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City Wide Parks Master Plan

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Chapter 1.0
Introduction
1.1. PURPOSE AND INTENT

The City of Hallandale Beach embarked on the preparation of a comprehensive City Wide Parks Master Plan in order to provide a community driven and professionally prepared roadmap to improve public recreation and leisure facilities throughout the community. The professional team led by Bermello Ajamil & Partners and Ballard King & Associates was chosen to carry out this City Wide Parks Master Plan.

From its outset, the City Wide Parks Master Plan was intended to provide a community forum to gather neighborhood preferences in order to improve recreation facilities and program offerings in both the short and long term horizons. With this intent in mind, the goals established for the City Wide Parks Master Plan were further defined to more clearly understand the Master Plan purpose. These over arching goals are to:

- Create a city-wide system of park and recreation venues that meet the needs of the citizens of Hallandale Beach;
- Set Hallandale Beach as a model of cities;
- Enhance the quality of life for all citizens;
- Improve the neighborhoods; and,
- Maintain and enhance the tax base.

To assist in reaching these goals a series of specific Project Objectives were established for the City Wide Parks Master Plan. These specific guiding objectives are to:

- Identify perceived and real community recreation needs;
- Maximize, to the greatest extent possible, the use of available recreation lands and facility resources;
- Provide for the rational and equitable distribution of recreational facilities throughout the City of Hallandale Beach and improve accessibility to said facilities; and,
- Plan park and recreation investments to create the greatest benefit for all citizens of Hallandale Beach, while limiting duplication of high maintenance facilities.

This City Wide Master Plan document outlines the process utilized to arrive at the City Wide Parks Master Plan, how the objectives of the project were met and how the guiding goals/directions were met. The City Wide Master Plan provides park and recreation development policies, programs, and specific park designs. The City Wide Parks Master Plan is described in the following pages.

1.2. REPORT ORGANIZATION

The City Wide Parks Master Plan document is organized in twelve chapters that define the plan development process and the proposed Master Plan. These chapters are:

1. Introduction
2. Community Profile
3. Parks & Recreation Facilities Classifications and Trends
4. Community Survey & Preferences
5. Inventory of Recreation Lands and Facilities
6. Recreation Programs and Services Assessment & Recommendations
7. Department of Parks & Recreation Analysis and Recommendations
8. Funding Options
1.3. PUBLIC OUTREACH PROCESS

The planning process was organized around a series of community workshops geared to gather input from all sectors and areas of the community.

B&A began by meeting with staff, the City Commission, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board followed by the Community Workshop Series No. 1 which were held during the month of July, 2010. Concurrently, as part of the Parks Master Plan, a needs assessment/analysis took place. Information from the Commission, staff, community meetings, online surveys, surveys from the schools, the City’s Comprehensive Plan, Master Plan, and an inventory of the parks, programs and services was gathered.

An extensive interdepartmental outreach was carried out. One-on-one meetings were held with the Police Athletic League, Development Services Department, the City’s Public Works Department and Human Services Department. Additionally, a City of Hallandale Beach employee workshop was held at the Commission Chambers to explain the process to staff and gather their input.

Community workshops were held in each of the City’s distinct quadrant areas to ascertain full community input in the process. Two separate community meetings were held for each quadrant area. A final overall City Wide Parks Master Plan presentation was also held to gather final input and to present the City Wide Parks Master Plan findings and recommendations. The following is a list of community public meetings that were held during the project process.

1.3.1. Community Workshop Series No. 1 - Scoping Meetings

The Community Workshop Series No. 1 consisted of Scoping Meetings conducted with the residents of the five different quadrants of the City. At the workshops, the B&A Team introduced the City Wide Parks Master Planning process to the community and neighborhoods. One of the principal objectives of this exercise was to begin the interchange of ideas and preferences regarding recreation facilities throughout the City of Hallandale Beach.

The Consultant Team presented their understanding of the City, the goals and objectives of the project, the approach to project development, existing park conditions and the next steps in the planning process.

At each of the Community Workshops the findings to date on each of the parks was presented. During this first series of Workshops, the Consultant Team and City Staff administered the Parks Master Plan Survey. The Survey was prepared in order to obtain a more complete and balanced community response for the Parks Master Plan process, issues, concerns and aspirations.

Prior to Community Workshop Series No. 1, individual meetings were held with each of the City Commissioners, the Vice Mayor and the Mayor. The intent of the City Commission one-on-one meetings was to discuss and explain the planning process to the City’s Elected Officials prior to meetings with the community at large. During these meetings, the B&A Team gathered comments and concerns of the City Commission which were incorporated into the presentation and planning process.

The Community Workshop Series No. 1 were held for the following City Quadrants and Parks at the indicated locations and dates:
From the information gathered during these meetings and further analyses of community and local school recreation surveys, the consultant team prepared a Recreation Needs Analysis to establish recreation facilities and program needs.

After the first series of meetings, the City Wide Parks Master Plan entered its second stage of project preparation where, based on the community input, Needs Assessment requirements and consultant evaluations, the alternative city-wide park development scenarios as well as specific designs and recommendations for a selection of the City’s parks were prepared. Community presentations of the proposed parks were carried out in the month of March, 2011.

1.3.2. Community Workshop Series No. 2 - Alternative Development Plans

This series of public meetings were held as follows:

- **SE Quadrant** - Held on March 12, 2011, 10:00 AM, at Bluesten Park, 501 SE 1 Avenue, Hallandale Beach, Florida
- **NE Quadrant** - Held on March 12, 2011, 1:00 PM, at the North Beach Community Center, Hallandale Beach, Florida
- **SW Quadrant** - Held on March 19, 2011, 10:00 AM, at Ingals Park, 735 SW 1st Street, Hallandale Beach, Florida
- **NW Quadrant** – Held on March 19, 2011, 1:00 PM, at OB Johnson Park, 900 NW 8 Avenue, Hallandale Beach, Florida
- **A1A/Beach Quadrant** - Held on March 12, 2011, 1:00 PM, at the North Beach Community Center, Hallandale Beach, Florida

1.3.3 City Commission Presentation/Public Hearing

Following the Community Workshop Series No. 2, the Consultant Team made a presentation to the City Commission of the proposed plans:

- City Commission Presentation/Public Hearing – Alternative Park Plan Selection and Recommendations – Held May 16th, 2011, 4:00 PM, at the Commission Chambers, City Hall, City of Hallandale Beach

Various Park Activities
During this Public Hearing duly advertised and open to the public, the City Commission reviewed the various proposed plans for each of the parks, evaluated each proposal and voted to select a preferred option for each of the parks. The Preferred Options were subsequently further detailed by the Consultant Team for final City Wide Parks Master Plan preparation.

- Final Presentation to City Commission – The City of Hallandale Beach City Wide Parks Master Plan Final Report was presented to the City Commission for adoption on July 14th, 2011.

1.4. PLANNING PROCESS

The planning process was organized around a series of community workshops geared to gather input from all sectors and areas of the community. Community workshops were held in each of the City’s distinct quadrant areas to ascertain full community input in the process as indicated in the previous section, Public Outreach Process. Two separate community meetings were held in each quadrant. To present the City Wide Parks Master Plan findings and recommendations, a final meeting and presentation open to the public was conducted with the City Commission.

A rigorous Recreation Needs Analysis was undertaken to evaluate passive and active recreation needs. An Evaluation of Existing Park Facilities and Recreation Programs provided the basis to compare how identified needs were being met and the issues and opportunities present in the passive and active recreation offerings. Specific Park Improvement Plans are provided for each park and needed new facilities have been identified. These analyses, recommendations and designs were done under the mantle of the community workshops. The resulting Capital Improvements Plan provides the framework for the short and long term investments needed to improve the parks and recreation facilities.

The planning process consisted of eight steps to reach the final City Wide Parks Master Plan. These steps are shown in the following graphic, the B&A Park Master Planning Process.
2.1. REGIONAL CONTEXT

The City of Hallandale Beach forms part of the conurbation, the continuous urban development that stretches along the Atlantic Coast of South Florida from South Miami Dade north almost uninterrupted to the City of Jacksonville. Located immediately north of the Miami-Dade County line and bordering the City of Aventura on the South, the City of Hollywood on the north, the City of Hallandale Beach is bordered by I-95 on the west, County Line Road (NE 215th Street/SE 11th Street) on the south, Pembroke Road on the north, and the Atlantic Ocean on the east.

The City of Pembroke Park is located on the west side of I-95 to the west of Hallandale Beach. The Intracoastal Waterway separates the mainland from Hallandale Beach, the City’s namesake. The City of Hollywood’s barrier island borders on the north of Hallandale Beach’s barrier island and the City of Golden Beach borders on the south.

2.2. URBAN PLAN CHARACTERISTICS

The City of Hallandale Beach’s urban form is a rectangle bisected by major north-south and east-west roads that define discrete sections and neighborhoods. A bedroom community composed of large residential sectors, the major thoroughfares in both the north-south and east-west direction create commercial corridors that serve to define sectors of the City of Hallandale Beach.
Major uses occupying substantial amounts of land area create urban landmarks throughout the City. Gulfstream Park Thoroughbred Race Track and Casino occupy a major tract of land along South Federal Highway (US1) and is a noted landmark in this urban corridor. The recent construction of Gulfstream Village, a specialty retail center that is part of the Gulfstream complex, has established this gaming venue as a major regional retail and entertainment center. When fully completed, the mixed use project will have a total of 750,000 square feet of gross leasable retail area including major restaurants and a cinema complex; 1,500 residential units; 140,000 square feet of office space and parking in both surface and structured areas for more than 7,000 vehicles.

Hallandale Beach Boulevard is the east-west central spine of the City and defines the north sections to Pembroke Road; and south sections to the County Line. The South Dixie Highway and the Florida East Coast Rail Line that parallels this road, define east and west sections. The Intracoastal Waterway defines Hallandale Beach on the east side of the City and separates the Beach community from the mainland neighborhoods.

For the purpose of the City Wide Parks Master Plan, the City was divided into five quadrants which are:

- Northeast Quadrant - defined by Hallandale Beach Boulevard on the south, the Intracoastal Waterway on the east, South Dixie Highway on the west and Pembroke Road on the north.
- Northwest Quadrant – defined by Hallandale Beach Boulevard on the south, South Dixie Highway on the east, I-95 on the west, and Pembroke Road on the north.
- Southwest Quadrant - defined by County Line Road (NE 215th Street) on the south, South Dixie Highway on the east, I-95 on the west, and Hallandale Beach Boulevard on the north.
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Southeast Quadrant – defined by County Line Road, NE 215th Street on the south, the Intracoastal Waterway on the east, South Dixie Highway on the west and Hallandale Beach Boulevard on the north.

A1A/Beach Quadrant - defined by the Intracoastal Waterway on the west, the Atlantic Ocean on the east, the City of Hollywood on the north and the City of Golden Beach on the south.

2.2.1. The City Wide Master Plan

The Hallandale Beach City Wide Master Plan was adopted by the City of Hallandale Beach in February, 2009. The City Wide Master Plan objectives/goals as they relate to the Citywide Parks Master Plan include proposals for Peter Bluesten Park, Chaves Lake and access recommendations.

The City Wide Master Plan (CWMP) proposed the incorporation of Peter Bluesten Park into a new Town Center in order to create a “Premiere Civic Space”. The City Wide Master Plan proposed the park to be urban rather than suburban in design, with passive uses and spaces emphasized over recreational fields, as quoted from the CWMP. It also proposed providing shared civic space for everyday uses, special events and weekly activities such as a farmer’s market.
The B&A Consultant Team has evaluated this proposal in the context of available recreational lands, community recreational needs, and the future potential availability of additional land in close proximity to Peter Bluesten Park.

The CWMP also proposed the addition of a parking structure with ground level retail at South Beach Park. The Consultant Team evaluated this proposal, presented the community with several detailed site plan alternatives that incorporated the construction of a 400 vehicle parking deck and has gathered community input on this proposal. The findings are outlined in Chapter 9.0.

In addition, the CWMP proposed that Chaves Lake be developed as a lake oriented nature park which would wrap around Chaves Lake and the high school. This concept has also been evaluated as part of the City Wide Parks Master Plan. Various park design alternatives were presented to the City and the community for review and comment. The intent of the CWMP was incorporated into the development of options for the improvement of Chaves Lake.
enhanced public access to the Intracoastal Waterway and recreational activities on the water. The CWMP also proposed increasing the overall shade canopy for the City to a minimum of 30%.

2.3. DEMOGRAPHIC REVIEW

When the basic demographic characteristics of the City of Hallandale Beach as a whole are analyzed, the following points can be made (Data from Broward County).

• The population of the city was estimated at 39,695 in 2010 with projections of 45,282 by 2020.
• There were estimated to be approximately 19,858 households in 2010.
• It estimated that the seasonal population during the winter jumps to 49,000.
• The median age is 52.7 while the national median age is only 37.0 in 2010. However, there are indications that the population is beginning to “turn over” with younger residents replacing the older population. Over the next 10 years this could result in a decrease in the median age.
• Median household income is $36,513 compared with $54,442 nationally.
• The ethnic makeup of the community is:

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Quadrant 5 has the highest median household income level, followed by quadrant 3.

### 2.3.1. Demographic Summary:

- The city will continue to grow at a reasonable rate for the next 10 years.
- The overall city population is older than the national median age but is beginning to trend the other direction.
- Median household income is lower than the national median.
- The city has a significant Hispanic as well as African American population.
- The beach area has the greatest concentration of seniors and the highest median household income level.
- The northwest quadrant has the greatest number of youth, but the lowest median household income level.
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#### 2010 - Income Distribution by Quadrant

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2010 - Population Distribution by Race

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3.0 PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES CLASSIFICATIONS AND TRENDS

3.1. FACILITIES CLASSIFICATIONS

As part of the Master Plan, it is beneficial to develop a common classification system for the City’s park and open space amenities. It should be noted that there are a variety of classification systems that are utilized in the profession and different levels of development that are often designated for certain park amenities.

- **Small Neighborhood Parks**
  - Site size - less than 5 acres
  - Focus - mainly passive use but can have limited active recreational opportunities.
  - Service area – one-quarter to one-half mile radius.

- **Large Neighborhood Parks**
  - Site size – 6-14 acres
  - Focus – designed to provide neighborhood based play fields for baseball, soccer, and football, playgrounds, courts and picnic areas.
  - Service area – one-half to one mile radius.

- **Community Parks**
  - Site size – 15+ acres
  - Focus – designed to provide lighted athletic fields, large playgrounds, recreation center, picnic areas and swimming pools.
  - Service area – one to three mile radius.

- **Regional Parks**
  - Site size – 50+ acres
  - Focus – a one of a kind facility such as a sports complex, stadium, auditorium or large natural resource.
  - Service area – three to ten mile or more radius.

- **Natural/Preservation Areas**
  - Open space areas of various sizes that remain in a natural setting.

- **Greenways**
  - Linear park areas that follow water ways, transportation corridors or other natural features (beaches, etc.). These areas can either be left in their natural condition or be more developed with turf grass and other park features.

- **Specialized Facility**
  - Focus – unique facilities such as marinas, swimming pools, nature/interpretative center, dog parks, amphitheater, tennis centers and golf courses.

The following is a breakdown of basic specialized facilities.

**Aquatic Centers**

Aquatic centers or swimming pools are usually developed on three levels.

- **Neighborhood** - Smaller pools that are designed to serve specific neighborhoods. The bather load is often less than 200. These amenities are usually built and maintained by a developer or homeowners association adjacent to a neighborhood park.

- **Community** - Larger pools that serve a community. These vary in size and amenities (competitive to recreational) and can range from a bather load of 400 to over 1,000. They are developed as part of a community park. A usual standard is 1 per 25,000 population or a certain square footage per resident.

- **Regional** - These are large water parks that are designed to serve a significant geographic area. They usually contain an expansive recreational pool but can also have a strong competitive focus. Bather loads are 1,000 or more. These are often developed through a partnership with other organizations. They would be located in a regional park or as a stand alone facility. A usual standard is 1 per 50,000 to 100,000 population.

**Recreation/Community Centers**

Recreation/Community centers are usually developed on three levels.

- **Clubhouse/Community Building** – smaller buildings that are designed to serve as a community room for individual neighborhoods. The size is usually less than 5,000 sq.ft. and requires less than 3 acres. These
amenities are usually built and maintained by a developer or homeowners association and are often located next to a neighborhood pool or park.

Community Center – are larger community buildings with multiple, more passive use, spaces that serve a community. These vary in size and amenities and can range from 5,000 to over 20,000 sq.ft. and require 3-5 acres. The usual standard is 1 per 10,000 in population. This level of center can also be combined with a comprehensive community recreation center or community aquatic center. These centers are usually part of a community park.

Comprehensive Community Recreation Center – this is a large center that contains both active (pool, gym, fitness, etc.) and passive use elements (community rooms) and is designed to serve a substantial geographic area (50,000 or more). The facility is usually over 40,000 sq.ft. to as much as 70,000 sq.ft. and requires 8 acres or more. These are often developed through a partnership with other organizations or other groups (YMCA, etc.). These centers are normally part of a community or regional park.

Performing Arts Center
A performing arts center is a regional indoor facility with a large theater. Seating can vary from 300 to over 1,000. The center can be 30,000 to 70,000 sq.ft. and requires 8 acres or more. This type of center is normally developed by a number of organizations or large communities (over 50,000 population). They can be located as part of a larger civic campus, in conjunction with a comprehensive recreation center, or as an amenity in a regional park.

Sports Complex
A youth or adult oriented sports complex (50-100 acres) with a series of lighted game fields for baseball/softball (6 to 8 fields in a wagon wheel with central restrooms/concessions/press box) and football/soccer (6-12 fields with central restrooms/concessions/press box). The complex could also include a stadium for either or both sports. A sports complex is built in a regional park.

Tennis Center
An 8-12 lighted court complex on 2-3 acres that has a stadium court, central restroom, concession, and pro-shop area.

Amphitheater
An amphitheater can be either a community sized amenity (under 1,000 seats, some permanent and some lawn with a small stage and storage area) or a large regional facility (1,000 to 2,000 seats, some permanent and some lawn with a large covered stage, restrooms and concessions). An amphitheater requires 2 to 4 acres of land with a community facility being located in a community park and a regional facility in a regional park.

Festival/Event Area
A large open park area (some areas in turf others hard surfaced) that can be used as a site to host community wide special events, festivals, and even a farmers market. Adequate parking, restroom facilities, water and power must be available on or immediately adjacent to the site. This area could be up to 5 acres or more in size.

Nature Center/Interpretive Center
A small indoor and outdoor space (usually under 10,000 sq.ft.) for viewing and observing nature as well as for classroom space and exhibits. A nature center is located in conjunction with a preservation area. One nature center per 50,000 population or more is recommended.

Adventure Sports Park
Can include a variety of amenities.

Skate Park – a lighted, concrete structure with bowls, streetscapes and a variety of ramps. A total of 20,000 to 25,000 square feet. A single large skate park is recommended. This can be located in a community or regional park.

BMX Track – a lighted dirt track area on a 2 to 3 acre site. A single large BMX track is recommended. This can be located in a community or regional park.

In-line Hockey Rink – a lighted 185’ x 85’ rink with full dasher board system. These can be built in pairs at a single location in a community or regional park.

Rock Climbing or Boulder Wall – an outdoor artificial rock wall for climbing.
### Parks & Recreation Facilities Classifications and Trends

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**Legend:**
- **Red**: Existing Facility
- **Yellow**: Proposed Facility
- **Orange**: Multi-Use Community Space, moveable seats

City of Hallandale Beach Specialized Recreational Facilities Availability

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Disc Golf Course – a course that is usually nine holes that is laid out over a more natural area of a park.

Beach
A sand beach area that will often have paved parking, pavilions, guard stands and even restroom facilities with outside showers.

Boat Launch/Marina
With the presence of natural bodies of water or access to other waterways a boat launch and/or marina is possible. The size of these amenities must match the size of the water area. For smaller lakes less than 20 acres there will need to be limited amenities and a focus on smaller water craft. For larger bodies of water and ones that have access to other waterways the ability to handle larger boats may be necessary.

Golf Course
A 9 or 18 hole course that includes a clubhouse, teaching area and driving range. Courses are usually stand alone recreation facilities but can be located as part of a large regional park as well.

Dog Park
A dog park should be a fenced area of 1 to 3 acres with the ability to close off different sections. Water, benches and shade are necessary. Smaller dog parks can be located in large neighborhood parks while larger dog parks are more appropriate in community or regional parks.

Trails
Trails are often categorized into 3 areas:

1. Neighborhood – are usually trails that circle a neighborhood or community park and are usually hard surfaced and 6 to 8 feet wide.

2. Community – these trails will usually connect various community amenities such as schools, community parks, regional parks, recreation/community centers, aquatic center, shopping areas and other civic buildings. These trails are hard surfaced and can be 10-12 feet wide.

3. Regional – community trails can connect with a regional trail system that is developed in conjunction with other neighboring cities or districts and will allow for longer trips. These trails are hard surfaced and can be 10-12 feet wide.

3.2. PARKS AND RECREATION TRENDS

To assist in the process of developing a parks and recreation master plan for Hallandale Beach, it is helpful to understand some of the trends that are being seen nationally with parks and recreation. However, it should be noted that each city is unique and the area of the country has a strong bearing on trends and other operational factors.

