Teens.

Commissioner Malakoff asked why there cannot be one Teen Center for the teens of South, Mid, and North Beaches, especially since these teens attend Miami Beach High School, which is located near the Scott Rakow Youth Center.

John Rebar, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that many high school students from the North Beach area have expressed that they may not go to the Scott Rakow Youth Center, because they would like a center in their own area.

Discussion continued.

Mayor Levine stated that direction cannot be given as there is no quorum and they are waiting for Vice-Mayor Wolfson's arrival to make a motion.

PowerPoint presentation continued.

Commissioner Grieco asked what the proposed activity programs will be for the Boys & Girls Club in Flamingo Park. He stated that it is important that the City works with them, and not duplicate services.

John Rebar, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that he met with representatives from the Boys & Girls Club, and he knows there will be an aftercare and summer camp component, but construction has not been completed yet, and no further talks have taken place.

TO DO: Find out services from Boys & Girls Club, so services are not duplicated. John Rebar to handle.

Commissioner Malakoff asked for clarification of the third item amending the Comprehensive Plan 2025.

Rogelio Madan, Planning Department's Principle Planner, stated that the Comprehensive Plan has levels of services that were adopted, that indicate the types of park facilities needed, and where they are deficient, a concurrency fee will be charged. They are lacking in shuffleboard courts, soccer fields and activity buildings. Currently, when there is a development that has an increased impact for residential or hotel developments, the City charges a concurrency fee based on their impact to the types of facilities the parks are lacking. They are currently proposing to have an impact fee that is more flexible in what the City can spend, to address the real needs of the park system.

Discussion continued.

Mayra Martinez, on behalf of Concerned Parents of 21st Street, read a letter into the record asking for the Scott Rakow Youth Center to be the designated center for teens.

Ray Breslin, Miami Beach resident, suggested enhanced lighting in the parks.

John Rebar, Parks and Recreation Department Director, stated that lighting is not part of this project, but it is being worked on.

Commissioner Malakoff stated that in response to the letter that Ms. Martinez read, the City Commission is in support of the Teen Center being at the Scott Rakow Youth Center.

Jonathan Groff spoke in support of the North Shore Youth Center.

Commissioner Grieco stated that finding adequate after school programs in school facilities should be discussed at 5:00 p.m. when a quorum can be met.

Meeting adjourned until 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Levine.

Meeting reconvened at 5:54:17 p.m.

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John Rebar, Parks and Recreation Department Director, recapped the discussion regarding the workshop.

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Meeting adjourned at 5:57:59 p.m.

Handouts or Reference Materials:

1. Ad in The Miami Herald No. 994
2. Letter from Concerned Parents of 21st Street

End of Agenda