

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 7, 2008

Consent Regular
 Ordinance Public Hearing

Department: Parks and Recreation

Submitted By: Parks and Recreation Department

Submitted For: Parks and Recreation Department

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: Budget Transfer of \$225,000 within the \$25M GO Parks and Cultural Improvements Bond Fund - 2003 from New Boat Ramp Park/Boynton Inlet to Boynton Beach Congress Avenue Boundless Park (\$150,000) and Lake Clarke Shores Community Park (\$75,000).

Summary: On September 10, 2002, the Board approved a proposed project list for the 2002 \$50 Million Recreational and Cultural Facilities Bond referendum, as amended, that included \$1.8 million for a new boat ramp park in the Boynton Inlet vicinity. The cost of acquisition, design and development of this project is estimated to be substantially higher and this project is no longer feasible. The District 3 Commissioner supports this transfer from the \$50 Million Recreation and Cultural Facilities Bond referendum. District 3 (PK)

Background and Justification: On November 5, 2002, a bond referendum, as amended, was passed by the voters of Palm Beach County in the amount of \$50 Million for the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction of, and/or improvements to certain recreation and cultural facilities. The two new proposed projects represent eligible recreational/cultural projects.

The City of Boynton Beach has requested funding assistance for the construction of the Congress Avenue Boundless Community Park. This barrier-free park will be accessible to all citizens regardless of their abilities or limitations. Major elements of the parks will include a therapeutic recreation center, several play areas, a splash fountain, a hobby boat pond which will expand the realm of play for those in wheelchairs and walkers, opportunities to interact with nature and a series of paved trails that will meander through the various areas of the park. Also included will be picnic areas, children's play stage, sensory gardens, environmental education areas and access to the hard-surface tennis courts.

A request for funding assistance has also been received from the Town of Lake Clarke Shores for the purchase of recreational equipment for Lake Clarke Shores Community Park.

Upon approval of this budget transfer by the Board, staff will prepare the required Interlocal Agreements for Bond Funding for these two projects and will place them on a subsequent Agenda for approval by the Board.

Attachments:

- 1. Budget Transfer
- 2. Commissioner Authorization (2)

Recommended by: 
Department Director

9/29/08
Date

Approved by: 
Assistant County Administrator

10/3/08
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Capital Expenditures	<u>225,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Operating Costs	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
External Revenues	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Program Income (County)	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
In-Kind Match (County)	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>225,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	<u>0</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes No
 Budget Account No.: Fund Department Unit
 Object Program

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

FUND: \$25M GO 03, Parks & Cultural Facilities
 UNIT: New Boat Ramp Park/Boynton Inlet

3019-581-P519-6101 \$225,000

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: ckopelakis

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal And/Or Contract Development and Control Comments:

Abigail White 10.2.08
 OFMB 88 10/2/08 *Cal 10/10/08* *St 10/1/08* An J. Jacoby 10/3/08
 Contract Development & Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Paul F. Jacoby 10/3/08
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Departmental Review:

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(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BUDGET TRANSFER**

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FUND 3019 - \$25M GO Park and Cultural Improv 03

ACCT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	EXPENDED/ ENCUMBERED 9/23/2008	REMAINING BALANCE
<u>Boynton Beach Congress Ave Boundless Park</u>								
3019-581-P674-8101	Contributions Othr Govtl Agency	0	0	150,000		150,000	0	150,000
<u>Lake Clarke Shores Community Park</u>								
3019-581-P675-8101	Contributions Othr Govtl Agency	0	0	75,000		75,000	0	75,000
<u>New Boat Ramp Pk/Boynton Inlet</u>								
3019-581-P519-6101	Land Subj	975,000	975,000		225,000	750,000		750,000
TOTAL				<u>225,000</u>	<u>225,000</u>			

Signatures

Date

Parks and Recreation Department
INITIATING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION

 9/25/08

By Board of County Commissioners
At Meeting of
October 7, 2008
Deputy Clerk to the Court

Administration/Budget Department Approval

OFMB Department - Posted

Nancy Beale

From: Bob Dovey
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2008 2:21 PM
To: Dennis Eshleman
Cc: Bob Kanjian; Charles Suits; Wally Majors; Kurt Bressner
Subject: Congress Avenue Boundless Community Park
Attachments: Congress Avenue Boundless Park.pdf

Importance: High

Dennis:

Please use this e-mail as Commissioner Kanjian's request and authorization to initiate a BCC agenda item to change the District III allocation of the 2002 \$50M Palm Beach County Recreational and Cultural General Facilities Bond Fund to reflect this change:

An allocation to the City of Boynton Beach in the amount of \$150,000 for the Congress Avenue Boundless Community Park. I have attached some information relative to the request. Your contact is Wally Majors, Recreation and Parks Director, City of Boynton Beach. Wally can be reached at 742-6255.

Please provide a copy of the agenda item and keep me in the loop as you proceed.