- Recreation programming has become very diverse with offerings in the following main areas.
  - Sports – youth and adult
  - Fitness and wellness
  - Aquatics
  - Cultural arts
  - Youth (non sports)
  - Teens
  - Seniors
  - Special populations
  - Special interest
  - Outdoor education and adventure
  - Special events
  - Family focused activities

- Many of these programs are offered with shorter sessions (two to three classes) or on a drop-in pay as you go basis (especially fitness). In addition, there has also been a concerted effort to integrate conventional recreation programming with community based social service programs. Most of the social service programs are offered by other community based agencies.

- Providing such a wide variety of recreation programs and services has required recreation departments to contract for a significant number of services and/or act as a clearing house or community organizer of other organizations that provide recreation programs and services. Cities simply have been unable to provide all the demanded programs and services to a community on their own.
• The types of facilities that are now being provided by parks and recreation departments have also become more diverse and now often include:
  - Neighborhood parks (less than 15 acres, often provided by homeowners associations and others)
  - Community parks (15-50 acres)
  - Regional parks (50-200 acres)
  - Open space or preservation areas
  - Trails
  - Specialized facilities
    - Aquatic Centers
    - Ice Rinks
    - Recreation/Community Centers
    - Performing Arts Center
    - Sports Complex
    - Amphitheater
    - Tennis Complex
    - Nature/Interpretive Center
    - Adventure Sports (BMX, skateboard park, etc.)
    - Boat Launch/Marina
    - Golf Course
    - Dog Park
    - Beach Facilities

• There has been a much stronger emphasis on open space acquisition and trails development in the past 10 years than most other types of facilities.

• There has also been a much stronger emphasis on revenue generation with many cities now requiring their recreation divisions to be 100% self supporting of all direct costs. Most tax dollars are reserved for parks and facility maintenance, overall administration of the department and capital improvements.

• Increasingly, more operation, administration, and maintenance functions are being contracted to outside vendors to reduce costs and staffing.

• A greater emphasis on partnering with other recreation and parks providers to develop and manage amenities and programs.

### 3.3. CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH PARKS CLASSIFICATION

The drawing, City of Hallandale Beach Park Distribution by Quadrant (following page) identifies the location of all City of Hallandale Beach parks and recreation facilities and their respective City Quadrant location. These Parks are identified in the following table, City of Hallandale Beach Parks Classification. A detailed description of each park is presented in Chapter 5.0.

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<tr>
<th>Park Service Radius</th>
<th>0 to 1/4 Mile</th>
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<th>1 to 3 Miles</th>
<th>3 to 10 Miles</th>
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<td>Small Neighborhood Park (less than 5 Acres)</td>
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City of Hallandale Beach Parks Classification Table
3.0 Parks & Recreation Facilities Classifications and Trends

3.3.1. Pedestrian and Vehicular Access to City’s Parks

Most residents of the City of Hallandale Beach are within one quarter to one half mile of a recreation facility as can be seen from the drawing Small and Large Neighborhood Parks Service Radii. The table labeled City of Hallandale Beach Parks Classification identifies the land area and park classification type for each of the City’s parks.

3.3.2. City’s Flagship Community Park

Peter Bluesten Park with a land area of over 15 acres is the City of Hallandale Beach’s largest park facility. It is a Community Park with a service radius that covers the totality of the City as can be seen from the drawing Peter Bluesten Park Service Radius. The City Wide Parks Master Plan recognizes the importance of Peter Bluesten Park as the City’s flagship park and the need to make certain that its activities serve, in as much as possible, the recreation needs of the totality of the City of Hallandale Beach’s residents.

3.3.3. Fully Built Out City

The City of Hallandale Beach is a fully built out city and there is limited vacant land available for new park development. Additionally, as can be expected in such a case, the cost of acquiring additional land is substantial.

3.3.4. City Parks Classification Distribution

City park classification distribution responds to the demographic make-up of the City of Hallandale Beach (please refer to Chapter 2, Demographic Review). The residential sectors of the City with the highest percentage of young population have Large Neighborhood Parks, such as OB Johnson Park in the Northwest Quadrant and Ingalls Park in the Southwest Quadrant. Peter Bluesten Park, a Community Park, serves the needs of the Southeast Quadrant and supplements all other City Parks providing sports fields.
The City of Hallandale Beach provides one Specialized Park, the Golden Isles Tennis Complex. In the near future, the City will provide the proposed City Marina at Three Islands Boulevard to be located in the Northeast Quadrant. As part of the City Wide Parks Master Plan, the reclaiming of Chaves Lake as a Specialized Park facility is also proposed.

While lacking specific and formal Greenways throughout the City, the City of Hallandale Beach has North and South Beach Parks that provide access to the beach and the linear park that a beach represents.

The City of Hallandale Beach depends on Broward County and the State of Florida for Regional Parks and Natural Areas. John U. Lloyd State Park, a beach front and natural preserve park is just north of Hallandale Beach. A number of other regional parks are within easy vehicle travel from the City of Hallandale Beach. Miami-Dade County also has a Greynolds Park within close proximity of the City of Hallandale Beach.

### 3.4. CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH LEVELS OF SERVICE (LOS):

The City through its Comprehensive Plan has adopted some basic level of service figures for parks. This number is based on Broward County standards of 3 acres per 1,000 of population. Based on the projected population numbers the following requirements are listed.

<table>
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<th>Year</th>
<th>Pop.</th>
<th>Required Acreage</th>
<th>Current Acreage</th>
<th>Public Waterways</th>
<th>Difference With Waterways</th>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>38,287</td>
<td>115</td>
<td>53.71</td>
<td>142.68</td>
<td>+81.39 -61.29</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>42,258</td>
<td>127</td>
<td>53.71</td>
<td>142.68</td>
<td>+69.39 -73.29</td>
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It is somewhat unusual for communities to count waterways as part of their total park acreage. Since this represents nearly 73% of the total acreage, the dependence on this element should be reduced to no more than 30% of the total.

With this change it would indicate that the city is significantly below the standard for parkland.

On the other side, it is not unusual for communities to count school standard for parkland. With this change it would indicate that the city is significantly below the standard if a formal agreement exists with the schools that allows and encourages community use.

The City of Hallandale Beach has an Inter-Local Agreement with the School Board of Broward County (SBBC) to use, during non-school hours, the school sports fields. If school district fields and other outdoor amenities are included, this would represent approximately 64.51 acres of additional park acreage. Often school property is counted at a 50% ratio.

Assuming these ratios, the table “Level of Service Analysis – Use of Waterways and School Board of Broward county Inter-Local Agreement Recreation Lands” indicates that the City of Hallandale Beach has sufficient recreation lands to meet present demand. Irrespective of how the waterways and SBBC properties are counted.

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<td>Hallandale High</td>
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<td>Hallandale Adult Cultural Center</td>
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<td>Gulfstream Middle School</td>
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<td>Total Acres</td>
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Chapter 4.0
Community Survey & Preferences
A series of public meetings were held in each quadrant of the city and participants were asked to fill out a survey regarding their recreation needs. A separate youth survey was also conducted through the public school system. The following summarizes the findings from the public input mechanism. It should be noted that these findings represent only a small segment of the community.

4.1. COMMUNITY MEETINGS SUMMARY

- Safety is a major concern.
- Most parks and recreation facilities need more parking.
- Dogs in the parks and developing new dog parks are a contentious issue.
- Restrooms in the parks is a volatile issue with some people wanting more restrooms and that are open on a regular basis and others not wanting them at all for safety reasons.
- Having more benches in the parks is desired as is more shade.
- Improvements to the beach facilities.
- Specific parks facility needs included:
  - Skate park
  - Basketball courts
  - Trails
  - Fitness stations
  - Updated playgrounds
  - Covered park pavilions

4.2. NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY SUMMARY

Listed below are some of the key findings related to parks and recreation facilities and programs.

Northwest Quadrant

Program Needs
- After school programs
- Sports (youth and adult)
- Cultural arts
- Seniors
- Fitness
- Youth (non-sports)
Program Needs
- After school programs
- Sports (youth and adult)
- Cultural arts
- Seniors
- Fitness
- Youth (non-sports)

Facility Needs
- Maintain existing facilities
- Sports fields
- Improved security
- Playground improvements
- Additional parking
- Open space and Trails

Southeast Quadrant
- GOLDEN ISLES PARK
- GOLDEN ISLES TENNIS CENTER
- AND DOG PARK
- PETER BLUESTEN PARK

Program Needs
- Programs in general
- After school programs
- Sports (youth and adult)
- Seniors
- Fitness

Facility Needs
- Maintain existing facilities
- Sports fields
- Additional parking
- Indoor recreation facilities
- Outdoor pool
- Open space
- Trails
- Restrooms
- Dog Park
4.0 Community Survey & Preferences

4.1. A1A/Beach Quadrant

Program Needs
- After school programs
- Sports (youth and adult)
- Seniors
- Fitness
- Cultural arts

Facility Needs
- Maintain existing facilities
- Indoor recreation facilities

Non-Residents

Program Needs
- After school programs
- Cultural arts
- Youth/Teen
- Sports

Facility Needs
- Improve security
- Sports fields
- Improved playgrounds

4.3. Youth Surveys Summary

The overall results of the youth survey are indicated below. There was a strong response from the students within the schools with over 270 surveys completed. The greatest number of surveys came from the 11-15 age group.

What type of outdoor leisure activities do you participate in?

Student Responses all age groups, all areas

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<th>Activity</th>
<th>All Age Groups</th>
<th>All Areas of the City</th>
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<td>Active recreation sports</td>
<td>116 (21%)</td>
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<td>Fitness</td>
<td>81 (14%)</td>
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<td>Picnics &amp; family outings</td>
<td>70 (12%)</td>
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<td>Special Events</td>
<td>65 (12%)</td>
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<td>Recreational at the beach</td>
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<td>Aquatics</td>
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<td>Walking and hiking</td>
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<td>Education</td>
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<td>Cultural Arts</td>
<td>20 (4%)</td>
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<td>Organized recreation programs</td>
<td>19 (3%)</td>
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*Totals indicate preferences not number of respondents.
Which City parks did you visit in the past 12 months?

Student Responses all age groups, all areas of the City

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What improvements are needed in the parks you visit most often?

Student Responses all age groups, all areas of the City

- Additional sports fields
- Better playgrounds
- Outdoor pool
- Indoor recreation
- More City organized programs
- Improved maintenance
- Improved security
- Additional Parking

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<td>Better playgrounds</td>
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<td>18%</td>
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<td>Outdoor pool</td>
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<td>18%</td>
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<td>Indoor recreation</td>
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<td>More City organized programs</td>
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<td>Improved maintenance</td>
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<td>Totals</td>
<td>514</td>
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*Totals indicate preferences not number of respondents.
Have you participated in organized recreation programs or services offered by the City in the past 12 months?
Student Responses all age groups, all areas of the City

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<td>61%</td>
<td>39%</td>
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If you did not participate what are your reasons?
Student Responses all age groups, all areas of the City

- Program too costly
- Not offered at a location close to where I live
- Programs wanted not offered
- Programs not offered at convenient time

*Totals indicate preferences not number of respondents
Do you feel there is a need for additional afterschool programs for teens in Hallandale Beach?  
Student Responses all age groups, all areas of the City

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<td>70%</td>
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*Totals number of respondents

Which types of programs, facilities, or activities would you like to see offered that are not offered in your neighborhood?  
Student Responses all age groups, all areas of the City
4.0 Community Survey & Preferences

What are the most needed recreation programs or activities in your neighborhood?
Student Responses all age groups, all areas

What are the top three elements needed in your parks?
Student Responses all age groups, all areas
Under 10 Years of Age

Program Needs
- Sports
  - Soccer
  - Basketball
- Aquatics
- Cultural arts
- Fitness/Wellness

Facility Needs
- Dog park
- Sports fields
- Playgrounds
- Swimming pool

11-15 Years of Age

Program Needs
- Sports
- After school programs
- Aquatics
- Fitness/Wellness

Facility Needs
- Dog park
- Sports fields
- Restrooms
- Swimming pool

16-20 Years of Age

Program Needs
- Sports
- Aquatics
- Fitness/Wellness

Facility Needs
- Sports fields

- Swimming pool
- Picnic area

Other Key Youth Survey Findings
- Security is a perceived issue in the parks
- Youth are strong users of facilities
- The most used parks are Peter Bluesten, O.B. Johnson and Ingalls.
- The biggest reasons youth do not participate in City recreation programs include “programs not offered at a location that is close to where “I live” and “programs are too costly”.

4.4. OVERALL PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

- Perceived safety in the parks is a significant issue.
- There is a concern over the lack of parking at most facilities.
- Dogs and dog parks are a contentious issue.
- Having restrooms in parks is also a contentious issue.
- Specific program needs include:
  - After school programs
  - Sports (youth and adult)
  - Cultural arts
  - Seniors
  - Fitness/Wellness
  - Youth (non-sports)
  - Aquatics (youth)

- Specific parks and recreation facilities include:
  - It is important to maintain existing facilities
  - Improve playgrounds
  - Additional sports fields
  - Additional parking
  - Indoor recreation facilities
  - Swimming pools
Chapter 5.0
Inventory of Recreation Lands and Facilities
5.1. INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides an inventory of existing park resources, their urban context, conditions and identified issues. The recreation facilities conditions analysis was developed by B&A personnel through numerous site visits and a detailed evaluation of existing conditions. A site visit to each of the City’s parks was also undertaken with City Staff. In addition, a photographic analysis of each park was carried out. Finally the existing conditions analysis was validated through the numerous community meetings and through the City Commission presentations.

5.1.1 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF RECREATION LANDS AND FACILITIES

As part of the existing conditions analysis, a detailed evaluation of present conditions at each of the City’s parks was carried out. This evaluation addressed all aspects of each individual park’s physical conditions. The analysis included park perimeter evaluation; parking at both on-street and off-street locations; present shelters; active recreational facilities/sports fields; existing buildings and their condition; present level of landscaping and general overall condition of the landscape; general urban context and proposed City improvements and investments; as well as the general aesthetic conditions of each of the parks.

The Inventory of Recreation Lands and Facilities provided a basis for required improvements and the inclusion of additional activities and structures within the City’s existing park’s system. The Inventory of Recreation Lands and Facilities, the analysis that accompanied this inventory, the Needs Assessment, and Community Preferences identified during the site surveys and community meetings formed the basis for the development of Alternative Concept Designs for each park; as well as the basis for the redistribution of sports facilities and uses within the City’s park system.

The following pages provide a summary of the Inventory of Recreation Lands and Facilities. In order to better illustrate the conclusions, the inventory and analysis includes a summary of the B&A Team’s findings illustrated with photos and plans of the existing recreation facilities. As with all the analysis, the City’s parks are organized according to their respective City of Hallandale Beach quadrant. The parks included in the Inventory are:

Northeast Quadrant I
City Marina
Joseph Scavo Park
Sunrise Park

Northwest Quadrant II
Foster Park
B. F. James Park
Oreste Blake Johnson Park

Southwest Quadrant III
Chaves Lake Park
Ingalls Park
Sunset Park
Historic Village
Hallandale Adult Community Center Fields

Southeast Quadrant IV
Peter Bluesten Park
Cultural Center
Golden Isles Park
Golden Isles Tennis Complex & Dog Park

A1A/Beach Quadrant V
North Beach Park
South Beach Park

The Inventory of Recreation Lands and Facilities presented in the following pages includes an analysis of each park facility’s urban context in order to further define recreation and sports activity locations within the City’s park system.
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5.2 HALLANDALE BEACH CITY MARINA

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

The proposed Hallandale Beach City Marina to be constructed on City of Hallandale Beach property is located on Three Islands Boulevard, north of Hallandale Beach Boulevard. The Marina site is adjacent to the existing Three Islands Fire Station and rescue center and will occupy a piece of land that is presently undeveloped. It is a relatively isolated site separated from commercial activities by Three Islands Boulevard and the canal system. A large retail center is located to the east of the marina and facing East Hallandale Beach Boulevard may be developed for retail or mixed uses thus allowing a commercial neighbor immediately to the south of the marina.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

The Marina is a 1-acre site dedicated to the Three Islands Fire Station, parking, dockage and open space along the waterfront.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands:
The land will be used for marina parking and open space. The marina occupies the perimeter of the site and allows for a turning basin and adequate fairways for boat access. The marina proposes the construction of thirty one (31) slips and an additional twenty five (25) parking spaces.

Buildings:
There is a 600 s.f. pavilion and a 225 s.f. restroom building proposed in the new plan for the site south of the expanded parking area.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

As a new recreational venue to be constructed, the design responds to the conditions of the site and the berthing requirements of the marina. Upon review of the plan B&A determined there were no major issues. Once operational, the marina will provide berthing for 31 vessels of up to 40’ in length-over-all (LOA). The unused portion of the site will be developed for passive landscaped open space.
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Three Islands Blvd.

Waterway

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5.3. JOSEPH SCAVO PARK

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

Joseph Scavo Park, previously known as “Three Islands Park” is located on Three Islands Boulevard north of N.E. 7th Street. The park is surrounded on the east, south and north sides by two story townhomes that have their rear yard fences directly facing the Park. Three Islands Boulevard serves as the western boundary of the park. There is parallel parking located on Three Islands Boulevard on both the east and west sides of the street along the frontage of Joseph Scavo Park. Parking is limited for the park as only on-street parallel parking is available.

The surrounding residential community, immediately adjacent to the park, is multi-family, composed of town homes and low and mid rise apartments. The surrounding multi-family residential developments contain limited resident oriented recreational amenities within their respective developments. The presence of high density residential development makes Joseph Scavo Park an important recreational amenity within the Three Islands Community. Presently, the park is heavily used for walking, jogging and children’s play activities.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

Joseph Scavo Park is a neighborhood park with 7 acres of land dedicated primarily to passive open space uses.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands:
The park is a passive park with a children’s playground. It has an asphalt walkway system throughout the park with bollard type lighting along much of the pathway system. Unfenced and easily accessible, the park has a central paved area or plaza aligned with N.E. 9th Street that is a visual gesture to the intersection of Three Islands Boulevard and N.E. 9th Street.

Passive Areas:
There are numerous trees that have been randomly placed throughout the park which limit the use of the green space and create visual barriers to the rear areas of the park from the street. This situation makes it difficult for the police to visually patrol all areas of the park from the road.

Buildings
There are presently no buildings or structures within Joseph Scavo Park.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Among the major issues identified for Joseph Scavo Park were:

• Poor condition of existing walkways
• Lack of restroom facilities for the park users
• Limited size of existing playground
• Random planting of trees throughout the park
• Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Visibility issues caused by low branching plant material
• Parking restricted to on-street parking
• No provision for dog owners
• Development of park for recreational activities vs. no development and retention of passive uses only

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP COMMENTS

• Provision for children activities need to be increased,
• Not enough facilities for the number of children visiting the park,
• Need safer facilities for children,
• The bare spot on the ground is from kids who have worn a spot on the ground playing baseball, playing soccer, exercise, practicing kungfu,
• Older children in the neighborhood have nothing to do, possible introduction of a skate board park, as there are more children living in the neighborhood. We should add things for teenagers, facilities, skate board, basketball court,
• Need place to play baseball, additional play areas for children,
• Park is missing a bathroom; a lot of parks have bathrooms and do not have problems with vagrants, this park needs a bathroom.

Character of Park

• Park unique in city, part of the community, no fences. Community does not want fences
• The park is beautiful; all residents of the community use the park
• Remember concept of pocket park surrounded by residential area, do not overdo it.
• Create butterfly gardens and attract birds
• More benches are needed in shaded areas to socialize and talk, no food, no bathrooms, they attract undesirables to the area
• Passive use has value, park is very well used, jogging walking, it is often so crowded there is no place to park in the evening
• Benches should cover every conceivable area of park, the community likes exercise stations.
• Build a Dog Park
• Dog park will not enhance property values, houses 50 feet from dog park, could bring down value of all of Venetian Park
• Compromise good for all Venetian park allow dogs in park, have a dog park, will enhance the park and it should allow all types of dogs.
• Younger generation, do not have yards, this is a place to take dogs to exercise, presently the police do not allow dogs.

Restroom Building
• Some residents stated that no restroom facility is desired in the park, others said yes they need a bathroom for the playground as it is too far to go home to use restrooms
• Some residents wanted restrooms as people come from outside area to use the park, there are undesirables everywhere

Park Paths
• The park is fine but the paths are bumpy, do not like paying for the park, give them a place to park. Skate boards and dogs are not allowed but people are using them for both
• Paths are rocky, a dog park is not necessary, just allow the dogs to go into the park.
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5.4. SUNRISE PARK

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

Sunrise Park is located on the south east corner of N.E. 5th Street and N.E. 8th Avenue.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

Sunrise Park is a mini-park with a total land area of .33 acres.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands:

This is a mini-park dedicated as a neighborhood playground for various age groups, Sunrise Park has two covered playground areas, a swing area, a small open grass area and a walking/exercise trail. The design of the park responds to the park’s corner location and its siting on a relatively small lot in a primarily residential neighborhood. The decorative fencing along the street frontage of the park provides excellent visibility into the park yet provides protection for users from the traffic on the adjacent roadways.

