Wild Spaces & Public Places

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WILD SPACES & PUBLIC PLACES UPDATE TO THE GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE JANUARY 10, 2019

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Agenda

- Project Updates
- Lincoln Yard Trail/Park
- Financial Policy/Reserve Funding
- WSPP Citizen Oversight Committee
- Staffing Update

2018-20 PROJECTS

- 1. A. Quinn Jones Museum
- 2. Albert "Ray" Massey (Westside) Park
- 3. Andrew R. Mickle Sr. Pool
- 4. Bo Diddley Plaza
- 5. Clarence R. Kelly Center
- 6. Cofrin Nature Park
- 7. Depot Park
- 8. Duval Park
- Dwight H. Hunter (Northeast) Pool
- 10. Fred Cone Park
- 11. Green Acres Park
- 12. Helix Bridge Pocket Park
- 13. Hippodrome State Theatre
- 14. Ironwood Golf Course
- 15. J.J. Finley Park (New Neighborhood Park)
- 16. Kiwanis Girl Scout Park

- 17. Lincoln Park
- 18. Lincoln Yard Trail
- 19. Morningside Nature Center
- 20. Unity Park (Formerly NE 31st Ave Park)
- 21. Northside Park
- 22. Possum Creek Park
- 23. Reserve Park (New Neighborhood Park)
- 24. Rosa B. Williams Center/ 352Artspace
- 25. Springtree Park
- 26. SW 47th Ave Trail (SW 34th St to SW 27th St)
- 27. SW 47th Ave Trail (SW 40th Blvd to SW 34th St)
- 28. Sweetwater
 Recreational Trail
 (SW 16th Ave to Depot Park)
- 29. Sweetwater Wetlands Park
- 30. Woodlawn Park



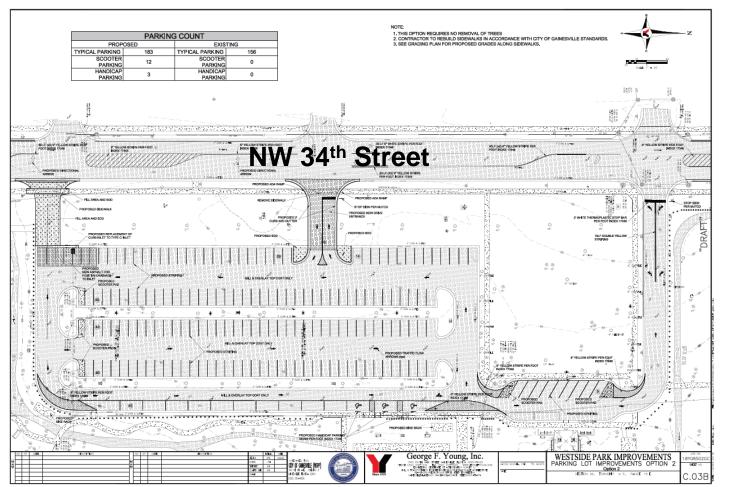




Albert "Ray" Massey Westside Pool Party

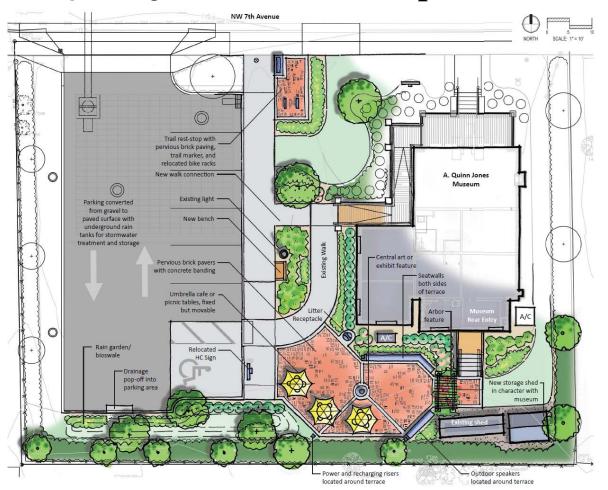


Albert "Ray" Massey Westside Park Improvements





A. Quinn Jones Museum Improvements



Brick Repair at Bo Diddley Plaza



Depot Park Improvements





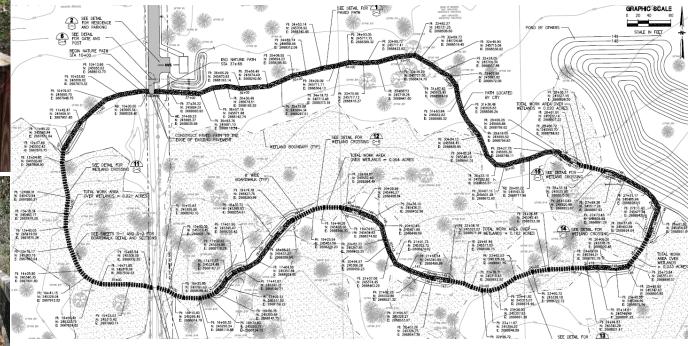


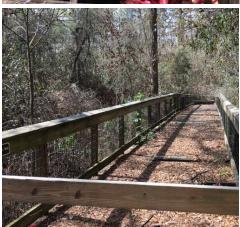






Duval Park Boardwalk Replacement







Fred Cone Park Improvements





Green Acres Park Improvements



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The Hartman House at Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park



