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Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday February 26, 2004

Project: City of Homestead Parks and Recreation System Master Plan
GJ # 17487

Location: City of Homestead
City Hall Meeting Room

Purpose: Steering Committee Workshop # 1

Attendees: See Attached List

Compiled By: Sarah Wilkinson, Glattig Jackson

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- **Welcome, Introductions by David Barth**
 - **Comments re: Objectives / Issues**
 - Identify out of City users – conduct site surveys, league attendance
 - Define classification system for parks
 - Need to identify vacant sites, private sites
 - Pioneer Park is on county owned land; also Tatum Park (Safety Village)
 - Get copies of TPL study Re: Level Of Service
 - Need population projections from Planning
 - Charter schools do not have adequate facilities
 - **City Revival Model**

David Barth explained the “City Revival Model” for information purposes
 - **Review of Work / Existing Conditions:**

Sarah Wilkinson presented the Power point Presentation of the Review of Work to date, including the Existing System Base Map; Site Visits/ Analysis; Preliminary Level of Service (See attached power point for Existing Conditions Memorandum)

EXERCISE 1: CITY OF HOMESTEAD IDEAL SYSTEM

You have been provided with several models of an “ideal” parks system, including the NRPA Parks, Open Space and Pathways Classifications System; the Glatting Jackson “City Revival Model”; and the State of Florida Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan classifications. Your first assignment is to answer the following questions and to fill out the worksheet provided to you:

1. Classification - *Regardless of who provides them* (Cities, County, State, School, etc.), define the ideal elements of a long range City of Homestead Parks and Recreation System to serve the needs of City residents, e.g. Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks, Regional Parks, etc.
2. Criteria - Define criteria for each element, including access, size (acres); and typical facilities. For example, if you said that Community Parks are an important element of the future City System, and then how far should people have to walk, bicycle and/or drive to reach them; how large should they be as a minimum; and what facilities should they typically include?

See **Appendix B** - City of Homestead Ideal Parks System Criteria for results

EXERCISE 2: CLASSIFICATION OF EXISTING PARKS

Using the classification system and criteria established in Exercise 1, review and classify the existing parks and facilities within the City.

See **Appendix A** Parks and Open Space Inventory for the results

EXERCISE 3: PRIORITY NEEDS RESULTS (TOTAL # 13 PEOPLE)

Which of the following facilities are needed for the City of Homestead, regardless of the potential provider?

	Extreme Need	Moderate Need	Not Needed
Auditoriums	5	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aquatic Centers /Water Play	3	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amphitheater	1	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baseball Fields	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basketball Courts	2	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beach Access, Freshwater	9	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycle Paths / Trails	6	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bird watching Trails	0	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
BMX Tracks	1	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat Ramps, Freshwater	8	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat Docks, Freshwater	0	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Camp Sites	2	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canoeing / Kayaking			
Launches / Trails	1	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Centers	5	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Croquet lawns	0	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural Centers/ Museums	0	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Parks	7	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Educ. Centers	2	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Freshwater Fishing Sites	3	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing piers	0	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	4	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frisbee/ Open Play Areas	7	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Golf Courses	1	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handball	6	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hiking Trails	2	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equestrian Centers	0	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equestrian Trails	0	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
In-line Skating /			
Rollerblading Trails	3	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jogging Trails	4	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lacrosse Fields	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lawn Bowling @ Senior Center	1	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nature Centers	1	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nature Trails	0	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Performance / Arts Center	0	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnic Areas	10	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playgrounds / Tot Lots	7	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Racquetball Courts	4	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation Centers	6	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roller Hockey Rinks	0	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rowing Boats	0	6	<input type="checkbox"/>

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EXERCISE 3: PRIORITY NEEDS CONT'D

	Extreme Need	Moderate Need	Not Needed
Senior Citizen Centers	0	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shuffleboard Courts	0	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Parks	5	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Events Area	8	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	7	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Softball Fields	4	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming Pools	0	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming Lake	4	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis Courts	2	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Therapeutic Recreational Facilities	7	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Centers	9	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volleyball Courts	0	12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking Trails-Vita Course	10	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others:			
Shade Trees in Paths	13	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sidewalks	10	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interactive Water Park	12	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Bold: Represents 50% or more of participants thought that there was an extreme or moderate need



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Meeting Date: Thursday April 22, 2004

