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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Citywide Projects Committee Members

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: April 19, 2012

SUBJECT **Discussion on the Normandy Shores Park at its existing area next to the tennis courts to include a Vita Course Equipment, trees, benches and an open area for children to run and play and people to sit and enjoy the view**

This matter was referred by Commissioner Jorge R. Exposito and the Mayor and Members of the City Commission to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee at the March 21, 2012 Commission meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Normandy Shores Park is located adjacent to the Tennis Courts, and across from the Normandy Shores Golf Course and Clubhouse. The Park currently includes a small building with restrooms, and a playground area. Attached please find an aerial photograph and survey layout of the current Normandy Shores Park.

The approved FY 2009/10 Capital Budget included funding in the amount of \$135,500 to replace the existing playground that was beyond repair at the Normandy Shores Park. The project includes the complete replacement of the playground, safety surface, new fencing and FF&E. Please see the attached Capital Budget Sheet for this approved project.

As that project was in development, Parks & Recreation staff worked internally to develop a potential second phase of the park's revitalization. The concept being developed would include a new recreation building/activity pavilion/restroom with storage space, similar to the one built in Fairway Park, and a water access/fishing dock.

At their request, in January 2012, Parks and Recreation staff met with Commissioner Jorge Exposito and Normandy Shores HOA New Projects Committee Chair Mark Wojak to discuss the community's interest and suggestions for that area. At that time, staff shared the second phase concept under development with Mr. Wojak, who agreed to take the concept to the Normandy Shores HOA board for their comments, as well as further input on options for the park. On February 14, 2012, Mr. Wojak sent correspondence to the City (attached) stating that the residents on Normandy Shores would prefer a more open green space park, which would include the demolition of the existing storage building/restroom that is in very poor condition; a Vita Course/fitness circuit similar to the one installed in Lummus Park; park furnishings such as benches, trash receptacles etc; and new fencing, sod and trees. The letter indicates that they are not interested in a playground at this location, as there is currently a playground with a shade structure at Fairway Park. Although this restroom is currently utilized by the tennis players using the tennis courts and a replacement is not included in the project scope proposed by the HOA, as you know, there is a public restroom in the Normandy Shores Golf Club across the street. In addition, the HOA did not recommend a fishing pier/dock.

At this time it is unknown whether the previously approved capital allocation of \$135,500 for the proposed playground renovation at the Normandy Shores Park may be sufficient to accomplish the HOA's requested project.