Project Background

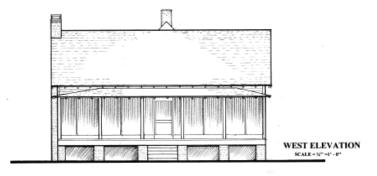
- Property acquired in 2007 with funding assistance from Florida Communities Trust (FCT). The new playground opened to the public in 2018.
- A (City) staffed nature center shall be developed on the project site to provide at least 12 regularly scheduled and ongoing year round educational classes/programs (per the FCT Grant).
- The project is listed as one of three projects to receive funding through a WSPP interlocal agreement with Alachua County providing a 50% match and reimbursing \$125,000 of the project costs.
- \$116,000 (current allocation from City WSPP funds). Originally set aside as a State Division of Historic Resources grant match, permission was granted in 2018 to utilize these funds for construction when the project did not receive the Historic Resources grant.

Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park



Concept #1-Renovation of the existing Hartman House







Cost Estimate: \$400,000

Concept #2 - Replica of a 1910 Farm House (new construction)



Cost Estimate: \$225,000 - \$300,000

Concept #3 - Modern Building (new construction)





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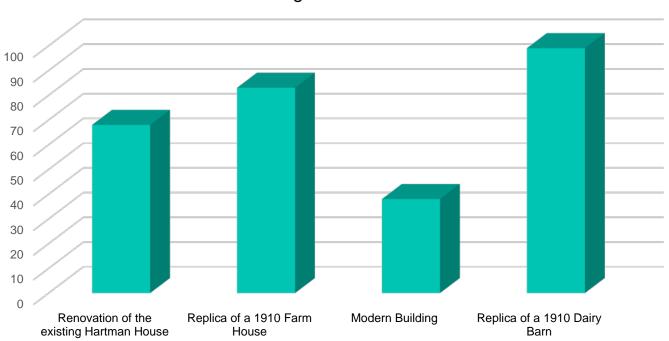
Concept #4- Replica of a 1910 Dairy Barn (new construction)



Cost Estimate: \$150,000 - \$200,000

Survey Results: 296 participants

Future Nature Center at Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park



Issue: Guaranteed Maximum Price Proposal for the Hartman House renovation is \$150,000 higher than the 2016 budget estimate

Budget Estimate (2016): \$250,000 GMP (2018): \$400,000

Discussion: Determine how to best provide a nature center for the public at Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park

Recommendation:

- Option 1: Seek additional feedback from the public on an alternative design
- Option 2: Renovate the Hartman House for \$400,000; reallocate the remaining '09-10 WSPP funds (~\$160,000) to supplement the funding shortfall. These funds are currently allocated to fund purchases of conservation properties.

Ironwood - Lighting the driving range



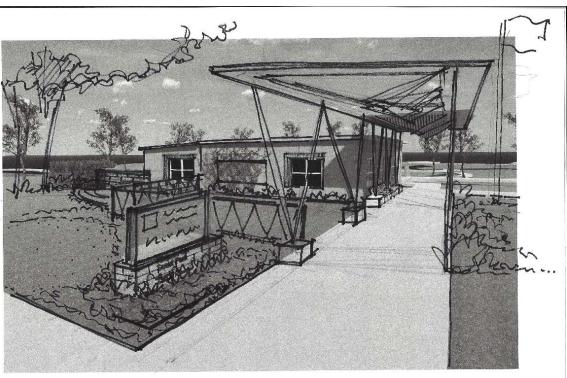
JJ Finley - New Neighborhood Park



An agreement has been signed by the Alachua County School Board for this joint use facility