Buildings:

Other than the covered children’s play area and the picnic shelter, there are no other structures within the park.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

General observation indicated that Sunrise Park is in excellent condition and is well maintained. The park could benefit from formal on street parallel parking along the roadway which is presently a grass surface and consequently does not withstand high volumes of traffic. The bike rack was not secure and could possibly be relocated and upgraded to better accommodate bicyclists utilizing the park.
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Foster Park

5.5. FOSTER PARK

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

Foster Park is located on its street namesake, Foster Road and is bordered by N.W. 7th Avenue on the west and N.W. 6th Avenue on the east. On the north side of this triangular shaped park is the historic Hallandale Cemetery.

Directly across Foster Road to the south is a neighborhood commercial zoned area. Immediately opposite the west end of the park are light industrial uses in the form of a strip commercial warehouse. Nevertheless, the predominant use in the surrounding context is single family residential.

A new community center will be constructed in Foster Park in a vacant area on the east end of the park.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

Foster Park is a neighborhood park with 1.82 acres of land area.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands:

Foster Park is a passive recreation park in excellent condition with substantial community use with an open perimeter that affords excellent views into the park. The lawn area is in good condition and serves as play areas for children and teenagers.

Within the park is a fenced children’s playground, with a rubberized safety surface and mulch perimeter. The play equipment is provided with sun shelters and is designed for various ages of children. There is a clean and well-marked parking area with a total of 28 spaces which is designed to accommodate a future planned community center.

There is an asphalt walking path with attractive exercise stations located along the walkway. It appears the equipment and path are well utilized by local residents. The park also contains benches and a water fountain but there are no light fixtures and light is ambient only.

Buildings:

At present there is only a Gazebo structure within the park. A new Community Center is planned for the eastern side of site and will be under construction in 2011.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

There are no major issues identified for Foster Park other than continued maintenance of the park and the addition of the new Community Center.

The opportunities identified for Foster Park address the good condition of the park. Care should be taken to maintain and enhance the existing environment:

- Existing trees provide excellent shade canopy
- Playground has shade structures
- Unobtrusive edges around park provide easy access into park
- Park shelter is popular with local residents
- Walking trail around the park provides exercise trail for residents
- Park facilities are all new and in excellent condition
- The streetscape on Foster Street, could use additional streetscape plantings in some areas.
- An opportunity exists to provide additional parking on City of Hallandale Beach owned property on Foster Road opposite Foster Park.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP COMMENTS

- Relocate the existing playground and walking trail to accommodate the proposed community center and do not eliminate the pathway.
- Add additional exercise stations on the walking trial.
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Foster Park

KEY MAP

N.W. 6th Avenue
Foster Road

Foster Park

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B.F. James Park

5.6. B.F. JAMES PARK

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

Located west of Dixie Highway in a predominantly residential area with a number of adjacent religious institutions, B.F. James Park occupies the land area defined by N.W. 2nd Avenue on the west, N.W 9th Street on the north, N.W. 1st Avenue on the east and private properties on the south.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

B.F. James is a Neighborhood Park with a land area of approximately 2.35 acres.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands:
The Park contains a non-regulation baseball field that lacks the outfield depth to make it fully usable and due to a lack of available land area, there is no possibility of addressing this deficiency. There is a fenced children’s playground with play equipment in good condition; it is noted that this play equipment can be easily relocated with park improvements. The park has a relatively substantial amount of underutilized turf areas that are a potential resource for park improvement.

Buildings:
Restroom Building - There is a restroom structure with an adjacent open air pavilion. While the restroom building is in acceptable condition, it does not contribute to the aesthetics of the park.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The issues identified for B.F James Park were:

- Baseball diamond does not meet regulation size requirements
- Park lacks sufficient shade for users
- Facility locations create “left over” underutilized spaces within park
- Landscape is lacking in character and continuity
- Park aesthetics are not attractive
- Park is an underutilized community resource that could provide a focal point of activity for the neighborhood and the area.

The park has a number of positive attributes among which are:

- Basketball courts are popular for local residents
- On street parking provides easy access for residents
- Pavilion area is popular with residents
- Visibility into park from adjacent roadways is excellent
- Playground fence provides security
- No fencing around park provides easy access from the community

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B.F. James Park

KEY MAP

B.F. James Park
N.W. 1st Avenue
N.W. 2nd Avenue
N.W. 5th Street
N.W. 9th Street
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Oreste Blake Johnson Park

5.7. ORESTE BLAKE JOHNSON PARK (OB JOHNSON PARK)

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

Located at 900 N.W. 8th Avenue, and spanning north to south from Foster Road to Pembroke Road, and east to west from N.W. 7th Terrace to N.W. 8th Avenue, Oreste Blake Johnson Park is the second largest park in the City and is an important recreational resource for the residents of the areas north of Hallandale Beach Boulevard and east of the FEC rail track.

Pembroke Road is a major thoroughfare that clearly delimits the City of Hallandale Beach from the City of Hollywood to the north and forms in effect a separation barrier because of its width and high traffic levels. Other surrounding uses adjacent to O.B. Johnson Park are predominantly residential.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

Oreste Blake Johnson Park occupies 6.17 acres of land. While the park land area extends to the adjacent streets, there are a number of properties within that mega-block that are still privately owned.

Oreste Blake Johnson Park is, by its land area size, a large Neighborhood Park (6 to 15 Acres) that provides easy access to recreational uses from the surrounding neighborhood. The presence of the Community Center provides for the park’s 1/2 to 1 mile service radius.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands:

Present recreation uses in OB Johnson Park include:

- Two Tennis Courts - Isolated from the rest of the complex, the tennis courts are located adjacent to the handball courts and near Pembroke Road. It is noted that the tennis courts are also utilized to play "Brazilian Soccer" where the ball is kicked over the net.
- Two Handball Courts – Located on the north end of the site and adjacent to Pembroke Road, the location of these courts and the required walls block visibility by the police and the community at large and create difficult safety and visual contact situations.
- Roller Skate Course - located in the northwest corner of the park.
- Basketball Court – One basketball court isolated from the rest of the complex south of the tennis courts.
- Baseball Field – A non-regulation baseball field that is too short in the outfields. A tall net on the east side of the field protects the adjacent residential community from balls batted into the outfield.
- Playground – The playground is located between the baseball field and the Community Center creating an activity and visual blockage between the two venues.
- There are two parking areas on the grounds: 1) the recreation area parking immediately off N.W. 8th Avenue that can be accessed from 8th Avenue; 2) the parking behind the Social Services building accessed from N.W. 7th Terrace. There is also additional on-street parking around the park.

Buildings:

- Community Center - The present community center building consists of a multi-purpose open space that facilitates an indoor basketball court with a raised stage area for community functions. There is no space for bleachers limiting the community uses of the facility, and no additional recreational uses such as areas for exercise/weight lifting. The major drawback of the building is its internal dimensions and distribution, the basketball courts are limited in use by the proximity of the surrounding walls. In addition there is a small teen center located in this building.

The Community Center functions as an independent structure from the adjacent Social Services Building. It is separated by a four feet space that serves no purpose. This separation makes the facility harder to manage and limits the possibility of jointly using the existing space.
• Social Services Building - The Human Services Hepburn Center provides activities for youngsters and elderly. It is a major community service center in the Northwest Quadrant of the City.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The issues identified for Oreste Blake Johnson Park were:

• Condition of existing facilities warrants investment in their improvement
• Visibility into all areas of the park (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) issues. Location of isolated and underutilized facilities including the closed and land-filled pool converted to a roller skate park, the handball courts, the basketball and tennis courts are located on the Pembroke Road edge of the site and separated from the eyes on the street activity required for their adequate control
• Size and location of existing playground – The playground is located between the Community Center and the baseball field, creating a location that blocks views but is also adjacent to the parking lot with the traffic noise and pollution that this implies
• Lack of a regulation sized sports field
• Cross-use of sports facilities, baseball/football/soccer restricts use of both
• Restricted capacity of parking area
• Lack of direct connection between the Community Center and the Social Services Building

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP COMMENTS

• The community desires a swimming pool be constructed again in the N.W. Quadrant
• Football is a much utilized sport and needs a regulation field
• There is a need to accommodate soccer also
• Although there is one tennis court here, many tennis activities are away from this sector and the kids have to take a bus or cross Hallandale Beach Blvd. to go to other parks to play tennis
• There is a need for more shade
• Baseball group still utilize the diamond and do not want to lose it
• Baseball has had a long history in the park
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5.8 CHAVES LAKE PARK

Chaves Lake is located east of I-95 in the City of Hallandale Beach. The site is composed of a land side area and a water body. The Chaves Lake land area on the north side of the lake is underutilized property owned by the City of Hallandale Beach and has a limited access point from N.W. 8th Avenue on the east. The Chaves Lake land area is bordered on the west by Hallandale High School and on the east and north by existing multi-family and single family residential development. The surrounding urban context is predominantly residential with the presence of the adjacent Hallandale High School sports fields to the west.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

Chaves Lake has a water area of approximately 35 acres and an adjacent land area of 1.92; for a total 36.92 acres of park and lake recreation area.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands:
The present Chaves Lake lands are being used by the City of Hallandale Beach Public Works Department for storage of construction materials and fill. Additionally, a substantial number of dumpsters are being stored on the land by the City’s Sanitation Department. An informal launch ramp is located at the water’s edge and for maintenance an access to the lake will need to be preserved through the site. This will allow lake maintenance personnel to access the lake and launch small non motorized and motorized crafts into the lake.

Buildings:
Presently, there are no buildings or structures on the Chaves Lake site.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

There are presently no recreation uses on the site or the lake itself. The gates at N.W. 8th Avenue are typically locked restricting access to the site by the public. The thrust of the Master Plan effort is to claim this natural resource as a recreation venue for the City of Hallandale Beach.

The following issues were identified:

- There is an FDOT Drainage Easement for Chaves Lake to serve drainage from I-95 located along the western portion of the site
- The site is isolated so development as a public park may have security issues
- The site will need to be cleaned-up and a new location for the existing uses found.
- The site should undergo a Level 1 Environmental Analysis to ascertain that there are no major environmental issues.

The site has a number of positive attributes among which are:

- The site is City owned and can be developed as a public park without any land acquisition
- The lake provides a recreation alternative not presently available in the City; a recreation facility in the form of a lake for passive boating purposes.
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5.9. INGALLS PARK

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

Located in the southwest section of Hallandale Beach, Ingalls Park is bordered by single family residential on the east side, S.W. 8th Avenue on the west, and S.W. 2nd Court on the south. The entrance to Ingalls Park is from S.W. 1st Street which serves as the north boundary of the park.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

Ingalls Park is a Neighborhood Park with an area of 4.63 acres.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands:
Ingalls Park is one of Hallandale’s most attractive neighborhood parks. The park site is dotted with old growth trees that provide beautiful shaded areas over pedestrian paths and sitting areas. The park contains a small retention pond with a bridge that makes the south end of the park attractive and inviting. For safety reasons, the lake is surrounded by a chain link fence. There are numerous birds, fish and turtles around and in the pond.

There is a playground area and two covered pavilions in the park. The open grass areas appear to be well kept and are attractive. In general, the park is well developed and there is limited if any opportunity to add additional uses to its physical plant.

Buildings:
Occupying the north side of the park and controlling the park entrance from S.W. 1st Street, the community center building has a large multi-purpose room for various activities and includes a limited kitchen. The building is provided with sufficient restroom facilities to meet both its internal demand and those of the overall park users.

The building is in good condition, although dated in its overall appearance. The restroom facilities could be upgraded and modernized and the overall building appearance could be improved with limited investment.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

In general, Ingalls Park is in good condition and is well used by the community and the area youth. While there are no major deficiencies within the park, among the issues identified for Ingalls Park were:

- South end of the park feels isolated
- The chain link periphery fence provides security but limits access from the community on the south and west sides,
- Parking is limited and often insufficient for the Community Center activities
- Pedestrian entry to park is uninviting

The positive aspects identified for the park are:

- A well utilized recreation and community center
- Both active and passive open spaces
- The extensive tree canopy which adds shade and character to the park
- A Pond and bridge provide focal point
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Ingalls Park

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Sunset Park

5.10. SUNSET PARK

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

Sunset Park is located at 814 S.W. 6th Avenue. The park sits in the heart of a residential neighborhood and provides a tot lot and mini park for residents in the immediate area.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

Sunset Park is a mini-park with .47 acres of land area.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands:
The park land is dedicated to a playground, grass area and a walking trail around the outer edge. There is parallel parking on the east side of the park on S.W. 6th Avenue.

Buildings:
There are no buildings or other structures in Sunset Park.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The issues identified for Sunset Park were:

- Playground with mulch area could be improved with a rubberized play surface
- Lack of shade protection for the playground area
- Low wood fence along the south side of the park successfully restricts vehicles but limits easy access from neighborhood
- There appears to be a general low maintenance of the landscape, grass and corner garden areas
- The park needs additional landscaping to improve visual appearance of park
- The benches appear to be poorly located in relation to the finished ground surface
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5.11. HISTORIC VILLAGE

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

The Historic Village, including the Curci House and the Moffit House, is located at 324 S.W. 2nd Avenue. The surrounding area is predominantly residential with single family residential development on the west and mixed multi and single family residential uses along S.W. 2nd Avenue to the east.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

The Historic Village is a Specialized Facility with a land area of .60 acres.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands:
The lands are composed of passive open space, vehicle access and vehicle parking areas. The Historic Village and Curci House renovations were completed in 2010 with a new driveway and parking areas surfaced with pavers and a new and enhanced landscape.

Buildings:
There are two major structures on the site, the Curci House and the Moffit House, a wood frame home to the north.

The Curci House is a Mediterranean-style villa built in 1924 and nicknamed “Villa Providence”. With renovations completed in 2010, the Curci House provides display space for historical artifacts of the City of Hallandale Beach that include Curci family artifacts such as Mr. Curci’s violin, guns, and pictures.

The two story house has been classified as an Historic Site by the City. The museum is available for small rentals and meetings. Within the home are antique items such as a stove, washing machine, butter churner, dining table, plates, china cabinet and other basic furniture. It is currently displayed for tours once a month. The upstairs areas serve as meeting rooms and a archive room for the Historical Board. In addition, the grounds surrounding the house can be rented for outdoor events.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

As a recently renovated facility, the Curci House is in excellent condition and will require no short term improvements other than continued maintenance and upkeep. The Moffit House will begin renovations in the future.
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5.12. HALLANDALE ADULT COMMUNITY CENTER FIELDS

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

The Hallandale Adult Community Center Fields are located south of the Adult Community Center at 1000 S.W. 3rd Street and within the City’s Southwest Quadrant. The athletic fields (park) are located north of the elementary school.

The City of Hallandale Beach entered into an Inter-Local Agreement (ILA) with the School Board of Broward County (SBBC) for the use of the elementary school play fields adjacent to the Hallandale Adult Community Center and identified in the ILA as “Athletic Fields Site”.

Under the ILA, the SBCC is to construct and renovate the softball and multi-purpose fields on the Hallandale Elementary School site, while the City of Hallandale Beach will fund the lighting portion of the athletic fields site. The proposed improvements for the athletic fields site will benefit both the City of Hallandale Beach and the SBBC.

As per the ILA, the Leased Premises are reserved for the sole use of the SBBC during school hours and during the hours of any interschool practices and contests. During off-school hours, the facility is available for community and recreational events. It is expressed in the ILA that the City will provide the Principal and his/her designee reasonable notice of any such special event.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

The sports fields at the Hallandale Adult Community Center can be considered for the purposes of the Master Plan as a Large Neighborhood Community Park. The land area of the Athletic Field Site is 5.1 acres.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands:
The Hallandale Adult Community Center site provides a regulation size baseball field and a multi-use sports field for football/soccer.

Buildings:
In addition to the sports fields and batting cage, the site also contains a concession facility and restrooms.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

As a new recently completed facility, no deficiency issues were identified.
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Peter Bluesten Park

5.13. PETER BLUESTEN PARK

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

Peter Bluesten Park is Hallandale Beach’s “flagship” Park. Located one block west of US1 at 501 S.E. 1st Avenue, Peter Bluesten Park is located diagonally across from the City Hall property, and contiguous to the U.S. Post Office. Directly across U.S. 1 to the east is Gulfstream Park Thoroughbred Race Track and Casino, and the Gulfstream Park Village commercial center.

The proximity of these uses and the park’s physical size makes Peter Bluesten Park a focal point for of the City of Hallandale Beach. With its large land area and central location, Peter Bluesten Park is uniquely poised to allow for the creation of a new park that is the civic center of the City.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

Peter Bluesten Park is a 15-acre Community Park with lighted athletic fields, swimming pool, small recreation center building, athletic fields, tennis and basketball courts, walking trail and playground areas.

Originally, an 8-acre park, the land area of the park was expanded through the acquisition of additional lands to the east, on the west and east side of Old Dixie Highway. This acquisition provided for the expansion of the park to 15.78 acres which is the largest contiguous park area in the City of Hallandale Beach. The expansion of the Park to the east of Old Dixie Highway brings Peter Bluesten Park to the west property edge of the U.S. Post Office that faces US1.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands:
- Playground
- Baseball
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Walking/Exercise Trail

Buildings:
- Community Center
- Concession
- Restrooms
- Swimming Pool and Locker Rooms

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Among the major issues identified for Peter Bluesten Park are:

Overall Design
- Park has grown over time with no apparent plan;
- Lacks organized circulation and contains numerous disjointed uses;
- Overall Park Appearance – While the park is the principal or "flagship" park for the City, the overall appearance of the park is somewhat unattractive. There are mismatched elements in the Park from the architecture of the buildings that portray different styles and façade themes to the benches and other park furniture. Aesthetic upgrades could provide visual improvement to the park;
- Development and integration of additional acquired property;
- Park lacks primary entrance or sense of arrival;
- Athletic fields overlap, limiting use - The baseball and softball fields overlap making their simultaneous use difficult. A soccer field lies between the two diamonds so when baseball or softball is played, soccer cannot be played and vice-versa;
- Not all of the present athletic fields are regulation size;
- Limited number of athletic facilities – No critical mass of recreational facilities;
- Tennis courts hidden in back of site;
- Park lacks sufficient passive recreation areas;
- Basketball court location may conflict with playground location;
- Small exercise trail is inadequate and underutilized
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Peter Bluesten Park

Grounds:
- No shade structures and limited tree canopy
- Sparse landscape material throughout the park
- Need for a central athletic facility in the City to provide basketball, weight lifting, meeting rooms and other indoor recreation activities for the community
- Buildings are outdated, undersized, and isolated from each other, there is no critical mass of buildings to create a sense of control
- Connectivity to the adjacent neighborhoods
- Laying the groundwork for a town center and civic activity space
- Connectivity and relationship to City facilities to the north east of park
- Relationship to existing U.S. Post Office and potential redevelopment of that site
- Need to address the closing of the existing roadway through the expanded area and the need for alternate north-south routes

Parking:
- Parking is limited and inconvenient - Parking is restricted to on-street parking and limited to specific areas
- On-street parking is undersized, parking overflows during high volume events

Pool:
- Pool is in good condition but has limited uses for water sports and is showing wear due to age
- Lacks pool deck space
- Lack of shade in pool area
- Pool architecture and location does not make a statement in the park
- The pool facility lacks connectivity to other park uses and activities

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP COMMENTS
- Regulation soccer field needed
- Community needs a new adult center with at least 2 soccer fields
- Road relocation needs to connect 5th and 7th Streets
- Parking a major issue when games are active
- All parks need a mission statement
- Look at total park system
- Maintenance effort
- Equitable access for all residents

- Visual connectivity to surrounding houses and areas
- Relate the park uses to neighborhood
- Fencing creates a boundary around parks
- Open the park up to the community
- See what kids need, conduct survey of area youth
- Need new regulation soccer and baseball fields, the children have the right to play whatever they want to play
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Southeast Quadrant Parks

Peter Bluesten Park
5.14. Cultural Community Center

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

Located in the southeast section of Hallandale Beach, the Cultural Community Center is part of the City’s Municipal Complex. The City Hall is located to the southeast, the public library to the northeast, residential homes to the west and apartments and businesses to the north. The address is 410 SE 3rd Street.

The Cultural Community Center is a facility that serves the community at large and visitors alike.

The facility is used on a regular basis for programs, classes and special events. Special events are held at the facility throughout the year and include Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Art Exhibitions, Movie Days, Holiday Programs and the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

In addition, the facility is rented for private events such as parties, weddings, meetings, graduations and dinners. It is also used for community meetings and by community groups.

The Parks and Recreation Administrative Offices are located in the Cultural Center. The reception desk is open and available to the public for information, program registration and facility rentals. In addition, staff from the Police Athletic League is also housed in this facility.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

The Cultural Community Center is a Specialized Park facility that is 10,600 square feet.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands:
Other than limited open space surrounding the facility, there are no formal outdoor recreational activities on the Cultural Community Center site. The land area is used predominantly for vehicular access and parking.

Buildings:
This is a one story building. Inside the facility is a large auditorium with stage and seating for up to 400 people, three multi-purpose rooms, a kitchen and lobby. In addition, there is a reception counter and it also houses Parks and Recreation Administration offices along with PAL.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

In general, The Cultural Center is in good condition and is used regularly by the community. No major deficiencies were noted. However, as the facility ages general up-keep must be maintained such as flooring and painting. Additional signage in front of the building for identification.
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Golden Isles Park

5.15. GOLDEN ISLES PARK

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

Golden Isles Park is located at the corner of Egret Drive and Layne Boulevard, immediately adjacent to the Golden Isles Neighborhood controlled access gate. The park is adjacent to a large vacant site to the south, and the Golden Isles Tennis Center to the west.