**Bob Dovey, Sr. Administrative Assistant
to Commissioner Bob Kanjian
PBC Board of County Commissioners, District III
561.355.3279**

The City of Boynton Beach



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September 19, 2008

Mr. Bob Dovey
Sr. Administrative Assistant
PBC Commissioner Robert J. Kanjian
301 North Olive Ave. Suite 1201
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Mr. Dovey:

We are very excited about the possibility of working with you and Commissioner Kanjian on enhancing the City's parks system. We have a unique park project at Congress Avenue Park that you may be interested in.

Congress Avenue Park is currently home to the City's tennis center. Adjacent to the center is 13.5 acres of undeveloped land. We envision the development of a barrier-free park that will be accessible to all citizens regardless of their abilities or limitations. Major elements of the park will include a therapeutic recreation center, several play areas, a splash fountain, a hobby boat pond which will expand the realm of play for those in wheelchairs and walkers, opportunities to interact with nature and a series of paved trails that will meander through the various areas of the park. Also included will be picnic areas, children's play stage, sensory gardens, environmental education areas and access to the hard-surface tennis courts. The project will create a one-of-a-kind park for our community. Research during the planning stages of the park revealed that there are no other parks that are completely barrier free in South Florida. When completed, the Congress Avenue Barrier-Free Park will provide opportunities for everyone, regardless of their age or ability.

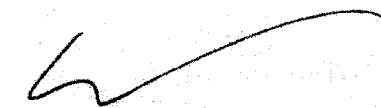
Over the past couple of years, we have been working with a design team on the development of a park master plan and subsequent construction documents for Phase 1. Attached is a copy of the master plan and a copy of the Phase 1 elements. During this time, we also completed a fund raising feasibility analysis, and a copy of the Case for Support for the study is also attached.

America's Gateway to the Gulfstream

You will note that Phase 1 of the development is slightly different from the master plan due to site needs that arose during the construction document development; however, the concept remains the same. The City has budgeted \$2.9M for Phase 1. We hope to break ground in two to three months. The remainder of the park elements will be constructed as funds become available through grants and donations.

As I hope you can tell, we are very excited about this park, and hope that you will be too. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your generous consideration.

Sincerely,



Wally Majors
Recreation and Parks Director

Attachments

- C: Kurt Bressner (w/o attachments)
- Lori LaVerriere (w/o attachments)
- Jody Rivers (w/o attachments)

congress avenue boundless community park master plan

recreation and parks department

major features of the master plan

play space

an area with a variety of boundaries that permit a child to play for hours in the space, their mind and body engaged in that is also visually appealing to adults.



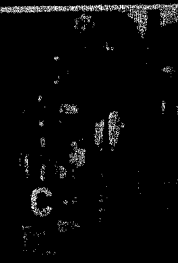
thematic sculpture

sculpture features to reinforce the theme. In this case, the theme is water in the park and water.



palm court

a place for local residents under a shady palm canopy with a great view of children in the splash fountain play area.



splash fountain

an area for children to splash and play with water.



hobby boat pond

a place for children to play with water and splash around in the water.



koi pond

a pond for children and adults with koi fish and water lilies.



paved trail

a paved trail for walking and jogging through the park.



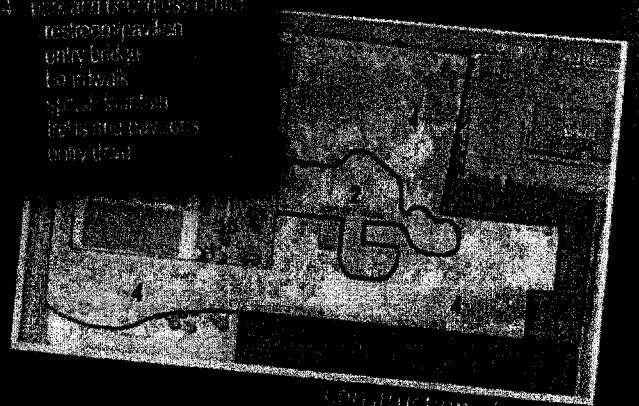
park design concept

The purpose of this park is to create an exciting, inspiring, and accessible playground and passive park for adults and children of all ages and abilities to enjoy.

Conceptually, the park is arranged like a small village, with the Boundless Center and plazas at its center. A symbolic spring-fed stream inspires the importance of water as the source of vitality for the life, and several play "islands" mark the transition from urban to rural countryside.

As visitors walk through the park, the design progresses from rectangular shaped features and squares to curvilinear forms, the further away one moves from the new Boundless Center building, the more curvilinear the paths become.

1. harbor
2. town, dock, playground
3. oaks removed
4. park and boundless center restoration plan only under way to park special water features and pavilions only trail



contribution phasing

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Nancy Beale

From: Bob Dovey
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2008 2:46 PM
To: Dennis Eshleman
Cc: Bob Kanjian; Charles Suits; Tom Mayes; Joann Hatton
Subject: 2002 \$50M Palm Beach County Recreational and Cultural General Facilities Bond Fund - Town of Lake Clarke Shores

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