

Haulover Park General Plan Update
Public Open House Meeting Comments and Responses to Specific Questions
August 20, 2012

1. NATURIST BEACH & PARKING AT THE NORTH LOT AND LOT #1

- Put in parking deck first. Also provide transportation from 2nd parking lot to beach.
- A start to enable the clothing optional to take people who cherish our Haulover Park, to work on improving 'our' park.
- Add a weekend shuttle electronic carts (same as used in airport parking lots) from south to north parking lots very very cheap solution. Cart train could have a "baggage" bin cart at the rear shuttle. Passes issued with parking fee as extra charge for pass or not passes at all.
- Locating the boat storage in the MOST CONGESTED area is NOT with the mission statement of modern needs of a growing and evolving population.
- I am partially disabled. If I can't park at Lot 1, then I cannot go to Haulover Beach clothing optional section. If I cannot go to this section of the beach I am not in the area in the late afternoon to go to the Ale House, Hiro's Japanese Grill and other fine restaurants in Sunny Isles.
- Why not build where the boat ramps are located? Or shuttle beach goes for south lot to the tunnel and back!
- I've heard all the explanations of how we are not losing parking spaces. However, there is nothing to stop guests of the people with boats paying \$6 and parking in the beach parking spaces. Also, this will create a huge traffic problem with all the extra boats and parking for the north lot.
- There is currently insufficient parking at the north beach. To increase it by only 100 spaces is inadequate. I suggest the gravel area to be paved, the dirt area to the north be paved and the boat storage area remain south – all of it.
- Don't want to set alarm to get parking. What about all the boat passengers? The south parking lots are near empty. Why here?
 - MD-PROS Answer: The calculation for needed parking for the boat storage facility is intended to account for the boat owners as well as guests.
 - MD-PROS Answer: The location for the dry rack storage facility was chosen to provide for the improved traffic and circulation in the park and the expansion of the boat launch.
- I feel there are areas for this south that are not used or hardly used the expansion should be done there. We need more parking at the north end than what we have at present. I am sure we can fill 800 parking in the weekend for sure increasing revenues.

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- Agree with new plan but please don't reduce parking spaces on north parking for clothes optional visitor
- I don't agree with the construction of the boats rack because people who frequently goes to the beach will lose parking space the same way it is on the boat spacing now. We need more parking. I would also like to request a ramp in the tunnels, people with disabilities have a difficult time climbing steps.
- Increased boat trailer parking in lot #1 will push beach goers to park further south.
- Most popular beach in the world for naturists
- Naturist beach parking
- Free up north lot for more parking
- For 20 years every day, the north parking lot is full. Huge demand.
- Long walk from the central lot.
- Even if you don't lose parking in the north lot, there is still not enough.
- Put up parking garage first on north lot.
- Potential compromise – more boat rack parking. Don't disturb beach parking.
- Boardwalk north tunnel needs to be twice as wide as existing
- The boat barn parking is shifted at the expense of the nude beach goers
- Build the north lot deck first
- Add a dune to screen the nude beach
- Will dune screening be done before the boat rack construction
- Do north tunnel for ADA first, then the other tunnels
- Divide central lot East for beach users & West for boat users
- More of central lot for beach users
- If you add the parking deck at the north lot, naturists will support the dry rack storage

2. ACCESSIBILITY

- No wheelchair accessibility, blacked out parking spots in parking lot, not enough handicap parking spaces available
- This park has been non compliant for disabled parking for over 20 years. Immediate relief is paramount to the rights of the disabled community.
- When will the fence be moved as promised? Disabled parking not on north end put in.

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- MD-PROS Answer: The naturist beach fence will be moved to enlarge the naturist beach area and provide closer access to a second access tunnel, when the updated general plan is approved.
- MD-PROS Answer: Additional disabled parking on the east side of A1A, in the South parking lot and adjacent to the life guard headquarters is scheduled to be completed in the next six months. Disabled parking, in accordance with ADA requirements, will be included in all future parking facilities at the time of construction.
- Did not provide disabled parking for meeting. Also no wheelchair accessible at Haulover Park
- How to make north tunnel more ADA accessible?
 - MD-PROS Answer: The north tunnel is intended to be made more accessible by demolishing the stairs and rebuilding the walk at a gradual slope.
- Tunnels need ramps.
- Improve accessibility within the park
- No wheelchair accessibility
- 1/3 mile to naturist beach too long
- Not enough disabled parking spaces available
- Add disabled parking on the north lot

3. VEHICULAR DROP OFF & PICK UP LOCATION

- Install a vehicular drop off/pick up location on the east side of Collins Avenue close to the Life Guard offices
- Allow for ADA drop offs
- For pick up of families and children with a lot of beach gear

4. TRAFFIC & CIRCULATION

- 2001 requested traffic light
- Tunnel 2 & beach access
- Add more traffic lights to help traffic circulation
- Holidays – entrances blocked by MDPD for traffic control. It's frustrating.
- Beach circulator, open trolley
- Ingress to north lot needs improving
- Beach circulator or tram

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- Traffic signal at boat ramp is needed
- Tunnels need drainage system. Lots of puddles.
- Congestion concern on A1A created by people waiting to get into north lot
- Congestion concern in the boat basin/launch area

5. OPEN SPACE

- Sometimes less is more. Leave stretches of green space. I'm tired of driving through concrete valleys of condo buildings. It's nice to pass by a green grass field for a change that I can now see along A1A in Haulover Park.
- First do no harm - This is a beautiful area for nature. Please do not have music in the park, restaurants, etc. that will pollute the beach, the intracoastal waterway, Oleta Park or Bal Harbour. It has been a huge problem in the past. Please promote nature in the park.

