

Planning Committee Meeting – 3-13-2017 – Continuation from February Meetingn- Rev. 3-27

In Attendance: Lori Casey, Chuck MacDonald, Phil Quince, Dan Dugger, Fran **Holbrook**, Sandy Shouse.

Resident Observer – Mark

Old Business:

Phil reviewed last meeting discussions: processes needed to move ahead, a planning process, creative planning, and to try to layout a vision. Included was to try to get in contact with a landscape architect to get an idea of what could enhance the park.

Community Visits – Royal Palm Park/Golden Gate Park/etc. Was discussed that we stack up well and Americana Cove exceeds in a lot of areas. Some examples: pool, community center, new water system and the waterfront.

Dan suggested a survey on what we can change in the park, what can be done with empty lots and what the empty lots can be utilized as. A suggestion was a lap pool.

Another discussion was to hold the dock project by the office, till there is a better, broader idea to update that would include all residents, all ages. A project that the whole community can benefit from.

A discussion on specializing what our park should be when trying to get more people buying into the park. It was unanimous that we should have the waterfront as our draw.

A discussion concerning developing south ramp would be a good project. It is very steep, what can we do to improve the area and what is the direction of our waterfront.

Discussion on ideas to re purpose existing facilities to reduce cost factor of projects, renovations.

Some ideas to use for a survey to residents:

Adding Indoor/outdoor area with Restaurant/small pub

Re purpose shuffleboard court.

Do you use gym/does it need to be larger facility or is gym a good size and update equipment?

Would you use or would you be interested in Bocce, cornhole, pickleball, tennis, basketball, horseshoes?

Make a Library Room with a computer for residents to use.

Clubhouse renovation – Building good, dated 1960 needs a facelift. A suggestion to possible update the entrance

Hold off any updates, until an overall plan is in place.

Re purpose waterfront areas: move office to another location, a suggestion on property right or left of guard shack. Use area for another community area, possible outdoor activities.

Exercise room to move to north laundry area. Concern that it was not large enough and there would be issues with walk-ability. Lori was not in favor of the exercise area being moved to north laundry area.

A concern for lack of emergency contact in the community center and the pool. Possible phone or call button to ring to Guard in case of emergency.

Lori made a suggestion that we state: Moving any facilities to another location to make room for other facilities to enhance the park. It was agreed that was a statement we should use as a group when discussing about moving facilities.

We reviewed the website list that was on our previous agenda.

It was discussed that it would be a good idea in the future to get someone for interior design. Chuck will check into.

Also to talk to an engineer about adding windows across billiards/exercise room. Supposedly there was a company in the park and would be good if we could get a copy of the plans. Chuck volunteered to check on. If the plan was over 2 years old won't be good information, will have to get new. Check into colleges for an intern that would be willing to work on.

New Business

Sandy passed out rough drawings of what was previously discussed with re purposing and additional facilities. Additional suggestions:

To expand the entrance by the side of the building to make a grand entrance. Make a room in the covered entrance way. It was stated white elephant uses storage area above in the community room. Suggestion of possible use of pods to store items on north side.

Recover front of laundry room facade to make more attractive. Also where the dumpsters are to make more attractive.

Possible car wash

Bathrooms updated – vestibule is wasted space and need more sinks in men' bathroom.

Are there enough people to maintain park?

Still need more spaces for parking.

If building another community area could be like The Baseline Bistro on 170 47th Ave. N.E., inside the Racquet Club, St. Petersburg.

Try to incorporate the city Golf course as an amenity.

Add a putting green on the premises.

Developing Founders Park; putting green, driving range, change grass, add bathroom facility.

Update pool room and/or make bigger? Does it need new tables?

Electronic card (badges) for access to park and facilities.

Hobby shop would stay in same location. Does it need any updates?

Outdoor exercise area possibly by north maintenance area?

General Survey for layout of park with possible changes so residents could see possible 5/10/15/20 year plan.

Phil to work on a survey.

Next meeting March 27th, 5:30 community center.

Submitted

Sandy Shouse

