

Regular Workshop – April 16, 2009
Agenda Item 10

Agenda Item: Bayfront Park / Albritton Property Conceptual Development Plan

Presenter: Town Manager and John McCarthy, General Manager Sarasota County Parks and Recreation

Summary: A presentation of the conceptual plan resulting from public meetings held regarding the future of the Bayfront Park Recreation Center will be presented for Commission consideration.

Pending Commission approval, County parks staff will schedule a presentation of the preferred concept plan to the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners.

Attachments: 3-30-09 Memo, Manager to Commission;
Concept Plan F

Recommended

Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 30, 2009

TO: Town Commission
FROM: Bruce St. Denis, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Bayfront Park Conceptual Plan Presentation

The Town Commission authorized staff to work with representatives of Sarasota County to develop a conceptual plan for a recreation area that encompassed the Town's Bayfront Park Recreation Center and Sarasota County's property immediately to the South (formerly known as the Albritton property).

A series of three public meetings were held at the Recreation Center to obtain public input regarding future uses for the combined sites. The goals of each meeting were as follows:

The first session was directed toward project and site orientation.

The second meeting was a short recap of the first meeting followed by a process facilitated by County staff to solicit input regarding the activities citizens would like to see associated with the site.

The third session was a presentation of some concept plans based on the earlier input for the group to consider.

Each meeting had the Bayfront Recreation Center filled to capacity with interested citizens.

At the third meeting County staff presented six alternatives to the meeting attendees for their consideration. There was nearly unanimous support for what was identified as Option F. A copy of Option F is attached to this memorandum.

Option F includes a recreation facility on the North end of the property, a relocation of the basketball and tennis courts, replacement of the softball field with a grass playfield and a passive area on the property to the South.

Option F also retains the existing building for uses that were related to the art classes, etc. that were formerly part of the Longboat Key Center for the Arts activities.

This presentation of the results of the public meetings held regarding the future of the Bayfront Recreation Center area are being presented for Town Commission consideration.

With the approval of the Town Commission, County parks staff will schedule a presentation of the preferred concept plan to the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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SARASOTA COUNTY

PARK STATISTICS

TOTAL SITE AREA: +/- 8.13 AC.
COMMUNITY CENTER GSF: +/- 15,000 GSF.
PARKING PROVIDED: 122 SPACES*

* - INCLUDES 24 PARKING SPACES PROVIDED UNDER ELEVATED COMMUNITY CENTER

BUTTONWOOD HARBOR (SARASOTA BAY)

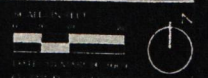


Bayfront Park Recreation Center

Draft Concept Plan

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