Kiwanis Girl Scout Park Improvements





Lincoln Park Improvements

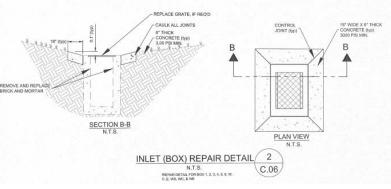






Lincoln-Williams Elementary Drainage Improvements



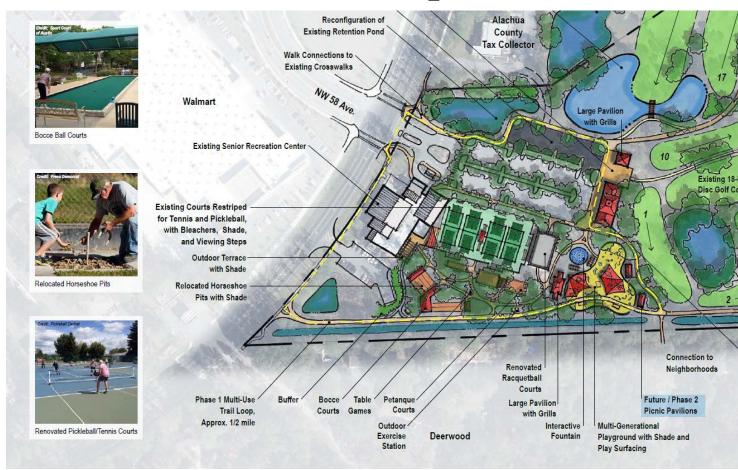


An agreement is currently with the Alachua County School Board for their review for this proposed joint use facility

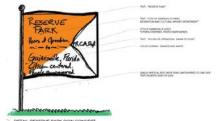
Morningside Nature Center Improvements



Northside Park Improvements



Reserve Park -New Neighborhood Park

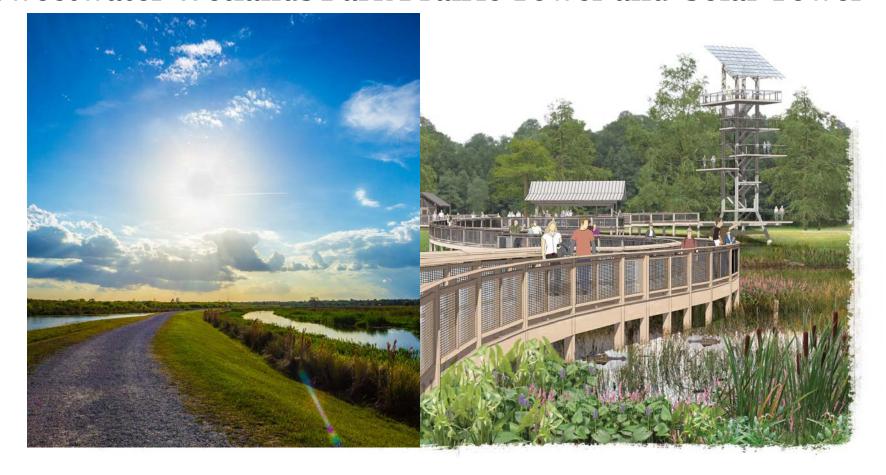




SW 47th Ave Trail and SW 40th Blvd Trail



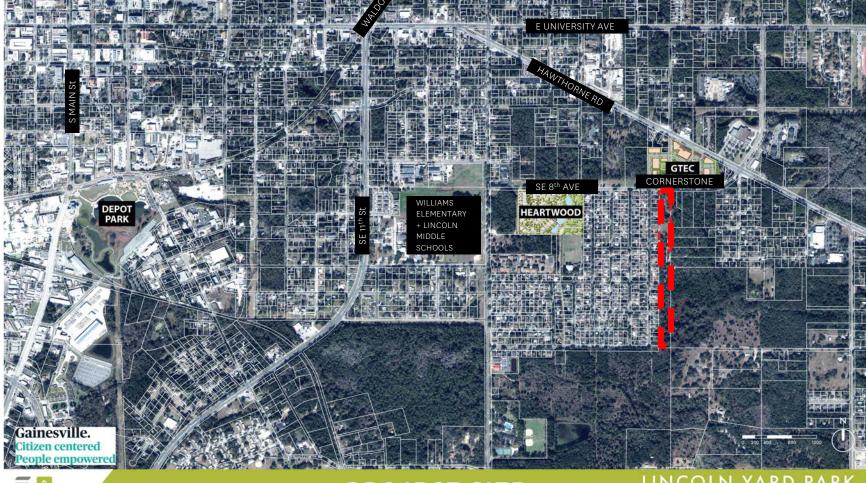
Sweetwater Wetlands Park Prairie Tower and Solar Tower



NE 31st Avenue Park-to be renamed Unity Park



Lincoln Yard Trail & Park

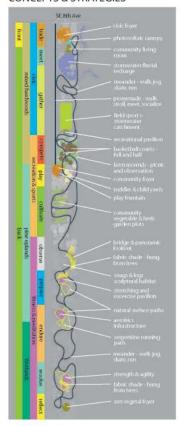


PROJECT SITE

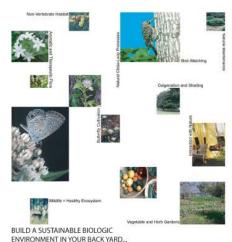




CONCEPTS & STRATEGIES



Gainesville. Citizen centered People empowered



FOCUS ON FITNESS AND HEALTHY
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