6. Dry Rack Boat Storage Facility

- Where is it being built?
 - MD-PROS Answer: The facility is planned to be built on the western side of the north parking lot
- Will permits with environmental agencies be obtained?
 - MD-PROS Answer: Yes – permits from environmental agencies will need to be obtained
- Why there?
 - MD-PROS Answer: The location for the dry rack storage facility was chosen to provide for the improved traffic and circulation in the park and the expansion of the boat launch (see above)
- It should be somewhere else.
- Concern about ADA – no ramp, no accessibility to beach.
- The County is going to get \$1/2 mil/year from WestTrec
- A lot more slips
- Concern is for amount of parking spaces to satisfy study/statistics
- Arlen House condo owner is concerned about noise & elderly people.
- Arlen House condo owners support the boat barn development. Right now they look at a parking lot. It will be nice to look at a building. Good for business.
- Charter boat captain is in support of the project.
- Resident of Sunny Isles Beach is in support of the project.

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- Traffic light at parking entrance?
- Congestion in the basin & launch area
- 85 feet high blocks condo view
- Why not dry rack on south side?
- Why is park in commercial business? Dry rack \$\$\$?
 - MD-PROS Answer: The Parks Department is not in a commercial business. A dry rack storage facility is being developed to provide for the recreational needs of boaters in the region.
 - MD-PROS Answer: The facility is to be developed in partnership with a private vendor. Revenues from the facility will be shared between the vendor and the Parks Department, to the benefit of all park patrons.
- Dry rack storage belongs in center of park. Not up north.
- Can you truck in boats? Why store them in the park?
 - MD-PROS Answer: Yes – Boats will still be able to be trucked in to the park and use the boat launch facility.
 - MD-PROS Answer: Storing boats in the park reduces the need to provide large truck / trailer parking within the park and will reduce trailer traffic in and out of the park.
- Can we put boats underground?
 - MD-PROS Answer: The potential for flooding would make storing boats underground difficult and extremely costly.
- When does dry rack construction start?
 - MD-PROS Answer: The construction of the dry rack boat storage facility will start at the completion of the design and permitting process. The construction is anticipated to begin sometime in 2013, however no specific timeline has been finalized.

7. OPERATIONS

- Better maintenance of medians on A1A.
- Signage at Haulover is not user friendly.
- Need signage on Collins to better direct drivers.
- Add friendly signs: “Enjoy yourself”
- Bathrooms dirty and litter in park, especially on Mondays
- Light fixtures broken and & light bulbs out
- Maintain medians and landscaping

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- Do not close the parking gate if there are parking spaces available and let in cars on an availability basis

8. Other

DOG PARK

- Please build some kind of cover-shelter for the dog park. Please have a bulletin board for the dog park. More tables & chairs. More trees please.
- Please plant more trees in the dog park. Please put up some tikis or something to block the sun. Thank you, the dog park is wonderful, I go every day.
- Thanks for the dog park – may we please have some more trees, another few tables (somebody removed them) & possibly a shade canopy.
- Parking near the dog park area will be reduced greatly. Already hard to park on weekends and afternoons. Canopy/shade for dog park especially during summer. More water stations.
- Shade structure needed on dog park.
- Not enough parking for dog park users
- Million Trees Miami is available to plant trees. Planting day is January 27th. Create a wish list. Raise funding.
- More shade.

TENNIS

- Please keep tennis courts as asset to community. The courts are used daily throughout the day.
- Tennis courts, will they stay?
 - The tennis courts are to be removed.
- Tennis courts should remain

RESTAURANT (SEASONS 52)

- Was this sent out to bid?
 - MD-PROS Answer: Yes – the restaurant vendor was chosen through a formal, competitive selection process
- Is this going where the old restaurant building was?
 - MD-PROS Answer: Yes – The restaurant is going in the same location as the old restaurant

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- We need this!
- I love it
- This is so needed
- What you need to do is lease it out. You get a lease and then they have to take care of the building and you don't have to run it.
- Do you [Seasons 52] run the concessions out there?
 - MD-PROS Answer: No - the proposed restaurant vendor, Seasons 52, does not currently run any concessions at the park
- How many seats?
 - MD-PROS Answer: The approximate capacity is between 300-400, including both indoor and outdoor seating
- Do you have a lease?
 - MD-PROS Answer: This project went out to bid and we are in the process of getting a lease signed
- It's nice
- Very good restaurant
- What kind of restaurant is this?
 - MD-PROS Answer: This is a casual atmosphere restaurant with a seasonally inspired menu.
- Is it expensive?
 - MD-PROS Answer: The restaurant is intended to be mid range, not expensive.
- How many parking spaces will the restaurant need?
 - MD-PROS Answer: Approximately 125 parking spaces will be needed and are accommodated in the general plan. Additionally, complimentary valet parking will be available to make things easier for guests of the restaurant and other park patrons
- If the parking lot gets closed down by 11am like that other lady said what are people who are going to use the restaurant going to do?
 - MD-PROS Answer: The parking for the restaurant is far removed from the beach parking area that sometimes closes at 11:00 am. There is ample parking near the proposed restaurant and spaces will be dedicated for patrons. Additionally, the restaurant vendor will be providing a complimentary valet parking service for patrons.
- This is wonderful