Golden Isles Park is a Neighborhood Park that primarily serves the single family and multi-family residential areas of Golden Isles.

Golden Isles Park is a well shaded site with attractive lawn areas and open spaces. A fenced dog park is located along the park’s western perimeter away from the street and visually isolated. This portion of the park is not fully integrated into the activities or design of the park. A six foot high chain link fence delimits the Park boundaries on the north, east and west sides. New plastic park identification signage is located on the corner of Egret Drive and Layne Boulevard.

Additional screening/buffering along the southern and eastern boundaries would be beneficial to the park. There appears to be sufficient room for additional tree and palm plantings in these areas. Additionally, the ‘Dog Park’ area would benefit from additional screening along the western perimeter.

There is no pedestrian walkway located between the perimeter fence and the parking spaces.

The picnic pavilion is a shaded space currently being utilized by residents as a respite from the sun. Three picnic tables are currently located under the pavilion. The pavilion has an unfinished appearance due to a lack of paint.

The surface of the basketball court is in good condition. The abundance of pine trees in the park create additional maintenance work for the City. The court is currently being utilized as a multi-purpose court and a family was observed playing soccer in this area on a site visit.

There are two separate play areas serving age groups 2-5 and 5-12. The perimeter and the asphalt paver approach path are in poor condition and need to be redone. The asphalt circulation path is currently being utilized by residents and provides a hard walking surface through Golden Isles Park. Areas of the asphalt have been patched, and therefore the path is not attractive in some areas.

On-street parking provides easy access into the park.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

Golden Isles Park is a Small Neighborhood Park with 1.62 acres of actual land area.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands:
• Dog Park
• Playground
• Basketball Court
• Pavilion
• Walking Trail
• Swings
• Open Play
• 25 on-street perpendicular parking spaces

Buildings:
There is an open pavilion structure within Golden Isles Park

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Among the issues identified for Golden Isles Park were:

• Signage on park fence is distracting
• Playground has mulch surface and requires new play surface
• Fencing around site restricts access
• Rear area of park is underutilized
• Low visibility to basketball court from roadway
• Dog park is not user friendly, access difficult
• Western edge requires screening along fence
• Pine trees drop needles on the basketball surface in the park
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Golden Isles Park

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Golden Isles Tennis Complex & Dog Park

5.16. GOLDEN ISLES TENNIS COMPLEX & DOG PARK

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

The Golden Isles Tennis Complex & Dog Park is located south of Church Drive at the western end of Egret Drive in the Southeast quadrant of the City. The land to the south of the park is a City utility site and a large vacant parcel. There is presently no access to the north from Church Drive and all vehicular access to the park must enter from the east on Egret Drive.

The site has a long linear parking area along the eastern boundary that provides parking for 47 vehicles. There is no lighting provided for the parking area but ambient lighting from the Tennis Courts washes into the parking area during evening hours. The parking area is relatively unshaded and very hot.

(NOTE: the term “Dog Park” has been added to the park’s name due to the potential opportunity to add a dog park at the north end of the park on Church Drive)

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

The Golden Isles Tennis Complex & Dog Park is a Specialized Facility with 4.8 acres of actual land area.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands: The site has two bocce courts at the south end of the park and ten tennis courts north of the club house and restroom facility.

Buildings: There is an existing two story building on the site that serves as the tennis complex management offices, restrooms and concession space.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Among the major issues identified for Golden Isles Tennis Complex & Dog Park were:

- Dead end parking increases the opportunity for vandalism due to lack of regular traffic
- Underutilized north area with limited access and visibility
- Bocce courts need to be upgraded
- Six-foot high chain link fence along the eastern perimeter is unscreened
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5.17. NORTH BEACH PARK

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

North Beach Park is located east of the intersection of East Hallandale Beach Boulevard and South Ocean Drive directly behind the Fire Station and Community Facility. The north limit of North Beach Park separates the City of Hallandale Beach from the City of Hollywood Beach. The areas both north and south of North Beach Park are populated by high rise condominiums and multi-family housing.

Access to North Beach is on the south side of the existing Fire Station. Maintaining uninterrupted and obstacle free access to the Fire Station is a requirement of any proposed development plan for North Beach. The existing multi story Community Center adjacent to the Fire Station, and sharing the same building, was recently renovated. It consists of two stories with a ground level meeting room provided with a large serving bar and a second floor with additional meeting space. The facility also has a large accessible roof deck that provides excellent views to the beach and ocean.

The City of Hallandale Beach provides public parking through the availability of 91 metered public parking spaces located under the adjacent condominium to the south of the site.

The park is presently accessed by Hallandale Avenue and South Surf Road. The latter roadway right of way may be vacated in the future to allow for changes to the park. A high density residential development is proposed for the vacant parcel directly west of the park, in the City of Hollywood. Access to this development will be restricted to South Ocean Drive and will not affect the park site.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

North Beach Park is a Specialized Park Facility with 1.09 acres of actual land area. North Beach Park provides direct access to the beach which is also a major South Florida Greenway.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands:
Other than the beach there are no formal recreational activities on the North Beach Park lands. The land area is used predominantly for vehicular access and parking.

Buildings:
There is a one story concession/restroom/lifeguard office building presently on the site. It is located in the center of the property with limited views of the ocean and surrounded by vehicle access paved areas and parking.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Perhaps the most pressing issue for North Beach Park is the fact that its potential has not been fully realized and that this resource that is Hallandale’s Beach, could create a unique place to entertain, relax and enjoy the ocean.

Among the other issues identified for North Beach Park are:
- Alternative uses for existing surface parking
- Connectivity and relationship of park to adjacent undeveloped parcels
- Visual appearance and location of existing restrooms, concession building and lifeguard office
- Dune restoration and beach erosion
- Vehicular access to the fire station
- Internal roadway limits use of park
- Location of underground parking under adjacent condominium building is not clear to beach goers
- Landscaping in general can be improved
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5.17. SOUTH BEACH PARK

PARK LOCATION AND URBAN CONTEXT

South Beach Park is located south of Hallandale Beach Boulevard directly fronting South Ocean Drive. The beach site is a relatively narrow property surrounded by high-rise condominiums on both the north and south sides. Blank parking structure walls of the adjacent condominium face the park on the north side and high rise residential units face the park on the south side.

PARK LAND AREA AND PARK CLASSIFICATION

South Beach Park is a Specialized Facility with a land area of 3.52 acres of actual land area. South Beach Park provides direct access to the beach which is also a major South Florida Greenway.

PRESENT RECREATION USES AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Lands: The land area of the park is partially occupied by surface parking for approximately 155 vehicles while the rest of the land area is used for the Beach Park, the buildings and structures that make up the beach amenities and the large Australian Pine trees that dominate the park.

Buildings: There is an existing Tiki Hut on the north end of the park at the beach edge that is heavily used by park goers, a small concession building that appears temporary and an existing bathroom facility in the central area of the site.

IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The major issues identified for South Beach Park are:

- The existing canopy of Australian Pines is considered a nuisance as these are invasive tree species and may need to be removed. While they provide shade, they are randomly planted and do not maximize the park’s use or attractiveness
- General layout of park is not efficient
- Pedestrian areas are not attractive and in need of resurfacing
- The pedestrian connection to South Ocean Drive and access to the surrounding neighborhood is limited and not pedestrian friendly
- Restroom facilities are in need of upgrading
- Concession building needs improvements and updating
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6.1. Recreation Programs and Services Assessment

The Recreation Division offers a number of recreation programs and services to the residents of Hallandale Beach. Important issues with programming include:

- The Recreation Division focuses much of its programming efforts on youth, special events and the community centers. For the size of the city the number of program offerings and the variety is very limited.

- Recreation programs and services are generally planned and delivered on a community center level to be responsive to varying needs and expectations.

- Aquatics and tennis programming is contracted to outside vendors who manage the facilities where these programs are offered.

- There is a definite lack of documentation on the number of programs being run at each location, the number of people registered or taking the program, and comparisons with previous seasons or years. It is essential that all program (regardless if there is a fee or not) participants be registered through a registration software system.

- There needs to be some form of organization of programs by time of the year as well as a system and timing for the introduction of new programs or activities.

- There should be a stronger emphasis on developing programs and services that have an appeal to the different ethnic groups in the city.

- Within the next three years the department should have a fully computerized recreation registration software program in place and should start on-line registration. This should also handle facility scheduling and point of sale transactions.

- There does not appear to be any consistent marketing information about facilities or programs within community centers. While facility use and program participation appears to be acceptable, there still needs to be a mechanism to promote new programs and facility amenities to the community. A consistent look, process, and feel among all of the facilities should be promoted.

- Within the city, a number of other departments also provide some level of recreation programming. This includes Human Services which runs a significant youth after school program as well as a senior program. The Police Athletic League (PAL) conducts a number of youth sports including soccer, baseball, football, cheerleading, basketball and track and field.

- Current Parks and Recreation Department programs and services include:
  - Special Events
    - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
    - Egg “Extravaganza”
    - Arbor Earth Day
    - Memorial Day
    - 4th of July Celebration
    - Coastal Clean Up
    - Outhouse Festival
    - Veteran’s Day
    - Lighting Ceremony
    - Halloween House Decorating Contest
    - Doggie Costume Contest
    - Volunteer Banquet
    - Spring Fling
  - Programs
    - Summer and Year Round Camps
      - 200 participants per week summer
      - 75 participants per week year round
    - Winter Break Camps
    - Teen Activities
      - College tours
      - Teen socials
      - Field trips
• Teen basketball
• Teen seminars
• Teen council
• Teen volunteers
• Counselor in training program
• Teen rap sessions
• Paid employment opportunities
- Tae Kwon Do
- Senior Exercise Activities
- Cultural Arts
- Memorial Programs
- Movie Nights
- Holiday Programs
- Aquatic Lessons (through a contract provider)
- Tennis Classes, Camps, Tournaments (through the contract provider)

In addition to the programs noted above, there are a significant number of one-day activities and events that are held at the Cultural Center, O.B. Johnson Park, Peter Bluesten Park and Ingalls Park.

○ Facility Rentals
  - Buildings
    • Ingalls Park
    • O.B. Johnson Park
    • Cultural Community Center
    • Peter Bluesten Park
    • North Beach Municipal Building
  - Pavilions
    • Ingalls Park
    • BF James Park
    • South Beach Chickie Hut
    • Golden Isles Park
  - Field Rentals
    • Peter Bluesten Park
    • O.B. Johnson

• The following chart identifies and summarizes current core programs, secondary programs and tertiary or non-program areas for the Recreation Division.

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The Recreation Division will need to determine if the focus on the core program areas should continue into the future or should move in another direction. The following is a general assessment of the major program areas.

Core

• *Youth Afterschool Programs* – The division has the experience and facilities (community centers) to continue to support these programs. However, Human Services is operating a similar program as is the school district and private businesses. As a result it is questionable if this program area should continue to be a primary focus for the
division. The Recreation Division will need to work closely with these organizations to develop a realistic plan for this program area.

- **Youth Summer/Vacation/Off-track Camp Programs** – This program area covers the summer, vacation and off-track needs of youth. This program should continue to be a priority for the division but will require greater communication and integration with PAL and Human Services.

- **Aquatics** – With only one public outdoor swimming pool in Hallandale Beach, the Recreation Division (through a contractor) should continue to emphasize aquatic programming, especially “learn to swim” classes for children, as a primary program area. Aquatic exercise programs should also be emphasized.

- **Teens** – This is a program area that is often a high priority for many recreation departments but is also one of the most difficult to be successful with. This will need to continue to be a programming area for the Recreation Division but developing strong partnerships with other community agencies (Human Services, PAL, etc.) will be critical as well. The division is limited in teen programming by the small and inadequate facility at Johnson Park.

- **Special Events** – The Recreation Division has a major focus on special events not only on a city wide basis but also at the individual centers. Increasingly recreation departments across the United States are seeing a greater emphasis placed on special events that draw communities together as well as attract individuals from outside the community. At times the focus on special events has resulted in other traditional recreation programming being neglected. Special events can be a core program area for the Recreation Division but should not be the primary area of emphasis. Other community groups should be encouraged to be the primary funders and organizers of as many community wide events as possible.

**Secondary**

- **Seniors** – While the Recreation Division offers a limited number of programs for seniors, Human Services is the primary provider of senior services with dedicated space at the Austin Hepburn Center. In the future, Human Services will still be the main provider of senior programs and services but the Recreation Division will need to take a more active role with this age group. It should be noted that as the Baby Boomer generation ages they are bringing new needs and expectations to senior services that is in-line with more active recreation pursuits that they have grown up with. This will require different types of senior services and a change in facilities as well. Senior programs and services will also need to be given greater emphasis at each of the indoor centers.

- **Cultural Arts** – Despite the department’s Cultural Center, this is currently a rather small program area for the Recreation Division and it is anticipated that further emphasis in this area is probably not warranted with other non-profit cultural arts organizations present in Hallandale Beach. However, exposing youth and seniors to basic introductory cultural arts programs through services provided at the center level will still need to occur.

- **General Programs** – Programs in this area can cover everything from self improvement to education and other classes. This should be a program area that receives increased emphasis in the coming years and may move to a core area.

**Tertiary**

- **Youth Sports** – With PAL taking on the responsibility for organized youth team sports activities, the Recreation Division should have virtually no role in this program area. However, in many communities there is an increasing interest in individual sports such as golf, tennis, and even fencing. It may be necessary for the Recreation Division to provide some of these activities in concert with PAL’s focus on team sports.
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6.1. RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ASSESSMENT

• **Fitness/Wellness** – Without a doubt this is one of the greatest areas of growth in public recreation programming. With a society that has an increasing awareness of the benefits of good health and a realization that obesity (especially among children) is a major risk for Americans, there is a much higher demand for programming in this area. Yet it must be realized that to provide strong fitness and wellness services, state-of-the-art fitness facilities are critical. This required commitment of capital will make it difficult for the Recreation Division to have fitness/wellness as a primary program area but efforts to integrate wellness initiatives into other program areas (seniors, youth, etc.) should be promoted. Partnering with health care providers for more medically based services will be essential. This program area should move from a tertiary activity to at least a secondary level in the next three years.

• **Adult Sports** – With limited sports fields and gym space as well as priorities given to youth sports, developing a comprehensive adult sports program will be difficult. Yet adult sports can often generate significant revenue with more aggressive fees and this can often be a major way to increase overall division revenues. Designating certain facilities or time periods for adult sports will be necessary if greater emphasis is going to be placed on this program area. The Recreation Division may want to concentrate on developing individual adult sports and let private adult leagues handle much of the team programs.

• **Outdoor Recreation** - There does not appear to be much emphasis given to this program area by the Recreation Division. While important to a well rounded recreation program, these activities should be offered primarily by other community based organizations.

• **Special Needs** – It appears that the Recreation Division does not offer any specific special needs programming. It is difficult for most recreation agencies to have a broad special needs program on their own. As a result many departments in a region will often band together to provide these services in a more cost effective manner. The Recreation Division should consider partnering with organizations for special needs programming and/or Broward County Parks and Recreation.

6.2. FUTURE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES RECOMMENDATIONS

Beyond the program areas that have been addressed above there are also a number of general recommendations regarding future recreation programming.

• In collaboration with Human Services and PAL develop a well conceived plan for the delivery of recreation services to the citizens of Hallandale Beach for the next 5 to 10 years. This plan should clearly identify areas of programmatic responsibility and ensure that there is not overlap in resource allocation. From this, the Recreation Division needs to establish a five year program plan that identifies the priorities for program development, the responsible staff member and the required resources. Each community center or other facility would then develop their own five year plan with a specific and detailed implementation plan for each year.

• Utilizing the five year program plan model, a program development assessment should take place before actually proposing a program. This will aid in determining the appropriateness and priorities for any new programs.

• Every program or service offered should be required to develop a program proposal sheet to determine the direct cost of offering the activity as well as the minimum number of registrants needed to
conduct the program. This proposal form should also evaluate the need for the program, its market focus, and the ability to support the program priorities for the department.

- Once each program or service is completed a program report should be completed that itemizes the exact cost and revenues that were generated by the program as well as the number of individuals served. This will determine if the program or service met its financial goals and also its service goals.

- The Recreation Division should conduct a lifecycle analysis for major programs to determine the future trends and direction for activities. Tracking program trends on a regional and national basis would also be helpful.

- As the demand for programs and services continues to grow the Recreation Division should expand opportunities for partnering with other city departments and organizations to provide specialized services to the community.

- The Recreation Division will need to develop programs that have not only an appeal for different age groups (youth, teen, adult and seniors) but also to the family unit as well as the different ethnic groups in the city (African American, Latino, and Eastern European).

- The “branding” of programs especially in the area of camps and other activities will help to expand and reinforce the markets for these activities.

- In larger and more progressive recreation departments in the United States there has been a great boom in recreation programming in the last twenty years. Most departments now offer a full complement of activities in the following core areas:

  - Individual
  - Camps and clinics
  - Tournaments
  - Non-traditional sports (BMX, in-line hockey, etc.)

  - Fitness/Wellness
    - Fitness classes
    - Education

  - Cultural Arts
    - Performing arts (dance, theater, music, etc.)
    - Visual arts (painting, ceramics, pottery, etc.)

  - Youth
    - Before and after school
    - Summer day camps/playground programs
    - Preschool
    - Teen

  - Outdoor Recreation
    - Outdoor Education
    - Outdoor adventure
    - Environmental

  - Seniors Aquatics
    - Lessons
    - Fitness
    - Competitive (swim teams)
    - Specialty

  - General Programs
    - Personal development
    - Specialty

  - Special Needs

  - Special Events
    - Community events
The Recreation Division does not have to offer programs and services in each of these areas but the population of Hallandale Beach should have opportunities for participation in all of them through some provider in the community.

- From a trends perspective many programs are offered with shorter sessions (two to three classes) or on a drop-in / pay as you go basis (especially fitness). In addition, there has also been a concerted effort to integrate conventional recreation programming with community based social service programs. Most of the social service programs are offered by other community based agencies.

- In addition to organized programs, there is an increasing emphasis in most parks and recreation agencies on providing opportunities for people to recreate on their own at the time of their choosing. This requires times at facilities that are dedicated strictly to drop-in use.

- Parks and Recreation needs to be aware of the following keys to providing successful recreation programs and services:
  
  **Fee Setting:** In order to accomplish a high level of recreation services, recreation departments have been much more aggressive in their fee setting with the goal of covering more operational expenses for some programs. However, with a more entrepreneurial approach to assessing fees for some activities comes the need to develop a scholarship program that allows for those individuals that cannot afford to pay the opportunity to participate in recreation activities. Such programs usually have a limited budget and do require the user to pay at least something for service.

Many departments are now tiering their programs into different categories with differing levels of cost recovery.

Programs and services should be categorized into four levels of offerings that are divided by the level of instruction, expertise, or importance to the community’s well being. Priority for funding and facility usage should be based on the category in which they fall, with fees being set accordingly. The four categories should include:

- **Community events** – special community wide events, activities or festivals that are one time events. It should be expected that there will be little to no fees for these activities. Some revenues may be collected from sponsorships and sales of goods and services but the general rate of recovery would be less than 100%.

- **Basic or core programs** – those that are essential to recreation and community needs (such as teen activities, senior programs, youth activities, special populations, etc). The program direct costs are usually heavily subsidized. Suggested recovery rate is 25% to 50% of direct costs.

- **Enhanced** – those that are beyond basic and are focused on an audience that has a greater ability to pay. Programs in this area could include adult fitness and sports, or general programs. Suggested minimum recovery rate is 50% to 100% of direct costs.

- **Specialized** – these are activities that are very specialized in nature. These would include activities such as fitness assessments, trip programs, facility rentals and the like. Fees are set based on what the market will bear but...
at minimum would require 100% of direct costs.

- **Use of Other Service Providers:** There has also been a movement away from the principle of public recreation departments having to be the actual provider of all recreation programs and services to the concept of public agencies being the general coordinator and enabler of overall community recreation needs and resources. This has resulted in a great deal of programming now being conducted by volunteer youth sports organizations, adult sports associations, non-profit groups such as the YMCA and other social service organizations, as well as the private sector. This has reduced the financial obligations of the public sector, placed programming in the hands of organizations with the specific expertise (and often the facilities as well), and allowed the private sector to have a more active role in public recreation. There has also been an increase in the number of public agencies collaborating to bring a higher level of recreation service on more of a regional basis especially for more specialized services (special needs, outdoor education, etc.). This concept has become much more prevalent across the country with recreation departments being a clearing house of information and services provided by others while providing more basic recreation services itself.

- **Facilities:** With the demand for recreation programs and services continuing to expand at strong rates, a new more innovative approach has been undertaken to find appropriate sites for many activities. This has resulted in partnering with private facilities (fitness centers, dance studios, outdoor aquatic clubs, etc.), non-profits (YMCA’s, Boy’s & Girl’s Clubs, cultural arts centers, etc.) and even private schools for certain activities.