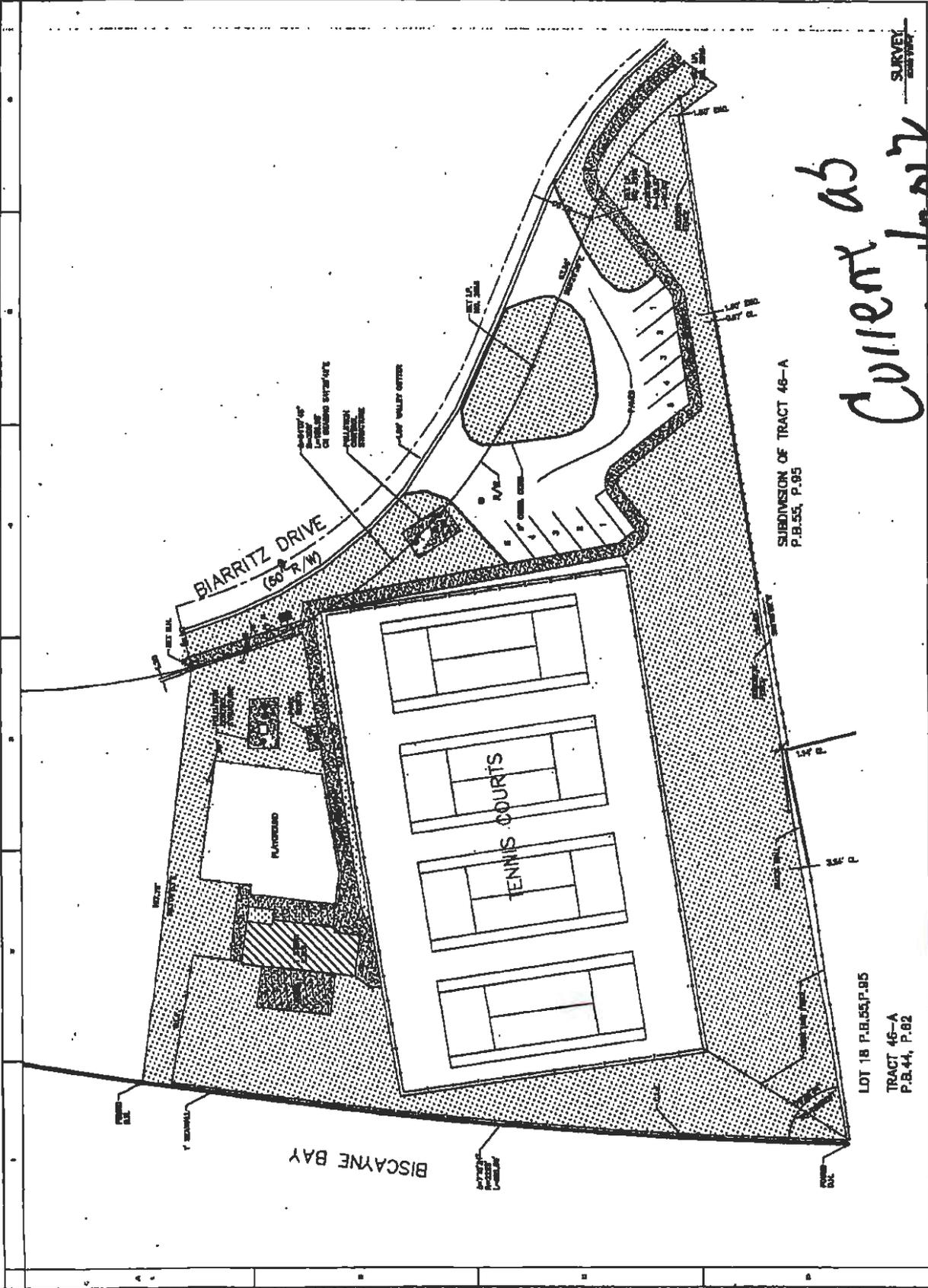
CONCLUSION

Under the City's current process for developing the annual capital budget, proposals for new capital projects, as well as proposals for modifications to existing projects, go through a comprehensive review which allows all projects to be prioritized as a whole prior to appropriation action by the Commission.

Under the process, proposed new projects and proposed existing project changes are first reviewed by an internal staff committee, then reviewed by the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee (FCWPC), and then reviewed by the City Commission as a whole at time of adoption of the City's capital budget. The review by FCWPC typically occurs in early summer, and is consistent with the process for Commission input regarding operating budget priorities. This process allows early input by the Commission regarding priorities for funding, subject to availability. The proposed capital budget is available for review prior to the 2nd budget hearing in September each year, and is subsequently adopted by the Commission. It is my recommendation that all proposals impacting capital projects, including this one, should go through this process rather than referring to FCWPC individually. The process would be similar to the current, except that, rather than a referral to Finance and Citywide Projects on the City Commission agenda, there would be a referral to the Annual Capital Budget Process.

ATTACHMENTS

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 P.B. 55, P. 95

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 TRACT 46-A
 P.B. 44, P. 82

Client as of 1/2017



Normandy Shores Park

Current Park
Center/Restrooms

Proposed
Exercise Area

Smith, Kevin

From: MARK WOJAK <mwojak65@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 9:57 AM
To: Exposito, Jorge
Cc: Smith, Kevin; Magrisso, Julio; jshcare@bellsouth.net; Carmen Browne; Alfredo Rey; gorf675; Ronald Loring; Geoff Green; Gretchen; Andy Fisk; Mickey Mangiorri
Subject: Normandy Shores Waterfront Park
Attachments: Normandy Shores New Park Request.docx; ATT16836142.htm

Dear Commissioner Exposito:

Thank you once more for your, and Mr. Smith and Magrisso's time, ideas, and assistance regarding the city property across from the Normandy Shores Clubhouse.