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- This will be nice
- That's awesome
- Is there going to be a parking fee at night? Approved park fees would apply, currently no parking fee after 5pm
- What about a bus? Can I bring a bus of people to the restaurant?
 - MD-PROS Answer: Yes – bus service will be accommodated.
- 3 people asked about the music – is there going to be outdoor music? Is it going to be loud music like that other one that was there?
 - MD-PROS Answer: This facility is a restaurant, not a bar
 - MD-PROS Answer: There will be no loud outdoor music
- Glad to see a restaurant coming
- This is wonderful
- That's beautiful
- City of Sunny Isles Beach Senior Action Committee (he organizes activities for the seniors) he's very interested in bringing the seniors to the restaurant as soon as it opens.

MARINA, DOCK MASTER SLIPS, BOAT LAUNCH

- Several constituents that live in the Arlen House condos were very concerned that the dry storage facility would obstruct their view
- Those also who live in the Arlen House were very concerned about the noise of boats and traffic in that area
- Loss of parking due to construction of the dry storage facility
- The majority of clothing optional beach goers are older, and there is concern for a very long walk to the beach. Several suggested some type of transportation to the beach curbside or trolley.
- Dog park patron was concerned that there is not enough shade for the dog park. Not enough trees or shade structure. More picnic tables are needed.
- Possible traffic concern and bottleneck due to entrance of north lot with new dry storage location.
- Possibly charging more to pay at the park on weekends to alleviate parking issue.
- Parking garages should be the way to go, instead of parking spaces. Build up to have more spaces.
- Need to have more allocations of handicap spaces

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- Is there going to be a toll booth for clothing optional beach patrons and dry storage patrons?
 - MD-PROS Answer: Yes – There will be a toll booth.

PIER

- Will there be parking?
 - MD-PROS Answer: Yes – parking will be provided in conjunction with an expanded parking area for future pier restaurant users, beach goers and dog park users.
- Sand erosion is a concern
- Beach reduction in width is a concern
- Bal Harbour is getting all our sand
- Diminishment/reduction of the boating sandbar on the intra-coastal side due to less deposition of sand after the pier is installed. The sand bar is a recreational amenity that a lot of people & families enjoy every weekend. The boat launch and dry stack storage businesses and revenues will be impacted if the sand bar decreases or disappears.
- Invite Ocean Rescue staff to join in the planning process
- Will there be facilities available on the pier?
 - MD-PROS Answer: Specific facilities for the pier have not been determined at this time.
- Will there be a fee to access the pier?
 - MD-PROS Answer: The decision to charge a fee for accessing the pier has not yet been made.
- The pier will impact waves & current for surfing.
- Request for beach re-nourishment to be with soft white sand, not yellow rough sand.

MISCELLANEOUS

- As a lifetime resident of Miami Beach, I support all of the projects presented tonight by the Miami-Dade Parks Dept. The Bill Bird Marina and Haulover Park are a gem in the parks inventory. We need to rebuild the Haulover fishing pier as soon as possible.
- Who has the authority to stop presentation of this plan?

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- MD-PROS Answer: The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners has the ultimate authority and final approval of all park general plans
- A sign is needed going south on Collins for field #1 add 'Beach Parking' to sign.
- How did this get missed on the 2001 Master Development Plan?
 - MD-PROS Answer: Additional elements of the plan have been identified in response to community needs since the development of the 2001 Master Development Plan
- Haulover Park was used during World War II as a landing training for Pacific landing. To be a park with a history for all to learn our past and for future citizens to know what this park was and the U.S. government would probably give us an old landing boat as a monument. A park with a historical past and with a look to the future.
- Soccer fields? Open lawn – multi use?
 - MD-PROS Answer: A large, contiguous, open lawn area will be established as part of a "Great Lawn" concept in the park. The area will provide for multiple uses, however it is not intended to be programmed for soccer fields or other active sports uses.
- When will Great Lawn be established?
 - MD-PROS Answer: The Great Lawn will be established upon the completion of parking structures that will reduce the need for surface parking and thereby free up space for an expanded lawn area
- Education center for marine life
- Consider offering an annual parking pass
- Better public transportation
- Million Trees Miami is available to plant trees. Planting day is January 27th. Create a wish list. Raise funding.
- Kite Festival gets 3,000-6,000 kite flyers.
- Kite area needs less trees, not more trees & as much open space as possible.
- Wind is perfect in current kite location.