- **Staffing:** In order to continue to grow the number of recreation programs and services that are offered to a community, adequate staffing is necessary to not only conduct the program itself but also to supervise and administer the activities. With staffing costs being the single greatest expense item for parks and recreation departments, many agencies have attempted to minimize the number of full-time staff by contracting for certain programs or partnering with other providers for services (see Use of Other Service Providers above). However, even with this approach there still needs to be adequate full-time staff to oversee and coordinate such efforts. Part-time staff is still the backbone of most recreation divisions and make up the vast majority of program leaders and instructors. Many departments have converted program instructors to contract employees with a split of gross revenues (usually 70% to the instructor and 30% to the city) or developed a truer contract for services that either rents facilities and/or takes a percentage of the gross from another organization. The use of volunteers can help to augment paid staff but should not be seen as a substitute for them.

- **Administration:** Essential to developing a comprehensive recreation program is a strong administrative overview of the process. It starts with the development of an overall philosophy that will direct programming efforts by the public organization and determine the role of other providers. The philosophy should emphasize areas of focus by age group as well as program areas and also prioritize future program development options.

Key aspects of administration include:

**In-house vs. contracted** – As part of the programming philosophy a determination of what programs and services will be offered directly by the recreation staff and which will be contracted to other individuals or organizations must be determined. Increasingly recreation departments are turning to contracted services to broaden programming and limit the role of in-house employees. The Recreation Division currently does contract for aquatics and tennis programming.

**Marketing** – There has to be the realization that recreation programming is a discretionary use of a person’s time and money and as a result it is critical that there is a strong marketing effort to promote the recreation activities that are offered by public providers.

**Record keeping** – To determine the relative success of programming and the markets being served, accurate and timely record keeping is necessary. Registration numbers by class and activity area need to be kept and comparisons by programming season conducted. In addition expense and revenue numbers for each activity must be noted and
compared to determine financial viability. Demographic records of who are taking recreation programs and where they live will determine specific markets that are being served and more importantly ones that may be overlooked. The only way to adequately keep such records is through complete computerization of not only registration but all records associated with programming.

Evaluation – Ultimately the success of recreation programming must be measured by the community it serves. A determination of the satisfaction with existing programs and services as well as the needs and expectations for future programming must be measured through a formal evaluation process. Each program area must have a life cycle analysis completed and programs that are stagnate or on the decline will need to be dropped or modified. Assessing customer satisfaction with individual classes and instructors is also important to continuing to provide high quality programs and services. Patrons must have easy opportunities to comment as well as knowing where and how to provide feedback.
Chapter 7.0
Department of Parks and Recreation Analysis & Recommendations
7.0 Department of Parks & Recreation Analysis and Recommendations

7.1. General System Wide Observations:

The following are general observations of the City of Hallandale Parks and Recreation Department based on site visits to the city, its recreation facilities and programs, as well as interviews with key staff and other providers.

- Like many cities in the United States, Hallandale Beach faces challenges in the delivery of parks and recreation services in a cost effective and efficient manner.
- The city must operate and maintain a vast variety of parks and recreation facilities that are geographically spread across the city.
- Many of the facilities are now older and some are functionally obsolete for the roles they must support. This puts a tremendous strain on the department.
- Despite operational budget cutbacks and restrictions, the city continues to add additional parks and recreation facilities to the inventory.
- Hallandale Beach Parks and Recreation has traditionally been based on delivering services on a neighborhood level both for facilities and programs. While this provides the greatest level of service to the community, it is costly to develop and maintain.
- The city is divided into five key geographic areas that have different recreational needs and are very different in their demographic make-up.
- There are a variety of recreation programs and services that are being demanded in the city from population that is expected to change from an older to an increasingly younger and more ethnically diverse population base. Year round schools provide another challenge.
- The city’s recreation programming is provided by not only the parks and recreation department but also by Human Services as well as the Police through PAL.
- Maintenance functions are handled by both parks and public works.

- Specific roles and responsibilities for providing recreation programs and services appears to be rather randomly assigned to different departments (Parks & Recreation, Human Services, and Police) based on which department wants to take on a task rather than an overall assessment of what is the best approach for the most efficient and effective delivery of parks and recreation services.
- There is a general lack of coordination and planning as well as communications breakdowns with other departments in the city. This includes:
  - Development Services – Coordinating development with parks amenities and programs in a comprehensive manner to benefit the community in a cost effective manner.
  - Public Works – Coordinating maintenance of parks, playing fields, buildings and hardscapes with other maintenance and operations functions.
  - Human Services – Planning for the provision of youth and senior services.
  - Police – Planning and coordinating PAL programs for youth in concert with parks and recreation programs and services.
- There needs to be greater emphasis placed on evaluation and measurement of operations and productivity as a department.
- The department needs to continue to update and add equipment and technology. This includes making sure that key staff has either cell phones or radios, that computers are upgraded to run surveillance camera software, and there are adequate vehicles for parks maintenance staff.

7.2. Department Staffing, Organization, and Administration:

- Essential to a delivering effective, well organized, parks and recreation services to the residents of Hallandale Beach is a having a strong
organizational structure in place. Concerns associated with this issue are:

- The department has a general lack of comprehensive operating systems in place to guide management and provide valuable information and documentation for future planning.

- While there are very basic operating policies and procedures in place on a department level these do not appear to be as relevant or effective on the individual center or facility level. Specific operating policies and procedures for individual facilities are minimal.

- There is a definite lack of any form of comprehensive marketing plans for recreation services on the center level as well as from a department perspective.

- The department needs to develop formal interlocal agreements with the school district and county outlining priorities of use, maintenance, financial contributions and design considerations for new facilities.

- There appears to be a general lack of on-going supervision of programs and services by full-time staff during evening and weekend hours. This is due in part to a reduced full-time staffing level but also how staff is scheduled and utilized.

7.3. PARKS AND RECREATION OVERALL DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Establish a service plan for the department that focuses on program priorities, facility operations directives and establishing a basic management systems plan is essential.

- The existing job descriptions and responsibilities need to be updated to represent the current organizational plan. Specific job responsibilities need to be formalized.

- Detailed and specific annual work plans should be required for each full-time staff member and these should be monitored by their direct supervisor on a regular basis. The work plans should cover issues such as budget development, programming, community center cleanliness and maintenance, marketing, community outreach and staff interaction and communication. There should be measurable benchmarks and outputs required for each plan.

- Each community center director should be responsible for the development and monitoring of their own budget.

- Formal facility inspections should be completed on at least a weekly basis. These inspections should cover maintenance issues, equipment inspections and documentation, safety and operational issues.

- Currently athletic field maintenance does not have a maintenance plan in place to guide operations and define scheduling and tasks. This should be developed in the next year.

- Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with the Public Works should develop a formal, internal, 5 year capital improvement budget for its facilities. This budget should be updated annually.

- An overall marketing plan for recreation programs and services should be developed on the department level. This document should be a simple, easy to implement, document that serves as a guideline for specific marketing efforts.

- A comprehensive safety and security program should be developed on a department level. The general policies and procedures should then be reinforced by specifics for each division and facility.

- Commit to developing a strong communications plan between different aspects of the department as well as with other city departments.

- Any new park or recreation facility that is planned for the city should be required to have a maintenance impact statement completed that identifies the financial and staff impacts of maintaining the facility before it is built.

- Explore the possibility of Parks and Recreation taking on the role of scheduling all playing fields in the city (including school district fields for non-school use) to provide a single scheduling entity.
• The current tennis center management contract should be rewritten to improve not only the product that is being delivered but also to require increased emphasis on the physical condition of the facility.

• With the current system, users of the aquatic center may have to go to three locations to pay for services. The pool patrons should be able to pay for admission, programs, or swim passes at the pool itself.

7.4. PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET:

• The Parks and Recreation Department budget has been developed with only general and basic budget categories. The department needs to move toward a cost center accounting system where major budget sections are set up with sub categories based on specific facilities or program areas. This will provide greater transparency for the entire budget process, allow for an accurate picture of both costs and revenues for individual areas, and allow for supervisory employees to be directly responsible for their own budgets.

• Parks and Recreation currently provides services for a number of community organizations and the time and cost for these services should be clearly delineated.

• A number of administrative services are provided for PAL and the cost of these activities also needs to be itemized.

• Currently the city funds a number of community organizations which provide cultural, recreation, and other community services. With the reduced level of funding that the department receives, a cost/benefit analysis should be conducted for each of these organizations to ensure that the Parks and Recreation Department would not be better off receiving some of this funding.

• The Parks and Recreation Department should not be providing vending services for its facilities or city hall. This is a poor use of time and resources. This function should be contracted to an outside vendor as soon as possible.

• All contract programs and service providers should be moved to a 70%-30% split of revenues (from the current 80%-20%) to provide the city with a better revenue stream.

• A strong effort is needed to track and document use of various city facilities from active use areas to more passive use amenities. This will provide the opportunity for the city to tie maintenance costs to use numbers for facilities.

• Deferred maintenance items must be prioritized on a five and ten year plan for funding and ultimate completion. The list should be updated and reprioritized on a yearly basis.

• A funding plan for the deferred maintenance items must be developed. If there are a significant number of high priced improvements that must be completed in the near future, then the city may need to consider a bond issue to fund such items in a cost effective manner.

• Establish a capital depreciation/replacement budget for major facilities and equipment.

• The city should consider contracting for certain services that would be more cost effective if they were provided by other entities (see Future Operations and Maintenance Standards section).

• The Parks and Recreation Department must adopt a more aggressive fee policy as was noted in the Programs and Services Assessment section of the report.

7.5 FUTURE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE STANDARDS:

With diminishing financial resources, it will be important that the Parks and Recreation Department develop strong and detailed operations and maintenance plans and standards.

• Having a well-developed maintenance plan provides an excellent foundation for establishing time/material cost estimates for various maintenance functions and tasks. Once the maintenance plan is in place the process needs to continue to develop to the next level where actual time and resource allocations are utilized to validate the planning numbers that have been used. This could take several years until enough real world numbers are available to adjust the
existing standards. From this, specific benchmark standards can be determined (cost per acre, per square foot, etc.).

- Specific stand alone maintenance plans should be developed for each major facility (aquatic center, community center, or special use facility). These plans should address not only daily and long term custodial and maintenance functions but also mechanical system and other operating system maintenance.

- Establish lifecycle cost estimates for all major capital assets in the department.

- The department should develop three distinct levels of service for park and recreation amenities. This would be a more cost effective approach to maintenance and more accurately reflect the proper level of service necessary to maintain a facility.
  - The highest level would be for facilities that are highly visible, receive extensive public use, have active use amenities, and for all indoor facilities.
  - The second level would be a lower level of service for more passive use parks, trails and park areas.
  - The third would be for open space, right of ways, and areas that are not highly used or may not be even visible to the public.

- The department, in conjunction with Public Works, should develop specific guidelines to determine which maintenance functions or activities should be considered for contract service. A primary aspect of this plan should be a cost/benefit assessment of providing a function in house vs. contracting for the service. General guidelines include:
  - Basic maintenance functions that occur on a regular basis should not be contracted if they occur in highly visible locations or for facilities where there is a very strong level of public use.
  - Specialized functions that require special training or equipment, are inherently dangerous, or do not occur on a regular basis should be considered for contract service.
  - Very small parks (under one acre) and right of ways that require the allocation of a high level of time and resources should be considered.
  - Remote locations that take significant travel time to maintain should also be considered.

- Conduct a study to determine which if any maintenance functions could be successfully handled by other organizations such as developers, sports clubs and homeowner associations.

- All memorandums of understanding and intergovernmental agreements should be reviewed at least every 3 years to assess the maintenance impacts of the agreements.

Future Facilities

- For each new proposed park or recreation facility, a detailed projection of the cost of maintaining the amenity on an annual basis should be completed. This should include not only additional man power requirements but also equipment, operating supplies and necessary contractual services. An on-going system with specific procedures should be in place to accomplish such estimates in a consistent and organized fashion.

- Maintenance supervisors and administrative staff should be actively involved in the design review process for all new planned facilities. The review process should focus on materials and surfaces/finishes being specified, maintenance equipment required to maintain the amenity, access for maintenance equipment, and brand of materials continuity.

Other

- Develop an energy management plan that attempts to not only control energy costs but promotes energy conservation and also attempts to utilize alternative forms of energy.
Chapter 8.0
Funding Options
One of the major challenges for the City of Hallandale Beach is determining a method for funding the capital development costs as well as the anticipated annual operating requirements of expanded parks and recreation facilities, programs, and services. It is clear that a number of different funding sources may need to be utilized for this to become a reality. As a result, a number of possible funding sources were investigated. Although this is not meant to be an exhaustive list it does indicate possible available funding sources. These include:

8.0 FUNDING OPTIONS

8.1. CAPITAL FUNDING

8.1.1 Partnerships – The possibility of including equity (primary) partners in parks and recreation projects should be explored. There will be limits on the number of these types of partners that can be established for a project due to possible competing interests. A more detailed partnership assessment will be necessary to determine a realistic level of financial support.

8.1.2. Fundraising – A possible source of capital funding could come from a comprehensive fundraising campaign in the City. Contributions from local businesses, private individuals and social service organizations should be targeted. To maximize this form of funding a private fundraising consultant may be necessary.

8.1.3. Grants/endowments – There are a number of grants and/or endowments that are available for parks and recreation projects. It is more difficult to fund active recreation facilities than parks and open space from these sources, but an effort should be made to acquire funding when available. Key areas that should be targeted for grants are serving youth, teens, seniors and families.

8.1.4. Naming Rights and Sponsorships – Although not nearly as lucrative as for large stadiums and other similar facilities, the sale of naming rights and long term sponsorships could be a source of some capital funding as well. It will be necessary to hire a specialist in selling naming rights and sponsorships if this revenue source is to be maximized to its fullest potential. No lifetime naming rights should be sold only 20 year maximum rights should be possible. Determining the level of financial contribution necessary to gain a naming right will be crucial. This could mean a contribution for up to 25% of the total cost of an entire project for overall facility naming rights or 50% to 100% for individual spaces within a park or facility itself.

8.1.5. Developer Funding – It may be possible to work with developers in the city to assist with funding for various projects. They would benefit directly from the City’s development of parks and other community facilities and as a result should be approached to help fund a portion of community improvements.

8.1.6. City of Hallandale Beach – If the City is going to be the primary funding agent for new parks and recreation facilities, several options to acquire the necessary tax dollars for a project will need to be evaluated.

• General Tax Dollars – The utilization of any existing non allocated tax dollars for a project. This will result in the slow development of new facilities by simply allocating existing tax funding when possible.

• Capital Improvement Fund – Establishing a dedicated funding source for capital projects from either a percentage of existing tax revenues or through a tax increase established for that purpose.

• Bond Measure – A voter passed tax initiative to fund specific capital projects. For the larger and high dollar projects, this may be the only realistic way to develop these facilities.

8.2. OPERATIONS FUNDING

In order for the City to add new facilities or programs, the level of operational funding will also have to be increased. As a result a funding plan for operations will be necessary.

8.2.1. Partnerships – If new facilities are developed through partnerships with other organizations then it should be expected that the cost of operating or maintaining these amenities will also be shared with the other partners. A more detailed partnership assessment will be necessary to determine a realistic level of financial support.

8.2.2. Sponsorships – The establishment of sponsorships for different programs and services as well as funding for different aspects of a park or facility’s operation is possible. But in most cases this provides a relatively
low revenue stream for funding day to day operating costs for parks and recreation.

8.2.3. Grants – There are grants that are available for programs and services that serve the disadvantaged, youth, teens and seniors. It may be possible to acquire funding for specific programs from this source.

8.2.4. Endowment Fund – This would require additional fundraising to establish an operational endowment fund that would be designed to fund capital replacement and improvements at City facilities. It is often difficult to raise funds for operational endowments and the level of funding required is high.

8.2.5. City of Hallandale Beach – It should be expected that the City will have to be the primary operations funder for its operation.

- **General Tax Dollars** – The utilization of any existing non allocated tax dollars for operations. This will probably not result in any significant funding for the expansion of City operations.

- **Tax Increase** – To fund significant increases in operational costs it is possible that the City will need to have a tax increase. The increase should not only cover new parks and recreation amenities but also new programs and services as well as administrative staff and overhead.

8.2.6. Foundation: It is highly recommended that a 501(c)3 foundation for parks and recreation be established for the City. This will provide a way to collect a variety of fundraising dollars as well as equity partner payments for both capital and operations. This may also make projects eligible for a broader range of grant dollars as well.
Chapter 9.0
Master Plan Development Alternatives
9.1 MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS/INDIVIDUAL PARKS MASTER PLANS

As has been previously mentioned, the City of Hallandale Beach is a fully built-out city where no major vacant land is available for new park and recreation development. Only existing park and recreation facilities are part of the Master Plan. Creating vacant land for recreational development comes at a premium price and the City, in recent years, acquired an 8-acre trailer park adjacent to Bluesten Park for the expansion of this park. It is not likely that the City of Hallandale Beach will acquire additional property for recreational development in the near future. As such the City Wide Parks Master Plan has focused on the redevelopment and maximization of existing park and recreation resources.

During the process of Master Plan development, a series of alternative options were prepared for each of the City’s Parks. Based on the information on community preferences and needs gathered through the Surveys, Community Meetings, and the Needs Analysis, the design team proceeded to prepare a series of Alternative Program Development Options and Design Scenarios for each of the City’s parks and for parks where such Alternatives /options were warranted.

Each of the parks’ existing conditions and preliminary conceptual plans and alternatives for new park development and park upgrades, including the estimated construction costs, were first presented at the City Commission Workshop of February 8, 2011. Subsequently, the options were presented at Community Workshops. The Alternatives presented were for the following facilities:

- Joseph Scavo Park
- Foster Park
- B.F. James Park
- Oreste Blake Johnson Park
- Ingalls Park
- Peter Bluesten Park
- Golden Isles Park
- North Beach Park
- South Beach Park

The Alternative Master Plan designs for each of the parks are presented in graphic form in this section of the report for the purpose of establishing a record of the process and showing the range of options evaluated for each park.

During the process of the Community Workshops, recommendations were noted and subsequent changes to the Alternatives were made. The final presentation of the evaluated Alternatives was made to the City Commission on May 16, 2011. At this presentation, the Master Plan Preferred Alternative for each park was selected. On the following pages we present the alternatives for each of the City’s parks.
9.0 MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES

Northwest Quadrant
Joseph Scavo Park

9.2. JOSEPH SCAVO PARK

INTRODUCTION

The passive nature of Joseph Scavo Park was one of the guiding principles driving the park design options. The Alternatives illustrated represent the Consultant Team’s evaluation of community preferences, identified needs and the assemblage of these into a design form that responds to site and context conditions. To alleviate the need to construct a parking lot, parking is provided on the street for all options.

Three Alternative Plans were initially prepared for Joseph Scavo Park. These alternatives reflect minor differences in recreational program content. Options A, B and C include the provision of new restroom facilities for park users. In addition, all options addressed the preservation, in as much as possible, of major existing vegetation on the site or the replanting of existing trees to create additional tree canopy within the park.

The organizing difference between the three alternatives was the location of the activity amenities within the park. Alternative C utilizes N.E. 9th Street as a major form giving access element and locates the park’s primary activities in direct relationship to the intersection of this street and Three Islands Boulevard. Alternative A utilizes the concept of the existing plaza at the same intersection but only places the dog parks at this location and inland on the park. Alternative B shifts the primary activities northward and does not align activities with the external roadway system intersections.

ORGANIZING ELEMENTS DIFFERENCES

Major organizing elements for the three options are:

Programmatic Differences - All three alternatives include a number of similar components: passive open space, on street parking, a redesigned walkway/exercise trail through and around the park, extensive landscape treatment, a larger playground area, either one or two basketball courts, several picnic shelters and a restroom facility. There are also components which are different in each alternative: Alternative A has two basketball courts and two sand volleyball courts, and two dog parks. Alternative B has two basketball courts but no sand volleyball, an interactive water feature and does not accommodate dog parks; Alternative three has only one basketball and one sand volleyball court, an interactive water feature and two dog parks. The construction of an interactive water feature requires the construction of restroom facilities in support of the interactive water feature and would therefore be a required in Alternatives B and C.

Dog Park Location – Alternative A locates two separate dog parks towards the internal area of the site. This requires dog owners to traverse the park to reach the Dog Park; this is not allowed by City of Hallandale Beach Code as dogs, even on a chain, are not allowed in City parks. Alternative C locates the two dog parks immediately off the sidewalk thus allowing access which complies with the existing City Code. Alternative B has no dog park.

Passive Park Areas - All Alternatives include passive park areas strategically distributed throughout the site and the inclusion of pavilions for sitting and relaxation. Exercise stations are also included along the pedestrian paths.

Playground Location – All Alternatives include approximately the same amount of playground areas. Alternatives B and C locate the proposed children’s playgrounds adjacent to proposed interactive water features toward the center of the park whereas Alternative A, locates the playgrounds toward Three Islands Boulevard in the same area in which it is located presently.

ALTERNATIVE EVALUATION AND PREFERRED MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT DESIGN RECOMMENDATION

Cost opinions were prepared for each of the alternatives to compare their respective construction costs. On February 8, 2011, the Alternative Master Plans were presented at the City of Hallandale Beach Commission Workshop. Subsequent to this Workshop, Operations and Maintenance costs, as requested, were also analyzed and presented for evaluation.

Following the February 8, 2011 Workshop, the Alternative Master Plans were presented to the community through the Community Workshop process. The number of options was narrowed down based on comments received during the Community Workshops, and the professional criteria developed by the B&A team.
Subsequently, the revised alternatives, which consisted of only two alternatives, were presented for final evaluation and selection at the City of Hallandale Beach Commission Meeting of May 16, 2011.