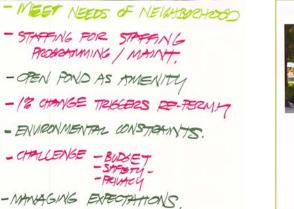
PROVIDE MULTIPLE ACTIVITY SPACES AND EVENT FIELDS







PREVIOUS CONCEPTS

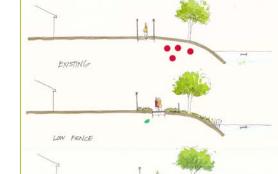


DOG STATION









- CHALLENGE - BUDGET

- MANAGING EXPECTATIONS

- WILDUFE PROTECTION OFFICENTLY - CPTED

- ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS

- STATING FOR STATING PROGRAMMING / MAINT - GEN POND AS AMENITY

- SAFETY - FENCE LOCATION

- 200K BUDGET IS LIMITATION.

- NEED TO PRIORITIZE BURGET.

- LEAVE NEWHOOD PENCING

- DESIRE: CREATE AN ASSETT THAT ITEUS ONGATEST HEAVING NEIGHBORD.

- PUTA FOR LONG TERM CONVESTION -FUTIRE FINDING NEWS TO

BE PRIORITU. - NEED NEIGHBOOTED SPEEZING

- MAKE IT A COMMUNITY PROJECT



COMMUNITY MEETING #1





















Lincoln Yard Trail & Park

Phase 1 (SE 8th Ave to SE 10th Pl) Cost Estimate: \$250K - 310K

Available Budget (including design, permitting & construction): \$200K Approximate Available Construction Budget: \$130K

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Re-appropriate \$90K from the WSPP Thomas Center budget to Lincoln Yard Trail & Park construction.
- 2. Appropriate an additional \$75K from WSPP Funds towards Lincoln Yard Trail & Park construction.

Financial Policy & Reserve Funding

Issue: Some Wild Spaces & Public Places (WSPP) projects have associated operation and maintenance costs (O&M)

Discussion: A policy is needed to predictably transition O&M costs from WSPP funds to General Government (GG) funds

Recommendation: Adopt a policy that uses a 4 year step down funding transition between WSPP funds and GG funds. Recommended policy:

Year 1: 100% WSPP funded O&M

Year 2: 75% WSPP funded/ 25% GG funded O&M

Year 3: 50% WSPP funded/ 50% GG funded O&M

Year 4: 100% GG funded O&M

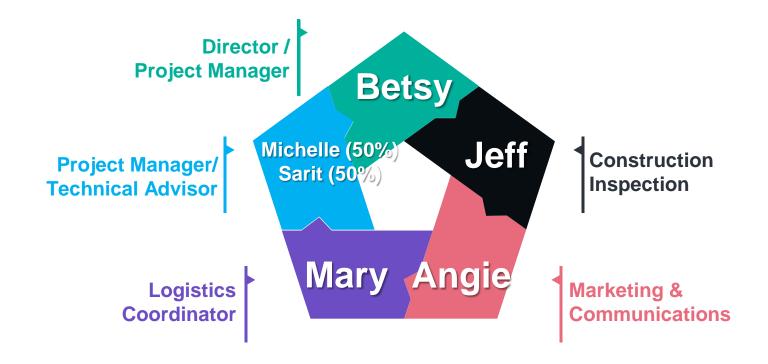
WSPP Citizen Oversight Committee

Issue: WSPP Staff have attended all WSPP Citizen Oversight Committee meetings from the spring of 2018 forward. At these meetings members of the WSPP Citizen Oversight Committee have provided personal opinions as to the validity of specific WSPP expenditures and have strayed from their mission of acting as a body to review expenditures for compliance with Section 212.055 of the Florida Statutes as well as the language contained within the WSPP ballot referendum.

Discussion: Should the City continue to participate in the County led WSPP Citizen Oversight Committee or form a City led Citizen Oversight Committee to review Gainesville expenditures

Recommendation: Continue to participate in the County WSPP Citizen Oversight Committee until it becomes unmanageable

Staffing Update



Issue: Staffing

Discussion: The Wild Spaces & Public Places (WSPP) Department is tasked with managing \$5-6M of construction projects annually. The WSPP Department currently is authorized 4 FTEs, 2 part time employees and 1 intern. Additional project management personnel are needed as more projects begin construction. Michelle Park will retire from WSPP in the fall of 2019.

Recommendation: Authorize 1 additional FTE for project management. Staffing needs may increase further as additional projects begin.

Thank You.