Project: City of Homestead Parks and Recreation Master Plan
GJ # 17487

Location: City Hall, Homestead

Purpose: Steering Committee Workshop #2

Attendees : See Attached List

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AGENDA

- | | |
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| 4:00 p.m. | Introductions |
| 4:10p.m. | Project Overview/ Existing Parks System <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Existing System/ Base Map• Level of Service Analysis – Acreage, Facilities, Service Areas• Park Nomenclature/ Criteria• Preliminary Needs Assessment Summary• Questions/Discussion |
| 5:00 p.m. | Exercise 1 – Vision for the Future City Parks System
Discussion |
| 5:45 p.m. | Break |
| 6:15 p.m. | Presentation of Draft Conceptual Parks and Open Space System
Questions/ Discussion |
| 7:00 p.m. | Exercise 2: Role of the City
Discussion |
| 7:45 a.m. | Next Steps |
| 8:00 p.m. | Adjourn |

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LIST OF FACILITIES – REVISED APRIL 22, 2004

	Extreme Need	Moderate Need	Not Needed
Auditoriums	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aquatic Centers /Water Play	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amphitheater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baseball Fields (close by)	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basketball Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beach Access, Freshwater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycle Paths / Trails	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Birdwatching Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BMX Tracks	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat Ramps, Freshwater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat Docks, Freshwater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Camp Sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canoeing / Kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launches / Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Croquet lawns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural Centers/ Museums	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Parks	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Education Centers	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Freshwater Fishing Sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing Piers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields (upgrade)	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frisbee/ Open Play Areas (neighborhood)	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Golf Courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handball (Indoor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hiking Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equestrian Centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equestrian Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In-line Skating / Rollerblading Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jogging Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lacrosse Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lawn Bowling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nature Centers	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nature Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Extreme Need	Moderate Need	Not Needed
Performance/Arts Center	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnic Areas / Open Space (Central Open Space Park)	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playgrounds / Tot Lots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Racquetball Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation Centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roller Hockey Rinks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rowing Boats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Citizen Centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revise Codes	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Parks	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Events Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Softball Fields	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming Pools	1 (East Side)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis Courts Lighting	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Therapeutic Recreational Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teen Youth Centers / Programs	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volleyball Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking Trails- Vita Course	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shade Trees on Paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interactive Water Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other – Buy Land	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>			
Expand Facilities to meet Existing Heads	3		
Increase Budget	3		
Expand Blakey Track	2		
Extreme Sports Center	1		
Adult Programming	1		
Develop Humpy Dumpty	1		
Fix up Existing Parks to West	5		
Landscaping	1		
FCAT Training, etc			
Parks System Transportation	3		
Program Scholarships	1		
Program Staff, Money	2		
Central gallery Space			
Programming Equipment, Supplies	1		
Restore Roby George	1		
Light Athletic Fields	1		
Expand Losner Park	1		

COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

Futurescape

- Strip vs. Centers
- Vested rights from 70's, 80's, 90's
- Changing lifestyles
- Lack of funds
- Race/Segregation
- Reactive vs. Proactive
- Undeveloped "Bones" infrastructure
- Build out / Decreasing land
- Explosive growth
- Residents vs. Non-residents
- New development will pay own way
- Competing needs
- Changing cultures, demographics, seniors, kids, families, cultures
- Increasing demand for services
- New City boundaries
- High maintenance needs, costs
- Rural vs. Suburban vs. Urban visions
- Higher expectations
- Privatization, YMCA, Sportsworld

FOUR ELEMENTS OF A LIVABLE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

- Vibrant, economically successful commercial activity centers
- Safe, stable, attractive neighborhoods
- Interconnected, pleasant, adequate parks, open spaces
- Network of safe, functional, attractive, functional interconnected streets, bikeways

STEERING COMMITTEE INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Buy land
2. Fix up existing parks
3. Expand / improve sidewalks, bikeways, street trees

STEERING COMMITTEE COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION

1. Find out status of County pathways plan
2. City serves many people outside of the City: Need to quantify
3. Need passive Open Space
4. Need to meet with County re: Air Space Park: Annex?
5. Need to investigate differential City / County fees
6. Low voter turnout; don't know if voters will support Parks & Recreation Bonds, assessments, etc.; community in transition
7. Access, quality of life is important to new residents
8. More demanding consumers, higher level of service
9. Parks system can bring notoriety to City
10. Residents don't want to be confined within walls
11. May be serving as many as 75% of non city residents
12. A lot of deed restrictions on Harris Field
13. Most emphasis has been on Youth sports
14. Need to make recommendations park by park?