Alternative 2 was selected as the Preferred Master Plan Development Design for Joseph Scavo Park, as reflected in the Minutes of Special Meeting of the City Commission of May 16th. The Commission’s decision was centered on the fact that this alternative allows for the inclusion of the Dog Park without impacting the overall park, that it allows for a site design that responds to contextual conditions, provides for the easy phasing of park construction and allows the passive nature of the park to remain unchanged while allowing the inclusion of more active uses that respond to community needs and desires. The selected Alternative 2 plan is to include a basketball court and only two pavilions as required by the City Commission vote.
9.0  Master Plan Development Alternatives
Northwest Quadrant
B.F. James Park

9.3.  B.F. JAMES PARK

INTRODUCTION

The concept for B.F. James Park was to transform the park from a non-regulation baseball facility with limited passive space and highly underutilized park to a new community-oriented park with water activities that will attract not only surrounding residents but residents from the overall Quadrant and the City of Hallandale Beach in general. Proposed increased landscaping will also add to the attractiveness of the park and increase the tree canopy dramatically.

Initially, three Alternative Plans were prepared for B.F. James Park. These alternatives addressed differences in program content, park orientation, access and provisions of internal parking areas. All options addressed the preservation of existing vegetation on the site.

ORGANIZING ELEMENTS DIFFERENCES

Major organizing elements for the three options were:

Programmatic Differences - Alternatives A and B propose the construction of an Interactive Water Feature as a central attraction in the park. The water feature would be a ground level fountain with water jetting up from the surface to allow children to play. Per health code, restrooms are required within a specific distance of this type of facility. Alternative C, proposes a Family Oriented Pool as opposed to an Interactive Water Feature. Alternatives A and C provide two basketball courts whereas Alternative B provides three basketball courts.

Park Orientation – Alternative A and C provide direct access and orientation towards N.W. 9th Street and N.W. 1st Avenue. Alternative A and C create a major pedestrian axis towards 9th Street. Alternative B provides for an internal park orientation. Here the park activities are oriented to more to the internal parking area, while the basketball courts provide an arc of paved area that defines the north edge of the park.

Passive Park Areas - The passive areas area for Alternative A and C are located on the northeast side of the site, towards N.W. 1st Avenue and N.W. 9th Street. Alternative B has the smallest passive park area.

Playground Location - The playground in Alternative A and C is located on the south side of the park near the intersection of N.W. 2nd Avenue and N.W. 9th Street. Alternative B locates the playground directly off the internal parking area and adjacent to the Interactive Water Feature.

Internal Parking Location – Alternative A locates all the parking on the periphery of the park. Alternatives B and C provide an internal parking area that can be accessed from N.W. 1st Avenue or N.W. 2nd Avenue. The internal parking area provides direct access into park activities.

ALTERNATIVE EVALUATION AND PREFERRED MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT DESIGN RECOMMENDATION

Costs opinions were prepared for each of the alternatives to compare their respective construction costs. On February 8, 2011 the Alternative Master Plans were presented at the City of Hallandale Beach Commission Workshop. Subsequent to this Workshop, Operations and Maintenance costs, as requested, were also analyzed and presented for evaluation.

Following the February 8 Workshop, the Alternative Master Plans were presented to the community through the Community Workshop process. The number of options was narrowed down based on comments received during the Community Workshops, and the professional criteria developed by the B&A team.

Subsequently the revised alternatives, which consisted of only two options, were presented for final evaluation and selection at the City of Hallandale Commission Meeting of May 16, 2011.

Alternative 2 was selected as the Preferred Master Plan Development Design for B.F. James Park as reflected in the Minutes of Special Meeting of the City Commission of May 16th. The Commission decision was centered on the fact that this alternative provides for a Family-Oriented Pool, an element that is desired and needed by the surrounding community. Additionally, the feature of having an internal parking area for easy access to the Family-Oriented Pool, the provision of the additional parking spaces that it provides were also facts that influenced the selection of Alternative 2.
Original Alternatives presented in February, 2011

Final Alternatives presented in May, 2011
9.4. ORESTE BLAKE JOHNSON PARK

INTRODUCTION

O. B. Johnson Park is conceived as a Large Neighborhood Park that will provide specific sports activities such as football, soccer, basketball in both outdoor and indoor courts, tennis and playground areas. The park design evolved through community and City Commission input. Alternative options addressed different concepts of how the park relates to its surrounding context, the relationship to the adjacent Social Services building and potential future park land acquisition in the immediate area of the park.

Due to the fact that there is not sufficient land for a regulation size Baseball facility in this park, it was decided not to include this use in the new park design. The existing baseball field is non-regulation and there is insufficient land available to increase the size. Additionally, the community requested that football, a very popular sport with the neighborhood youth be located at O.B. Johnson Park. All baseball activities would be relocated to Peter Bluesten Park.

The existing Community Center Building does not appear to meet the needs of the community. The building is small for the existing indoor basketball court and there is insufficient space to accommodate bleachers for viewers, nor does it have lockers or changing rooms with large enough facilities to meet the needs of the community.

Four Alternative Design Options were initially prepared for evaluation. The four were narrowed down to two options for final selection and are presented on the facing page and described below.

ORGANIZING ELEMENTS DIFFERENCES

Major organizing elements for the four options are:

Programmatic Differences – All Alternatives provide as outdoor sports venues football/soccer in a multi-purpose field configuration, and a playground with three separate play areas. Alternatives A, B and C provide three outdoor basketball courts. Alternative D provides one outdoor basketball court, two tennis courts, and one basketball court.

Cost opinions were prepared for each of the alternatives to compare their respective
construction costs. On February 8, 2011 the Alternative Master Plans were presented at the City of Hallandale Beach Commission Workshop. Subsequent to this Workshop, Operations and Maintenance costs, as requested, were also analyzed and presented for evaluation.

Following the February 8, 2011 Workshop, the Alternative Master Plans were presented to the community through the Community Workshop process. The number of options was narrowed down based on comments received during the Community Workshops, and the professional criteria developed by the B&A team.

Subsequently, the revised alternatives, which consisted of only two options, were presented for final evaluation and selection at the City of Hallandale Commission Meeting of May 16, 2011.

Alternative 2 was selected as the Preferred Design as reflected in the Minutes of Special Meeting of the City Commission of May 16th. The City Commission vote also included the amendment that two exterior (2) basketball courts be located on the site. Among the selection criteria elements that favored this option are: that it provides for the Community Recreation Building to be away from the high traffic of Pembroke Road; that the multi-purpose field is correctly located on the north side of the park; that it allows for adequate parking for the facilities; that it provides the mix of activities requested by the community which includes tennis and outdoor basketball; that it places the Community Center Building immediately adjacent to the Social Services building thus allowing the Social Services patrons to also use the building; and finally, it places the parking area in a way that allows it to be visible from all areas and convenient to access from all the venues on the site.
9.5. CHAVES LAKE PARK

INTRODUCTION

Chaves Lake is to be developed as a community asset, a passive park, allowing the use of the 35 acre lake as a City of Hallandale Beach recreational resource.

Three Alternative Plans were prepared for the initial round of evaluations as presented in the February 8, 2011, City of Hallandale Beach Commission Workshop. These Alternative Plans all included passive open space, and parking areas; while only two of the alternatives included concession facilities for recreational non-motorized boating use of the lake.

All alternatives addressed the restoration of the site to a more natural condition and the inclusion of substantial landscape and tree canopy. Vehicular service access to the lake was incorporated into all of the Alternatives. Alternative C shows the passive park without a paved roadway down to the lake edge. This alternative would provide a stabilized road surface utilizing turf block or pervious pavers. All vehicular access to the park would be from N.W. 8th Avenue in all of the plan alternatives.

ORGANIZING ELEMENTS ALTERNATIVES DIFFERENCE

Major organizing elements for the three options are:

Programmatic Differences - Alternatives A and B propose the inclusion of a Boat Concession Rental on Chaves Lake. Alternative C illustrates the site plan design without any concession as well as the absence of any picnic areas, restrooms or other amenities, other than parking and a large open passive space. Alternative A and B include a children’s playground. As mentioned, both of these alternatives were conceived of with more intense recreational facilities as opposed to Alternative C which provides primarily a passive par environment.

Park Orientation – Alternative A locates the parking area parallel to the east side of the property and the picnic areas and open space towards the west side of the property. Alternative B and C locate the parking on the north side of the property allowing the south side to be utilized for recreational park uses.

Passive Open Space Areas - Alternative C is a totally passive park with minimal recreation uses other than an open lawn area. Alternative A has the smallest amount of passive park area given the layout of the parking while Alternative B provides only a slightly larger passive area than Alternative A.

Parking Location – Alternative A locates all parking on the east side of the property whereas Alternatives B and C provide for the parking at the north side of the site. All alternatives accommodate approximately the same amount of parking.

ALTERNATIVE EVALUATION AND PREFERRED MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT DESIGN RECOMMENDATION

Cost opinions were prepared for each of the alternatives to compare their respective construction costs. On February 8, 2011, the Alternative Master Plans were presented at the City of Hallandale Beach Commission Workshop and subsequently at the Community Workshop meetings.

Two alternatives were presented at the City of Hallandale Commission Meeting of May 16, 2011 as the Preferred Master Plan Development Design for Chaves Lake. The Commission selected Alternative 2 as the preferred option. Alternative 2 provides a variety of uses including a Boat/Canoe Rental concession. The layout and design of the plan allows for the easy phasing of the project and provides a sufficient amount of passive open space and recreation for families.
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City Wide Parks Master Plan
Northwest Quadrant
Chaves Lake Park

Original Alternatives presented in February, 2011

Alternative A
Alternative B
Alternative C

Final Alternatives presented in May, 2011

Alternative 1
Alternative 2
9.6. PETER BLUESTEN PARK

INTRODUCTION

Peter Bluesten Park is the City of Hallandale Beach’s largest park serving the totality of the City. Three Alternative Plans were initially prepared for the presentations in the February 8, 2011, City of Hallandale Beach Commission Workshop. Two of the plans indicated one baseball diamond. Since the baseball fields at both O.B. Johnson and B.F. James parks are proposed to be removed given they are non-regulation fields with limited land area, the City’s Recreation Department believes they need a minimum of two (2) regulation baseball fields. In light of this condition a new Alternative D with two baseball fields was prepared.

All alternatives incorporated the new park lands that were acquired by the City. One alternative offered the option to preserve the existing facilities at Peter Bluesten Park and expand the park to the new lands. Other alternatives offer a new vision for the park that left open the possibility to create on adjacent lands a Village Green and Town Center; as well as include a more adequate site design response to the presence of City Hall and its activities.

How the sports fields could be accommodated on the site also dictated the organization of the alternatives. The concept of angled fields provided a unique character to the park feel and an alternative use of space to fields that are arranged in a rectilinear manner. The angled fields also drove the location of parking areas, the Community Recreation Building and pool.

ORGANIZING ELEMENTS DIFFERENCES

Major organizing elements for the four alternatives were:

Programmatic Differences – Programmatic differences between the Alternatives were relatively minor except for Alternative A which did not include a major community recreation building, or a larger pool and water recreation use. Alternative A proposes the re-use of the existing pool, existing baseball and softball fields.

The major difference between all the Alternative Plans was the presence of two baseball fields in Alternative D, which as previously explained, was a requirement the City had for a minimum of two (2) regulation size baseball fields.

Park Orientation – Alternatives A and B, orient the park towards S.E. 5th Street. Alternatives C and D orient the park to the intersection of S.E. 5th Street and City Hall. Alternatives C and D relate to City Hall and the U.S. Post Office site as well S.E. 5th and S.E. 7th Streets. In all alternatives an extension of S.E. 4th Avenue to S.E. 7th Street is proposed as requested at the Community Workshop. This allows a better traffic flow throughout the area.

Number of Regulation Baseball Fields - Only Alternative D provided two (2) regulation baseball fields as required.

Relationship to Existing City Hall and Potential to Incorporate a Town Center and Additional Lands - The ability to incorporate the adjacent lands in a manner that could complement the park and its activities is only provided by Alternative C and D. In these two alternatives the center of the park, the Community Recreation Building is located in a manner that relates to City Hall and to the adjacent potential additional land that could become available in the future from the U.S. Post Office.

ALTERNATIVE EVALUATION AND PREFERRED MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT DESIGN RECOMMENDATION

Cost opinions were prepared for each of the alternatives to compare their respective construction costs. On February 8, 2011 the Alternative Master Plans were presented at the City of Hallandale Beach Commission Workshop. Subsequent to this Workshop, Operations and Maintenance costs, as requested, were analyzed and presented for evaluation.

Following the February 8 Workshop, the Alternative Master Plans were presented to the community through the Community Workshop process.

For the final evaluation and selection at the City of Hallandale Commission Meeting of May 16, 2011 only one Alternative was presented. Given the requirement that there be two baseball fields, only one alternative met the criteria. This single Alternative became the final Preferred Alternative for Peter Bluesten Park and was approved by City Commission vote.
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Southeast Quadrant
Peter Bluesten Park

Alternative A
Alternative B
Alternative C
Alternative D

Original Alternatives presented in February, 2011

Final Concept presented in May, 2011
9.7. NORTH BEACH PARK

INTRODUCTION

The Alternative Plans prepared for North Beach proposed making the park more pedestrian oriented and providing for improved user services through the construction of a new concessions and restroom building. The site design layouts were constrained by the limited site area and the site’s geometry. Allowing uninterrupted access to the North Beach Fire Station was also a major concern and constraint as well as providing vehicular access to the City’s public parking area located in the lower level of the adjacent Beach Club Condominium.

The relocation of the Concession/Restroom building in proximity to the park entrance was a necessity to maximize the land area for pedestrian use as opposed to vehicular access. Again, three Alternative Plans were generated.

ORGANIZING ELEMENTS DIFFERENCES

Major organizing elements for the three options were:

Programmatic Differences – Three program differences are included in the Alternatives: 1) The number of sand volleyball courts; Alternatives A and C provide two courts as opposed to Alternative B which provides only one court; 2) An interactive water feature is included in Alternative C, whereas the other two Alternatives do not; 3) A sculpture plaza is located in Alternative A. All alternatives propose a new Concession/Restroom building.

Passive Park Areas – Passive areas in all the alternatives are located towards the center of the park, directly related to the Concession/Restroom building and the sand volleyball courts. All three alternatives propose dune restoration and a protected pedestrian access path through a restored dune system.

Vehicular Access – Vehicular drop off is provided in all alternatives. Alternative B provides a central landscaped plaza that distributes traffic, is a focal point of the park, and serves as a pedestrian linkage to the North Beach Community Center Facility. It also allows, as do all the alternatives, the uninterrupted flow of emergency vehicles to the North Beach Fire Station. Alternative A proposes a drop off for the beach area directly in front of the Concession/Building building. Both Alternative A and C provide a vehicular entrance to the park that is not as clearly organized as Alternative B.

General Comments - All three alternatives provide essentially the same general layout given geometry and land area constraints. Alternative A provides for a more formal layout to include a Sculpture Plaza.

ALTERNATIVE EVALUATION AND PREFERRED MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT DESIGN RECOMMENDATION

Cost opinions were prepared for each of the alternatives to compare their respective construction costs. On February 8, 2011, the Alternative Master Plans were presented at the City of Hallandale Beach Commission Workshop and subsequently at the Community Workshop meetings.

Of the three original alternatives presented to the commission and the community, two alternatives were presented at the City of Hallandale Commission Meeting of May 16, 2011. The Commission selected Alternative 1 as the Preferred Master Plan Alternative with the requirement that the surface parking located in front of the Concession/Restroom Building be restricted to handicap and no more than two spaces for service loading and caterers. In addition, the Commission required that the two spaces furthest from the beach access be designated for the service spaces.
Chapter 9.0: Master Plan Development Alternatives

A1A/Beach Quadrant
North Beach Park

Original Alternatives presented in February, 2011

Final Alternatives presented in May, 2011
9.8. SOUTH BEACH PARK

INTRODUCTION

The design alternatives for South Beach Park were driven by the need to include on-site parking either at surface or structured. A multi-story parking deck was proposed by the City Wide Master Plan for the Park with the intent that it would provide additional parking and new concession facilities on the ground floor. Alternatives A and B do not contemplate the inclusion of a parking deck within the Park. Alternatives C and D remove the surface parking and replace it with a multi-story parking structure. The parking structure was laid out in the only viable configuration for the site: paralleling the north property line adjacent to the Beach Club Condominium while allowing the park to develop in a linear fashion on the south side of the parking structure. This configuration also allowed the park and beach to be fully visible from A1A.

Alternatives A and B provide for the preservation of the existing surface parking in the same location it exists now. In these two alternatives, the park activities are distributed in a more organized manner within the existing park area. The extensive planting of non-native Australian pine trees would be gradually removed to create a more natural and attractive landscaped environment.

Four Alternative Plans were prepared for South Beach Park.

ORGANIZING ELEMENTS ALTERNATIVES DIFFERENCE

Major organizing elements for the four options were:

Programmatic Differences - Alternatives C and D include a parking structure with approximately 200 to 300 vehicles at four stories in height. This parking structure would be adjacent to the primarily blank wall of the Beach Club Condominium to the north and as far away as possible from the residential units facing the park on the south side. Alternatives A and B proposed maintaining and improving the existing surface parking area. Undoubtedly, the number of ground floor concession opportunities would be much higher in the options with the parking structure than without; however the economic viability of providing more concessions at such a small beach was a concern. All options include the provision for bocce courts, sand volleyball courts and children’s playgrounds. Alternative A includes two Tiki Huts for sitting areas, the existing structure on the north east of the park and a new one on the south side. Alternatives B, C and D do not include the Tiki Huts, but provide for large shelters facing the beach.

Park Orientation – Alternative A and B maintain the present orientation of the park as a square area immediately beach-side of the present surface parking lot. Alternatives C and D would necessitate, because of the parking structure’s minimum footprint, that the park become more linear in shape.

Alternative A is more inward oriented to a central space in the park and the proposed Concession building dominating the view to the beach. Alternative B is more outward oriented with a focus on leading pedestrians from the parking lot directly to the beach.

ALTERNATIVE EVALUATION AND PREFERRED MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT DESIGN RECOMMENDATION

Cost opinions were prepared for each of the alternatives to compare their respective construction costs. On February 8, 2011, the Alternative Master Plans were presented at the City of Hallandale Beach Commission Workshop and subsequently at the Community Workshop meetings.

Alternatives B, C, and D were eliminated after this first review. Alternatives C and D which included the parking structure were eliminated because of concerns that the structure would consume and dominate the site at four levels high; the traffic generated by the additional parking would cause considerable congestion on A1A; that the economic viability of the parking structure was in question and the construction of a parking structure was opposed by many members of the community. Alternative B was eliminated because it did not appear to create a strong sense of place within the park.

Only one plan was presented at the City Commission Meeting of May 16, 2011. The Commission approved the proposed plan and required the inclusion of changing rooms, handicapped accessibility to the beach, an additional pedestrian connection to A1A and a storage area for City maintenance equipment.
Original Alternatives presented in February, 2011

Final Concept presented in May, 2011
10.0 Master Plan Development Concepts

10.1. INTRODUCTION

Presented in the following pages are the City Wide Parks Master Plan Proposed Park Improvements for the individual park programs and site design recommendations. These program recommendations and site design concepts reflect the process of Master Plan preparation that began with Community Meeting No. 1 and followed through to the final presentation to the City of Hallandale Beach Commission. The plans presented here reflect the initial site evaluations by the B&A Team; the evaluations and discussions carried out by and with City staff; the various presentations to the City of Hallandale Beach Commission, their concerns, preferences and recommendations; concerns and recommendations expressed by the City of Hallandale Beach Park and Recreation Advisory Board; concerns and recommendations of the Police Athletic League (PAL); as well as all the concerns expressed by City of Hallandale Beach residents during the various Community Meetings.

A City Wide Parks Master Plan and its implementation is a continuous on-going process that does not terminate with the submittal and adoption of the Master Plan. More so, it begins at the point of adoption by the City’s elected Officials. A well based and prepared City Wide Parks Master Plan is able to evolve with the ever changing conditions of both program and design execution.

Framed in the site drawings and site development programs presented on the following pages is the conception of each park at the time of Master Plan preparation and submittal. The Master Plan presents the guiding proposals for each park in order to establish design intent and costs to implement the development of each park. This process of individual park programming and design is crucial because of two factors: 1) Clearly establishing community needs and preferences for each individual park design and overall City park and activities coordination; 2) Providing a guiding document for project implementation and financing.

The City Wide Master Plan Phasing Plan identifies the relationship of each proposed park improvement to an overall parks construction implementation time frame. This time frame is based on a general evaluation of the options available to the City of Hallandale Beach to finance the projects, as well as the administrative practicalities inherent in implementing numerous multi-million dollar projects in a relatively short time frame.