I took all the information to our board meeting and we discussed options trying to view from both the residents and the city's perspectives. While everyone was excited at the prospect of a new building, we also are sensitive to our city's budget from both a new project and an ongoing maintenance standpoint and their effect on what we can realistically hope to implement.

In that light we are prepared to fully support and promote an open space park similar to Normandie Sud with inclusion of a vita course, i.e. exercise equipment, similar to the park on the corner of Alton Road and Indian Creek. Regarding a dock for fishing there was a strong concern that this would bring into our neighborhood a lot of the folks who are currently fishing off bridges and the like and so we are looking to avoid this feature currently. Also residents are happy with the building and facilities, including tot lot, at Fairway Park so we are OK without these. We are looking for

- • Benches to enjoy the view (assumes demolition of the existing building)
- • Space to throw or kick a ball
- • Vita course equipment to stay fit
- • Simple and cost effective beautification e.g. the post and chain fencing at Normandie Sud, grass, and some trees.

We believe this is far more budget friendly, and thus more immediately achievable than pushing for a building as our goal is to transform the space as quickly as possible for the benefit of our residents.

We are hoping the next step will be for the City to develop some plans based on these thoughts that we can review with you. We are also happy to assist where we can...just let us know what we can do to help start moving this forward. We really want to make this happen by the end of the year and so we would appreciate any related timelines, milestones, and assistance from you that will get us there.

Sincerely,

Mark Wojak

New Projects Committee Chair

Normandy Shore HOA



CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

2010-2014 Capital Budget & 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

General

Title: Normandy Shores Park Tot-lot/Playground
Project #: pknnpdss
Department: Parks & Recreation
Manager: Kevin Smith/Julio Magrasso/Carlos DaCruz
Category: cip
Domain: Parks
Location: normandysh

	OPERATING CATEGORIES	Annual Incremental Cost
FTE's #:	Total:	:

Description: The Normandy Shores Park Tot-lot was constructed over ten years ago and has since deteriorated as a result of its age and harsh saltwater (bayside) environment. Additionally, the area around it has been impacted by the construction of the Normandy Shores streetspace project and has been closed for the past 18 months. It is beyond repair and requires complete replacement of the playground, safety surface, new fencing and FF&E. Additionally, as the City has been doing with other parks in our system, it is recommended that a shade system be added to this location. The nearest park with playgrounds for the residents on the northern point of Normandy Shores is at Fairway Park which is approximately 1 mile and to Normandy Isle Park which is approximately .5 mile. These locations may be out of walking distance for some and require patrons to cross busy streets to get to the parks.

Justification: This project will increase our residents' satisfaction with recreational programs and services.

Project Timeline:	A/E Request for Qualifications Star	Month/Year	A/E Request for Qualifications C	Month/Year
	A/E Agreement Award:			Mar-2010
	Planning Start:	Feb-2010	Planning Completion:	Apr-2010
	Design Start:	Mar-2010	Design Completion:	
	Bid Start:		Bid Completion:	
	Construction Contract Award:	Apr-2010		
	Construction Start:	May-2010	Construction Completion:	Jul-2010

Cost Summary

Cost Category	Prior Years	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	Future	Total
ae302 Architect/Engineering Fund 302	0	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	3,000
co302 Construction Fund 302	0	118,500	0	0	0	0	0	118,500
ct302 Contingencies Fund 302	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	10,000
eq302 Equipment fund 302	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	5,000
pe302 Permitting/Fees Fund 302	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,000
Total:	0	135,500	0	0	0	0	0	135,500

Funding Summary

Funding So	Prior Years	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	Future	Total
302 Pay-As-You-Go	0	135,500	0	0	0	0	0	135,500
Total:	0	135,500	0	0	0	0	0	135,500