Presented on these pages are not the final designs for each project, although they may be or are, very close approximations. Once the implementation process commences, a new series of community meetings and public input will address in more detail the specifics of each park design and program. There may be both subtle and significant changes to these designs. The next steps for each park will require the development of formal schematic design options, final selected design development, preparation of construction documents and finally construction. Input from the Community, City staff and Elected Officials will be required at each stage through the development process.
10.2. JOSEPH SCAVO PARK

PARK PROGRAMMATIC CONSIDERATIONS

Joseph Scavo Park sits surrounded by two story town homes in the multi-family area of Three Islands. With Three Islands Boulevard as its western boundary, Joseph Scavo Park is a major passive recreation resource for the area as well as an important active recreation area to the children and youth that live in the adjoining multi-family neighborhood. The program considerations for Joseph Scavo Park have undergone a thorough and continuous community vetting process that culminated in the City Wide Parks Master Plan design and program for Joseph Scavo Park. The program that defines a passive park with activities for the area’s children and dog owners represents a compromise plan that will be an asset to the community and provide enjoyment for area residents and visitors alike.

PARK CONCEPTUAL ORGANIZATION

Plan Design Context Response - The design of Joseph Scavo Park responds to the residential context immediately surrounding the park on the north, east and south sides. A simple precept has guided the design response to the surrounding context: maintain the more intense activities as far as possible from the residential perimeter; provide passive uses and open space to buffer the residential uses from park activities. In light of this residential context, uses and activities that are more use intense have been located towards the Three Islands Boulevard side of the park and the more passive uses have been located towards the residential perimeter of the site.

Located in the middle of a block without any side streets, the intersection of N.E. 9th Street and Three Islands Boulevard becomes an important focal point for the design of the park. The major activities proposed for the park are located at this juncture which coincidentally is also the most remote from the surrounding residential areas.

Activity Layout - New reconfigured pedestrian paths identified as Walking/Exercise Trails are provided following the residential area perimeter of the park. The paths will be designed in such a manner that police vehicles will be able to enter the park to police and supervise park activities. Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) measures will be implemented in the design of the park’s landscape and tree canopy in order to permit visual control of all areas of the park.

Passive park areas have been designed as a series of small spaces defined by perimeter trees in order to limit active recreation activity within these passive open areas.

PROPOSED PARK VENUES/IMPROVEMENTS

- **Basketball Court** - A single basketball court is proposed to be located in the center of the park away from the residential areas and in proximity to the proposed restroom facility and the children’s’ playgrounds.
- **Walking/Exercise Trail** - A perimeter walking/exercise trail will be constructed in the park originating on the south and north sides of the park. The trail will criss cross the park to provide a variety of exercising experiences.
- **Exercise Stations** – Up to fourteen exercise stations will be provided along the walking/exercise Trail. These stations will be designed to offer a variety of exercise options for all age groups.
- **Restrooms** – Restroom facilities to meet park user needs will be provided in the central area of the park. The restroom facilities will be monitored by City Park staff and the police and will close at sunset.
- **Playgrounds** - Three playgrounds will be provided with canvas covers for weather and sun protection. Ample seating will be provided for supervising children by parents and the playground spaces will be fenced to provide safety and security.
- **Picnic Shelters** – A number of shelter structures, located away from the residential areas will be provided to allow park users to sit, relax and enjoy the park.
- **Dog Parks (Small and Large Dogs)** - Located adjacent to the sidewalk on Three Islands Boulevard and in the central core of the park, the two dog parks will provide a secure fenced area for dog owners to bring their dogs for exercise and play. The location of the dog parks will not require dog owners and their pets to enter the park grounds, accessing the parks directly from the sidewalk. The construction of two dog parks will permit the use of one park for larger dogs and another for smaller dogs.
- **Passive Open Space** - A series of small grassed passive open spaces will compose the majority of the land area of the park.
- **Parking** – No new additional parking will be provided as part of the Master Plan recommendations for Joseph Scavo Park. Existing on-street metered parking will remain as the principal parking option for non local park visitors.
10.3. B.F. JAMES PARK

PARK PROGRAMMATIC CONSIDERATIONS

B.F. James Park is presently an underutilized park that contains two basketball courts and a non-regulation size baseball field. In order to create a more attractive park, meet community expectations of a pool that once was available to the residents of the area and previously located at O.B. Johnson Park, the program for B.F. James Park proposes the construction of a community swimming pool, the inclusion of basketball courts, creation of passive open space, relocation and expansion of the existing playground, provision of sidewalks and walkways to enhance the pedestrian experience of the park as well as provide an off-street parking area to serve the community pool and park activities.

PARK CONCEPTUAL ORGANIZATION

Plan Design Context Response – The surrounding community is composed of single family homes, a number of churches of different denominations, and a mosque. B.F. James Park is bordered on the east by N. W. 1st Avenue. Uses along the east side include single family residences, the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church; and the rear of a strip light industrial auto repair building facing on N. Dixie Highway and having its car storage patio directly facing the park. Uses on the north are predominantly single family residential. It is in this mix of residential, religious institutions, and auto storage yard where B.F. James Park must develop. It is thus imperative that the park develop its own sense of place and critical mass to be able to reach the desired design intent of providing an active recreation area and a better utilization of the City’s available land resources.

Activity Layout - The organizing concept addresses the creation of a strong north-south axis defined by major pedestrian pathways, passive open space, the children’s playground and an activity shelter. The family/community pool and the basketball courts form a backdrop to this strong pedestrian and open space access. Immediately behind these activities is an off-street parking area that can be accessed from either N.W. 1st or N. W. 2nd Avenue. The parking area defines the south edge of the park and separates it from the adjacent residential use. The new park plan illustrates the use of sidewalks and roadways to allow access to all sides of the park.

PROPOSED PARK VENUES/IMPROVEMENTS

- **Family/community pool** – A community pool is a key component of the proposed B. F. James Park design. The pool will be designed for a capacity of up to two hundred users and will be provided with a support structure to house restrooms, changing rooms, and administrative facilities.
- **Basketball Courts** – Two regulation basketball courts are indicated to replace and the existing basketball courts in the park.
- **Picnic Shelter** – A new picnic shelter is provided at the center of the pedestrian axis leading to the north boundary of the park. The picnic shelter will allow residents and visitors to sit and escape the inclemency of the weather or the hotness of the sun while providing a venue for family reunions and entertainment.
- **Passive Open Space** – A passive open space area is provided on the east side of the park immediately adjacent to the family/community pool.
- **Pedestrian Paths** - A major pedestrian axis connects the active uses of the park to the north. These pedestrian paths separated by a large green space median provide a dynamic pedestrian entrance to the park and help to organize its activities. A continuous sidewalk will line the park perimeter.
- **Playground** – The existing playground will be relocated to the area immediately west of the main entrance pedestrian paths. It will be provided with rubber play surfaces and a canvas awning structure to protect the children/parents from the sun and rain. Comfortable seating areas throughout the playground will also be provided.
- **On-Street Parking** – Existing on-street parking is proposed to be reconstructed, adequately striped and made available to park visitors. On-street angled parking is proposed on both N.W. 1st and N.W. 2nd Avenues.
- **Off-Street Parking** – An off-street parking area will be provided along the south side of the park as indicated in the drawing. The total parking supply provided by the on-street and off-street parking areas is expected to be sufficient to meet the future parking demand.
10.4. ORESTE BLAKE JOHNSON PARK

PARK PROGRAMMATIC CONSIDERATIONS

The program for Oreste Blake Johnson Park reflects changing community sports trends and the capacity of the available land to harbor specific sports venues. The existing O.B. Johnson park layout is fraught with problems arising from the distant and isolated location of sports venues, the lack of site depth capacity for baseball, and the separation of the Community Center from the Social Services building. Located at the north edge of the park and separated from the Community Center by the baseball field, the tennis courts and handball courts are isolated from park activities. The handball courts create a visual barrier to “eyes on the street” control.

The baseball field is non-regulation in size and the shortness of the outfields has forced the City to place netting to stop balls from flying into the neighborhood and adjacent parked vehicles. The Community Center’s indoor basketball court lacks bleachers to allow spectators to participate thus limiting the viability of the facility. Additionally, the building is separated from the adjacent Social Services building making shared use and administration of the facility more difficult.

The new Park’s program reflects the need to tailor the specific sports venues to the available land and community use. As a fully built-out city, Hallandale Beach is limited to the existing lands occupied by present parks. The only City park that can facilitate a regulation baseball diamond is Peter Bluesten Park. As such, the future baseball venues will be located at Peter Bluesten Park. Football is a popular sport in the community and soccer is a rising popular sport. These sports venues are to be constructed in O.B. Johnson Park.

PARK CONCEPTUAL ORGANIZATION

Plan Design Context Response – The Master Plan responds to the existing location of the Social Services Building at Foster Road and the high traffic and more distant area of the lands towards Pembroke Road. The new Park is oriented towards N.W. 8th Avenue as it has been in the past. Parking areas are located directly off of N.W. 8th Avenue and are expanded to the north of the park. On-street parking on N.W. 7th Terrace will remain.

Activity Layout – Football and soccer are open field sports whose geometry lend to O.B. Johnson Park. The option to overlap these sports venues on a multi-purpose field and the limited land availability make this combination right for O.B. Johnson Park. The relocation and increase in number of basketball courts will make these venues more usable and easier to administer and supervise. The reduction to one-tennis court also reflects the community use of this venue. Finally the playgrounds are located to provide maximum exposure and safety for the children and parents.

PROPOSED PARK VENUES/IMPROVEMENTS

- **Community Recreation Center** - A new community recreation center will replace the existing structure and will provide sufficient space for the inclusion of an indoor basketball court with bleachers. The facility will be designed to include other uses such as weight rooms and neighborhood meeting rooms. The new facility will be connected directly to the adjacent Hepburn Center to allow and encourage joint use of the community facilities.
- **Tennis Court** – A regulation tennis court will be provided on the east side of the park.
- **Basketball Courts** – Two basketball courts centrally located will replace the existing isolated basketball court and augment the proposed interior court.
- **Multi Purpose Sports Field** – A multi-purpose sports field for football or soccer will be constructed on the north side of the property towards Pembroke Road. Bleachers will be provided to allow spectators to view games in comfort.
- **Field House/Restrooms** – A field house with facilities for storage and restrooms will be provided adjacent to the multi-purpose sports field to conveniently serve the needs of players and visitors.
- **Playgrounds** – A centrally located playground will provide for children’s activities. The playground will be fully equipped and will include canvas awning structures for weather and sun protection.
- **Parking** – An expanded parking area will be provided on the west side of the property. Additional existing on-street parking on N.W. 7th Terrace will be maintained.
Oreste Blake Johnson Park

- Maintain on street parking
- Improve landscaping
- Upgrade peripheral fencing
- Athletic field with bleachers
- Basketball courts (2)
- Tennis court (1)
- Playgrounds (2)
- Improved parking
- Field house
- Additional off street parking
- New community/rec. center
- Existing social services bldg.

Northwest Quadrant
10.5. CHAVES LAKE PARK

PARK PROGRAMMATIC CONSIDERATIONS

Chaves Lake is an underutilized natural resource in the City of Hallandale Beach. The land parcel owned by the City is the only public access point to the 35 acre Chaves Lake also owned by the City of Hallandale Beach. The site is presently used as a storage area for fill material and other City related functional uses. It is the intent of the City administration to make this resource available to the whole community and an amenity to the local residents.

Chaves Lake Park is conceived as a passive open space park with the option of providing non motorized boat and canoe rental concessions. A vehicular access to Chaves Lake to allow for boat launching and controlled recreational use and lake maintenance will need to be provided. In the context of a passive park, picnic shelters and sitting areas are contemplated. Parking will be provided for park users for daytime use only.

PARK CONCEPTUAL ORGANIZATION

Plan Design Context Response – Chaves Lake Park is bordered on the east by multi-family residential uses and the north by single family homes. The Hallandale High School property borders the Chaves Lake Park property on the west. Chaves Lake proper is the southern border of the site. The Plan has been organized to respond to preserving the lake free of parking and vehicular uses and allowing the inclusion of the open space and the concessions area. The Boat/Canoe Rental Concession will be a private /public venture to be solicited from qualified vendors once the park is moved to a more active planning and design stage.

Park Plan Layout - The park layout is conceived with the parking immediately off the entrance street that leads from N.W. 8th Avenue into the park. Other uses are layered towards the lake to maximize open space, create options for concessions, allow vehicular access to the lake and provide for open space and views.

PROPOSED PARK VENUES/IMPROVEMENTS

- **Passive Open Space Lawn** – The internal passive open space will be a grass field to create an open area for sitting and playing. Landscape buffers will line the perimeter of the park and provide tree canopy and shade. Tree canopy will also be provided to create shade areas in the passive open spacelawn.
- **Pedestrian Walkway** – A pedestrian walkway will provide access to all areas of the park and help define the passive open spaces. The Pedestrian Walkway will be lined where appropriate with trees to create shade and define outdoor spaces.
- **Picnic Shelters** – Picnic shelters will be distributed throughout the site to provide sitting and rest areas for park users.
- **Boat/Canoe Rental** - The Boat/Canoe Rental will be provided with a small building to house the rental activities. At the time of the concession, an evaluation will be carried out by the City to ascertain the viability of providing food concession to accompany the Boat/Canoe Rental concession. A boat dock and land side storage will be provided to serve the rental needs. Care will be taken to ascertain that the structures to be constructed on-site for the concessions will not block the views of Chaves Lake from the surrounding passive open space lawn.
- **Parking** – A parking area with sufficient capacity to meet park needs will be provided. The Concept Illustrative Site Plan indicates sufficient capacity to include up to 48 parking spaces.
10.6. INGALLS PARK

PARK PROGRAMMATIC CONSIDERATIONS

The City Wide Master Plan proposes minimal changes to Ingalls Park. The present park layout and its venues are in complete consonance with the community needs and desires. An existing Community Center provides activity spaces for young and old alike. The programmatic considerations taken for Ingalls Park involve minor improvements to create a more attractive park and address specific improvements such as new decorative fencing, upgrades to exercise stations, new parking and Community Center building improvements.

PARK CONCEPTUAL ORGANIZATION

Plan Design Context Response – The present park will not be altered in a substantial manner. The park is oriented with its main entrance facing S.W. 1st Street. A new parking area is proposed on the south side of the park on S.W. 2nd Court.

Park Plan Layout - No substantive changes are proposed to the park’s present layout.

PROPOSED PARK VENUES/IMPROVEMENTS

• **New Decorative Retention Pond Fence** – The plan recommends removal of the present chain-link fence surrounding the pond and replacement with a decorative aluminum fence to improve the aesthetic environment of the park.

• **New Fence Along 8th Avenue side of Park** – The plan recommends the removal of the 8 foot high fence along the 8th Avenue and S.W. 2nd Court frontages and replacement with a lower more decorative fence design.

• **Upgrade to Exercise Stations** – The plan suggests that the City provide new exercise station equipment

• **New Park Furniture** to be located under the existing gazebo at the pond bridge

• **Parking** – Construct 20 new parking spaces on the south side of Ingalls Park perpendicular to S.W. 2nd Court.

• **Community Building Improvements** – Update existing restrooms in the Community Center Building.

• **Service Area Improvements** - Utilizing fencing and screening the plan recommends improving the appearance of the service area on the east side of the community center.
10.7. PETER BLUESTEN PARK

The 2009, adopted City of Hallandale Beach City Wide Master Plan identified and established Peter Bluesten Park as the City’s premier open space with the recommendation to create a Town Center on the surrounding urban area and convert Peter Bluesten Park into a “Town Center Park”.

PARK PROGRAMMATIC CONSIDERATIONS

Peter Bluesten Park is the City’s largest community park that serves the totality of the City of Hallandale Beach. Programmatic considerations included the following:

- Identified conditions that determined the present facilities at the Park to be non-regulation size, overlapping venues that limit their use, overall layout that creates segmentation and isolation of activities and overall design and aesthetic deficiencies

- Need to have an indoor community center now lacking in the City’s flagship park as indicated by the community needs and the lack of said facility at such a major park

- Replacement of existing pool that has been determined to be substandard, isolated from other park uses and lacking of activities to make it more attractive to users and economically more self sufficient

- Provision of regulation size baseball, football and soccer fields, where the present fields are not of regulation size and overlap in their land areas thus limiting play opportunities

- Inclusion of a minimum of two baseball fields to meet City wide demand for baseball venues as indicated by the City’s Park and Recreation Department and the Police Athletic League

- Location of restrooms and field houses to support the sports field venues

- Inclusion of two racquetball courts in response to community requests during the public meetings

- Provision of quality playgrounds to meet the needs of all age groups and the location of the playgrounds within safe, easily accessible areas of the park

- Replacement and expansion of tennis courts within the Park

- Improving the physical relationship of Peter Bluesten Park to the City Hall/Cultural Center Complex and laying the ground work for the creation of a future Town Center Park and Green on the adjacent Post Office property. This will be in keeping with the goal established by the City Wide Master Plan for the area of Peter Bluesten Park while preserving the active recreation use of the Park

- Creation of walking trails and pedestrian paths

- Inclusion of a roadway running north-south between the U.S. Post Office site and Peter Bluesten Park in order to connect S.E. 5th Street with S.E.7th Street. This was expressed as a need and desire by the local residents during the community meetings and verified by B&A designers during the project analysis and design.

PARK CONCEPTUAL ORGANIZATION

Park Plan Design Context Response – Peter Bluesten Park’s proposed design responds to a number of context influences that include:

- **Old Dixie Highway Diagonal Road** – The present Old Dixie Highway runs at an angle to the rectilinear street pattern and rectangular blocks of the area. The diagonal street is a major presence at the intersection of S.E. 5th Street and S.E. 2nd Avenue. The diagonal road is a prominent feature of the area and today has been symbolically preserved in the City Hall Complex grounds

- **Pedestrian and Visual Connection to City Hall Complex** - Creating
a pedestrian and visual connection to City Hall through the location of important park buildings in as close proximity as possible to the City Hall. This also highlights the Community Recreation Center and Swim/Sports Center facilities importance within Peter Bluesten Park.

- **Site Geometry and Use Space Requirements** – Given the dimension of the site and the need to include the required venues, the geometry of the site became a major form determinant by forcing the baseball fields to be located at an angle in order to fit within the park’s envelope. This further emphasized the diagonal nature of the park layout.

Park Plan Layout – The proposed park layout takes the diagonal pedestrian circulation originating at S.E. 5th Street and the intersection of S.E. 2nd Avenue as the main organizing axis for all activities within the Park. The pedestrian circulation spine serves to connect the basketball courts, the multipurpose field and the baseball diamonds with the Community Recreation Center as well as the playground, racquet ball courts and pool.

**PROPOSED PARK VENUES/IMPROVEMENTS**

**Community Recreation Center & Swim/Sports Center Facilities** – A new expanded community recreation building is proposed for Peter Bluesten Park. This community recreation building will be provided with an indoor basketball court, weight rooms, meeting rooms, administrative offices, restrooms, lockers and bathing facilities. The building will be immediately adjacent to the Swim/Sports Center Facility that will provide services for the Family Recreational/Community Pool.

**Family Recreational/Community Pool** - The new pool will be oriented to family use while providing swimming practice lap lanes to serve the exercise and sports needs of all users. Children’s pool areas and attractions will be provided as well as a beach edge for the pool. In all it will be designed as a mini-water park to create sufficient attraction for families and young adults. The pool will be accessed from and tied directly to the Swim/Sports Center Complex. The pool will be provided with sufficient deck area for sitting and sun tanning as well as sun shade protection shelters.

**Tennis Courts** – The plan proposes the construction of three regulation size tennis courts located on the south east side of the park.

**Basketball Courts** – A total of three regulation basketball courts will be provided these courts will have direct access from the Community Recreation Center as well as be linked to the overall pedestrian circulation system of Bluesten Park.

**Multi-Purpose Sports Field** – The park will contain a multipurpose sports field for either football or soccer uses. The facility will be furnished with bleachers for spectator participation. In addition, the field will be provided with lighting for night time play.

**Baseball Diamonds** – Two regulation baseball diamonds are located at the west end of Peter Bluesten Park. The angled design reflects the most efficient use of the available land. The fields will be provided with all required dug-out facilities.

**Racquet Ball Courts** – Two racquet ball courts are located on the north central area of the park.

**Walking/Exercise Trails** – A walking/exercise trail will line the edge of Peter Bluesten Park to serve the purpose of a pedestrian connector as well as an exercise venue. The pedestrian path will be properly surfaced and lit to provide safety and comfort for the users.

**Exercise Stations** – Exercise stations will be provided at regular and prescribed intervals along the walking/exercise trail and will be designed to facilitate use by all age groups.

**Playgrounds** – Three contiguous playgrounds will be provided. These will have rubber surface play areas and covered with awning structures. Covered sitting areas will be provided for parent use and supervision.

**Field House/Restrooms** – Two field house/restroom buildings have been strategically located to serve the needs of the baseball diamonds/multipurpose sports fields and the basketball/tennis courts. These small buildings will be provided with restroom facilities sized to meet the required user demand, as well as storage space for all necessary sports equipment.
Parking – New parking spaces are to be provided throughout the park grounds. Parking is arranged to best serve the users by allowing parking areas to be close to the sports venues and buildings. Care will be taken in the final design to address Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) issues to create safe, visually controllable parking areas. Parking areas are distributed along the new north-south street between the U.S. Post Office and the Park, paralleling S.E. 7th Street and serving the sports venue in this section of the park and on the north west corner of the site at S.E. 1st Avenue. An additional parking area to serve the Community Recreation Center is provided adjacent to that building.

New North-South Street - A new north south street will be provided between Peter Bluesten Park and the U. S. Post Office. This proposed street connecting S.E. 5th Street with S.E. 7th Street will allow traffic to easily and conveniently flow around Peter Bluesten Park while creating a convenient access for local residents and visitors through the neighborhood and to the City Hall Complex.
Southeast Quadrant

Peter Bluesten Park

City Wide Parks Master Plan

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Southeast Quadrant

10.8. GOLDEN ISLES PARK

PARK PROGRAMMATIC CONSIDERATIONS

Golden Isles Park is a neighborhood park that can be substantially improved to better serve the surrounding neighborhood residents. The park has a substantial number of pine trees that limit park uses through their random distribution on the site. They are recommended for removal and replacement with more appropriate shade trees that through their careful location will create open spaces for children to play and a sense of openness that is presently lacking on the site. An existing dog park on the property is recommended to be relocated to a new Dog Park proposed at the vacant site on Church Drive directly north of the Golden Isles Tennis Complex.

Golden Isles Park will provide basketball courts, an improved and expanded children’s playground, picnic shelters, passive open space with a lush landscaped perimeter and pedestrian walkways and trails.

PARK CONCEPTUAL ORGANIZATION

Plan Design Context Response - The park design responds to the surrounding context composed of multi-family residential to the immediate north, the Golden Isles gated mixed density residential community to the south; and the Golden Isles Tennis Complex, vacant land and Gulfstream Park to the west.

Park Plan Layout - The new park design proposes the creation of an access plaza to highlight the entrance to the park. From this access plaza the pedestrian paths lead to two fenced playground areas. A picnic shelter allows for park users to sit directly in front of the playground area. Basketball courts are located to the interior of the site to place these higher intensity use activities further away from the existing multi-family residential to the north and south of the site.

PROPOSED PARK VENUES/IMPROVEMENTS

- **Basketball Courts** – Two regulation basketball courts frame the passive recreation area.

- **Walking/Exercise Trail** – A pedestrian amenity, the walkways frame the perimeter of the site and allow access to all parts of the park. The walking/exercise trail will be designed with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) concepts and be of a sufficient width to allow police vehicles to enter and circulate as needed.

- **Playgrounds** - Two contiguous playgrounds will be provided in the new park. The play surfaces will be rubberized and sheltered from the weather with awning structures extending over the playground equipment. Covered sitting areas will be provided for parent use.

- **Passive Open Space** – The passive open space will be a grassed area that will allow sitting, running and playing for children and youth.

- **Picnic Shelters** – Located off the internal walkway/trail, the picnic shelters will provide places to sit, relax, contemplate and supervise the passive open spaces and play areas of the park.

- **Parking** – Existing off-street perpendicular parking will remain at its present location and will be reconstructed if required.
Golden Isles Park

- On Street Parking
- Pedestrian Walkway
- Playgrounds (2)
- Exercise Stations (10)
- Picnic Shelter
- Pedestrian Connection to W.
- Picnic Shelter
- Basketball Courts (2)
- Pedestrian Walkway
- Passive Open Space
10.9. GOLDEN ISLES TENNIS COMPLEX & DOG PARK

PARK PROGRAMMATIC CONSIDERATIONS

The existing dog park at Golden Isles Park is proposed to be relocated to the vacant land parcel that is between the Golden Isles Tennis Complex and Church Drive. This location is more appropriate and accessible to a dog park that, with the new visibility and improved design, will become a popular attraction for dog owners in the City of Hallandale Beach. The park will be provided with amenities for both canines and owners. Additional parking to meet user demands can be easily included on the site as an extension of the Golden Isles Tennis Complex parking.

PARK CONCEPTUAL ORGANIZATION

Plan Design Context Response – The proposed relocation of the dog park takes advantage of the vacant site already owned by the City in an easily accessible location separated from surrounding residential activity. The park is bordered by Gulfstream Park on the west, Church Drive on the north, a boulevard with a landscaped median, a church to the east and the Golden Isles Tennis Complex on the south.

Park Plan Layout - The dog portion of the park occupies a square parcel and the internal pedestrian path is laid out in the form of a bone to allow different open space play areas for dogs and pedestrian circulation paths for owners. A picnic shelter dominates the entrance to the park and will offer dog owners the option of sitting in the shade while supervising their pets and enjoying the park. The parking area has been designed as a continuation of the present Golden Isles Tennis Complex parking and will provide a new access point to the parking areas from Church Drive; a needed access that is now lacking. The new access will also make the Tennis Complex more accessible.

PROPOSED PARK VENUES/IMPROVEMENTS

- Dog Park Equipment – The park will be provided with dog park equipment to create amenities for both the dogs and the owners.
- Passive Open Space – The internal passive open space will be a grassed area that will allow pets to run freely and play within the dog park.
- Picnic Shelter – The picnic shelter will provide a place for dog owners to sit, socialize and supervise their dogs in the park.
- Parking – The new parking will be an extension of the present Golden Isles Tennis Complex parking area and will allow access to both the Dog Park parking and the Tennis Complex parking from Church Drive.

- Fenced Dog Park – The dog park will be completely fenced to provide safety and control for the pets.
Golden Isles Tennis Complex & Dog Park

- Connection to Church Drive
- Pedestrian Entrance
- Picnic Shelter
- 4' Boundary Fence
- Landscape Buffer
- Extended Parking
- Dog Exercise Equipment
- Pedestrian Walkway
- Landscape Buffer
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10.10. NORTH BEACH PARK

PARK PROGRAMMATIC CONSIDERATIONS

North Beach Park is one of only two public access beaches in the City of Hallandale Beach. Leading from the intersection of East Hallandale Beach Boulevard and S. Ocean Drive, North Beach Park is directly east of the North Beach Community Center and Fire Station. The Fire Station is a major element of site design constraints, requiring that fire vehicles have unimpeded access to the garage entrance on the east side of the building.

North Beach Park borders the City of Hollywood on its north and west sides. The long sliver of land presently holds a concession building with restrooms, a lifeguard offices, limited space for pedestrian circulation and a narrow roadway to access a limited number of parking spaces on the north side of the park. The City of Hallandale Beach has an agreement with the adjacent condominium to the south, to provide 91 metered public parking spaces in a garage under the building.

PARK CONCEPTUAL ORGANIZATION

Maintaining access to the Fire Station is a critical aspect of the new Park design. In addition, creating a more pedestrian friendly atmosphere and maximizing the available space for beach activities was the major thrust of the Master Plan process. The North Beach Park Plan proposes the construction of a new Concession/Restroom building that will be linked by pedestrian paths directly to the beach and the beach related activities, and in closer proximity to the Community Center. All uses are oriented to the beach, the attraction that drives North Beach Park.

Activity Layout - The plan is laid out to reflect site constraints that require the location of the vehicular access immediately adjacent to the Fire Station. The Concession/Restroom/Lifeguard Office building dominates the park entrance and links directly to the entry plaza, pedestrian beach access, outdoor café and sand volleyball courts. All uses are oriented to the beach, the attraction that drives North Beach Park.

PROPOSED PARK VENUES/IMPROVEMENTS

- **Dune Restoration** – The plan recommends providing funding to restore the dune to allow beach protection. Beach erosion is a serious condition at the Beach and it must be addressed.
- **Sand Volleyball Courts** - Two sand volleyball courts will be provided as indicated in the drawing.
- **Concession/Restroom** – A new Concession/Restroom/Lifeguard office building will be constructed to replace the existing building. This will provide an amenity for beach goers and a possible source of income for the City. Additionally, the concession building will provide restroom facilities and changing rooms for both beach goers and the restaurant patrons.
- **Outdoor Café** – The Concession/Restroom building will be designed with an adjacent outdoor eating area.
- **Entry Plaza** – A small entry plaza will provide a drop-off for beach goers bringing personal beach supplies, provide a linkage to the concession/restroom building and link the proposed uses to the existing City of Hallandale Beach public parking spaces under the adjacent condominium.
- **Landscape Buffer** – North Beach will be creatively and thoroughly landscaped to provide City of Hallandale residents and visitors with a unique beach environment. Where possible native species that survive the harsh beach front conditions should be utilized.
- **Parking** - Handicap Parking will be provided in close proximity to the concession/restroom building. No surface parking will be provided for beach users or restaurant patrons in the proposed park plan, only limited spaces for vendors serving the community center. All parking for beach users is accommodated in the 91 space capacity underground parking provided under the adjacent condominium directly south of the park.
North Beach Park
10.11. SOUTH BEACH PARK

PARK PROGRAMMATIC CONSIDERATIONS

South Beach Park is the larger of the public beach access parks in the City of Hallandale Beach. South Beach Park is populated by invasive Australian pine trees that, while creating a substantial shaded environment, are nonetheless a non-native invasive species that do not create an attractive landscape environment.

The City Wide Master Plan of February, 2009 identified South Beach Park for the inclusion of a parking deck with ground level neighborhood retail uses. The inclusion of a parking deck in South Beach Park will consume a substantial amount of land given the need for inclined ramps and the accompanying slope requirements. Presently the City of Hallandale Beach has approximately 91 parking spaces available on North Beach in the underground parking area at the adjacent condominium. This parking combined with the possible inclusion of 400 spaces in a parking garage at South Beach Park creates over 560 parking spaces available for public use. The Master Plan process evaluated the inclusion of a parking deck and the costs and design implications. Largely as a result of community input, and concerns for traffic circulation, a decision was made to not include a parking structure within the site of South Beach Park.

Today South Beach Park is in need of renovation and reorganization, the landscape environment needs to be refreshed and updated, the pedestrian paths need repair and realignment, and the public facilities and concession need to be expanded and improved. South Beach Park programmatic considerations included the construction of active sports venues that will not consume substantial amounts of land area such as beach volleyball courts, Bocce courts, playgrounds for children activities, replacing and enhancing the successful Tiki Structures, and providing a concession area for light food service and refreshments complemented with changing and rest rooms.

Dune preservation and restoration needs to form an integral part of South Beach Park construction. Turtle nesting protection through responsible and compliant park lighting will be required for permitting by State of Florida and local agencies.

PARK CONCEPTUAL ORGANIZATION

Plan Design Context Response – South Beach Park is located between two high rise condominiums with a parking structure creating a massive blank wall bordering the north side of the park. South Ocean Drive, is the vehicular and pedestrian access to South Beach Park. The limited access options from the west including the conflicts with the intersection at East Hallandale Beach Boulevard, require that the vehicular entrance to the park be located towards the south end of the property’s road frontage. The location of the parking area parallel to S. Ocean Drive and limited to approximately 380 feet from the property frontage allows the creation of a contiguous land parcel from the parking area to the beach side.

Pedestrian linkages to S. Ocean Drive need to traverse the parking area and define a clear connection to street crossings. The beach front and the beach, the main attractions in the park, need to have their exposure maximized.

Activity Layout - Curvilinear north and south pedestrian access pathways into the park culminating in a circular design in the center of the park divides South Beach Park into almost symmetrical north and south sections. The active venues of the park, the bocce courts and the sand volleyball are located both north and south of this central axis. The central pedestrian access terminates in the Concession/Restroom/Change Room building. All the proposed active uses are seaward of the Coastal Construction Control Line which will require special considerations and permitting regarding turtle lighting and environmental concerns.

On the north side of the park, a walkway to South Ocean Drive will be constructed through the parking lot in order to emphasize the pedestrian linkage to the surrounding residential area and pedestrians accessing the park from the west.

A new tiki structure will be built on the south side of the park, facing the beach. This mirrors the existing tiki shelter on the north side of the park. The existing structure is very popular for special events and creating a second structure will increase the City’s opportunities for renting the structure for private functions and parties.
The playground areas also straddle the central axis and are located further towards the beach side in order to create a safe and attractive space for children. For safety reasons, the playgrounds will be fenced.

All new landscaping will line the pedestrian walkways to define open spaces and shelter the walkways. The existing Australian Pines will be gradually removed so as not to immediately impact the vegetated area of the park and allow the new tree covering to mature and gradually create a new environment for South Beach Park.

PROPOSED PARK VENUES/IMPROVEMENTS

- **Dune Restoration** – Provide funding to restore the dunes to allow beach protection. Beach erosion is a serious condition at the beach and it must be addressed.
- **Proposed Tiki Structures** – A new tiki structure will be constructed with sufficient space to provide shelter and activity area for park users.
- **Playgrounds** – Three new playground areas for children of various ages are proposed. These will be fenced, provided with appropriate surface treatment and furnished with removable canvas covered structures to provide shade and weather protection.
- **Concession/Restrooms/Change Rooms** - Having the availability of food and drink provide beach goers with a desired and needed service. The concession facility will provide these services. Additionally the concession building will provide restroom facilities and changing rooms for beach goers
- **Picnic Shelters** – Picnic shelters will be distributed within the beach park site to allow for the location of sitting areas.
- **Sand Volleyball** - A sand volleyball court will be provided as indicated on the drawing
- **Bocce Courts** - Two bocce courts will be provided as indicated in the drawing.
- **Pedestrian Walkways** – Pedestrian walkways define the areas of the park and provide linkages between the beach and South Ocean Drive. Pedestrian walkways will be designed with Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) concepts to allow visibility into all areas of the South Beach Park and allow police vehicles to easily access and patrol the area as may be necessary.
- **Pedestrian Connection to South Ocean Drive** – The walkway system will provide a connection through the parking area to South Ocean Drive.
- **Beach Pedestrian Access** – Environmentally sensitive pedestrian connections will be incorporated into the park or pedestrian access to the beach
- **Parking** – The existing parking area will be improved as necessary to create an attractive and functional parking space that relates to the Beach and proposed pedestrian access improvements.
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AIA/Beach Quadrant

South Beach Park
10.12. ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION

The following table illustrates the estimated cost of construction for each of the park plans presented in this chapter. The estimates are preliminary figures and will change as the park programs develop further and additional information is known about each site. Also listed, are the parks which have only minor improvements proposed and those with no anticipated construction costs due to their present condition.

Total estimated cost of construction based on the cost opinion developed for each individual park a total is $39.509 million dollars. The Park Master Plan Programs investment cost, the major park improvements identified, is a sum total of $39.45 million dollars. The Parks Improvements Programs, the parks requiring minor investment, is a total of $64,000. Chapter 12, Project Phasing, establishes the required funding outlays for these projects.
Chapter 11.0 Design Principles

The City of Hallandale Beach City Wide Parks Master Plan establishes a series of guiding principles for the design and development of City of Hallandale Beach Parks. These designs principles are intended to guide future park design decision making and serve as a reference for the evaluation of parks designs. These guiding design principles are described as:

11.1 PARK DESIGN EXCELLENCE

The City of Hallandale Beach will strive to provide park designs that incorporate the highest standards to meet user needs and have functional, creative and aesthetically pleasing designs. City parks will provide for enhanced public image and identity of the City of Hallandale Beach recreational lands through the adequate linkage to the surrounding urban fabric.

11.2 PARK SUSTAINABILITY

New construction and rehabilitation of City of Hallandale Beach Park will be based on accepted sustainable design and sustainable construction practices and will include as a minimum the following principles:

- Protect, enhance and sustain the natural environmental resources of existing and new parks through:
  - Best possible utilization of the recreational land resources of the City of Hallandale Beach;
  - Use of best operational practices for the upkeep and maintenance of park facilities;
- Rational Use of Water Resources
  - Provide for adequate Storm Water Design – to limit the disruption of natural hydrology by reducing impervious cover, increase on site infiltration that improves storm water design quality control;
  - Provide for water use reduction - by providing water use efficiency that reduces water consumption for City of Hallandale Beach Park use through:
    - Adequate Landscaping Practices that reduce water consumption related to landscape by providing landscaping practices that reduce potable water consumption including the use of native species and xeriscaping which is provision of low-water consumption, drought resistant plants.
- Efficient and Well Designed Irrigation Systems - Provide for efficient irrigation systems that maximize available water resources, and where possible use captured rain water or recycled water.
- Reducing Urban Heat Island Effect
  - Reduce and limit urban Heat Island Effect by reducing the retention and radiation of heat in paved surfaces of City of Hallandale Beach parks through the use of:
    - Provide for the use of low albedo materials in paved surfaces;
    - Provision of adequate shade for paved surfaces;
- Park Energy Efficiency
  - Provide for energy efficient lighting that, in keeping with CPTED standards, reduces the risks associated with potential park evening use;
  - Provide, where possible and economically feasible, for on-site power generation for lighting;
- Park Building Designs
  - Designs of City of Hallandale Beach new park buildings will meet, where possible and economically feasible, the highest standards of sustainable building design as identified by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Design and Construction LEED Reference Guide of 2009. Given the varied nature of the buildings the following is recommended by the City Wide Parks Master Plan:
    - Buildings under 10,000 square feet of new or existing construction meet the requirements of sustainable designs;
    - For buildings over 10,000 square feet of new construction area, require that a minimum of United States Green Building Council Gold LEED Building Certification be obtained;

11.3 BEST PARK LANDSCAPE PRACTICES

Landscapes for the City of Hallandale Beach will be of the highest quality standards and will provide City park users with a healthy, enjoyable and sustainable environment. Landscape design will include landscaping practices that conserve water, reduce nutrient loading, minimize costs and sustains plant life. The City Wide Parks Master Plan recommends the following principles for landscape design:
• Provide minimal impact or disturbance to the park property and adjacent property owners through the process of park construction and improvements;
• Provide for the use landscape material, specifically drought-tolerant trees and shrubs for energy conservation by encouraging cooling through the provision of shade and channeling of breezes;
• Promote sustainable development by implementing programs and technologies that promote pollution control, resource conservation and ecosystem monitoring, research and enhancement;
• Promote the expansion and use of native habitats and encourage the use of native plant material in landscaping;
• Encourage the use of low-maintenance plant species that have low water and fertilizing requirements and few pest and disease problems;

11.4 PARK ACCESSIBILITY

Maximize public access and use of park lands and activities by:

• Providing for parks that are physically, visually and universally accessible;
• Providing for parks that act as central community spaces;

11.5 PARK SIGNAGE

Signage on City of Hallandale Beach parks shall provide signage that is uniform in design and appearance for all parks of the City of Hallandale Beach and meet the following signage requirements:

• Identification- Provide for park identification signs;
• Direction- Provide directions to park users identifying location of activities and other requirements;
• Regulation - Provide for park use regulation signs;
• Information - Provide park history and name origin information for all parks;

11.6 CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

The designs of all City of Hallandale Beach parks will adhere to the principles of CPTED and provide for the four basic elements of CPTED:

• Natural surveillance – Natural surveillance addresses keeping intruders under observation, creating visual connections to prevent unacceptable and unlawful activities from taking place. This is the much mentioned concept of “eyes on the street” to control activities, intruders and users. The adequate location of activities within the park; the location and definition of open spaces; lighting and landscape; all play a major role in creating natural surveillance of public and private areas and is a basic principle of “defensible space”. Additionally, natural surveillance also addresses the elimination of built environment elements that allow easily hiding, blocking visibility or providing for unsafe conditions.
• Natural access control – Provide natural access control to a potential target area through careful location of entrances and exits, through the use of fences, gates, shrubs, access control devices, control or limit access. There is a need to deny entrance to a potential target and to delineate to intruders and offenders that there is a risk in selecting this place as a target. Through the use of physical means including locks, bars, fences, provide a supplement to other access control devices.
• Territorial reinforcement – Territorial reinforcement addresses creating a sense of ownership to define the fact that one is entering into someone else’s domain. This can be done through the use of low walls, landscape, entry patterns, lighting to delineate areas around entrances, and other measures.
• Maintenance - Adequate maintenance is required to allow the continued use of a space or facility. Good maintenance reflects strong discipline and interest in an area. Lack of maintenance sends a message that there is less concern and more tolerance to disorder.

11.7 ALIGNMENT WITH CITY POLICIES

All new construction and park improvements shall be in alignment with City of Hallandale Beach policies.
Chapter 12.0
Phasing Plan
The implementation of the proposed parks improvements is closely tied to available funding, the required lead time to prepare plans, obtain permitting and provide the construction bidding and actual construction of a project. The City Wide Parks Master Plan provides a map for overall city recreation improvements over the long term. The City Wide Parks Master Plan also requires a substantial amount of time to implement. The mechanics of the process from concept to construction are clearly laid out; each park is a construction project requiring planning, design, funding and final construction. It is not unusual for a major park to take two to three years to design and construct.

The following list of prioritized park development for the implementation of the City of Hallandale Beach City Wide Parks Master Plan has been formulated based on a survey taken by all five members of the City Commission. The results of that survey are as follows:

12.1. Early Action (1-3 years)
- BF James Park: Design, Construction Documents and Construction
- Joseph Scavo Park: Design, Construction Documents and Construction
- South Beach Park: Design, Construction Documents and Construction
- Ingalls Park: Design, Construction Documents and Construction
- Historic Village: Design, Construction Documents and Construction
- Sunset Park: Design, Construction Documents and Construction
- Sunrise Park: Design, Construction Documents and Construction
- OB Johnson Park: Design and Construction Documents

12.2. Short Term (4-6 years)
- OB Johnson Park: Construction
- Peter Bluesten Park: Design, Construction Documents and First Phases of Construction

12.3. Mid Term (7-9 years)
- Peter Bluesten Park: Final Phase of Construction
- Golden Isles Tennis Complex & Dog Park: Design, Construction Documents and Construction

12.4. Long Term (10-12 years)
- Golden Isles Park: Final Phase of Construction
- North Beach Park: Design, Construction Documents and Construction
- Chaves Lake: Design, Construction Documents and Construction
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- Design/Construction Document Phase
- Permitting/Construction Phase