

Haulover Park Public Open House Meeting
Summary of Main Issues and Actions/Responses
Updated on November 20, 2012

1. Naturist Beach and Parking at the North Lot and Lot #1

Summary Issue:

- Relocation and expansion of the boat launching facility will result in no net loss of north beach parking spaces.
- Constructing a large dry rack storage building in the northwest part of the park will take away parking used by beachgoers.
- Increased boat trailer parking in parking lot #1 will push beach goers to park further south.

Action:

- The existing number of parking spaces in the north beach lot is 498
- The proposed number of parking spaces in the north beach lot is 601, a gain of 103 spaces
- Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) will explore funding opportunities for construction of a parking deck that will provide an increased number of available parking spaces for beachgoers in the north lot.
 - PROS is continuing to explore the cost of providing a parking deck for the north lot.
- PROS will explore the feasibility of a beach circulator, tram, trolley, or shuttle.
- PROS will increase the efficiency and safety of its boat launch operation and provide 75 designated car parking spaces adjacent to the second northern most tunnel.
 - The proposed revisions to the Haulover Park General Plan include a new, safer boat launch operation.
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2. Accessibility

Summary Issue:

- There is insufficient ADA accessibility to the beach.

Action:

- PROS will re-stripe the parking lots to provide sufficient disabled parking spaces for ADA compliance.
 - Ten (10) accessible parking spaces have been added by the southern end of the beach.
 - Fifteen (15) accessible parking spaces by the new lifeguard building are to be added by February 28, 2013.
 - Including the 11 existing accessible spaces, this will bring the total to 36 accessible spaces on the beach side
- PROS is in phase 1 of the tunnel #1 ramp design and construction to make the tunnel accessible. Subsequent phases will include the ramping of remainder tunnels to eliminate ADA barriers. The following is a schedule for Tunnel #1 completion:

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- Building Department review – 11/28/2012 – 5/30/2013
- Bidding – 6/1/2013 – 8/30/2013
- Construction - 9/1/2013 - 3/30/2014
- PROS will expand the Naturist Beach boundary closer to the second northern most tunnel.
 - The proposed revisions to the Haulover Park General Plan include a future expansion of the naturist beach by 350 feet.
- Note: while we are working toward substantial compliance, with respect to the number of accessible spaces, we are also working to remove barriers and provide universal access.

3. Vehicular Pick-Up and Drop-Off Location

Summary Issue:

- It would be easier for park users if there was a designated location to drop-off and pick-up people and their beach gear.

Action:

- PROS will explore options for adding a vehicular drop-off/pick-up location on the east side of Collins Avenue.

4. Traffic and Circulation

Summary Issue:

- Traffic on Collins Avenue backs up and is a problem.
- There is poor traffic circulation in the park.
- There is poor pedestrian, bicycle, and transit connectivity to the park.

Action:

- PROS will work to reorganize traffic flow and an internal circulation system that will reduce congestion at the boat launch entrance and reduce the traffic back up on Collins Ave.
 - The proposed revisions to the Haulover Park General Plan include improvements to circulation, new park roadways and a more efficient parking design.
- PROS will work to improve bicycle, pedestrian and transit connections to the park.
 - The proposed revisions to the Haulover Park General Plan include additional bus stops along A1A, and bicycle and pedestrian sidewalk connections to the park as part of future A1A improvements.

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5. Open Space

Summary Issue:

- Preserve and provide more green/open space.

Action:

- The proposed general plan increases the amount of green space in the park. PROS will explore funding, partnerships and volunteer opportunities for tree plantings and dune restoration at the park, including along the naturist beach.
 - PROS' Community Image Advisory Board (CIAB) has included Haulover Park as a site for the Million Trees Miami Campaign. Two upcoming native tree volunteer planting events are scheduled; for the dog park on December 11, 2012, and for the picnic area on January 27, 2013.
 - PROS' CIAB continues to identify areas for volunteer tree planting and dune restoration projects.
 - PROS Natural Areas Management (NAM) staff is working to implement dune restoration at Haulover Park north beach.

6. Dry Rack Boat Storage Facility

Summary Issue:

- The Dry Rack Boat Storage Facility is not in compliance with Article 7.

Response:

- The Dry Rack Boat Storage Facility is in compliance with Miami-Dade County's Article 7. It is a permitted use under Article 7, Section 7.02 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter. The boat storage was an existing use at Haulover Beach Park when Article 7 was adopted. Additionally, Article 7, does not apply to "Facilities for marinas, sightseeing and fishing boats, visiting military vessels, and fishing;..", as stated in Article 7, section "D" of the code.

Summary Issues: (brought up by the Arlen House and discussed in the Public Meeting)

- Noise
- Pollution (oil)
- Unsightly View
- Affects to Sea Life

Actions/Responses: (Responses provided to Arlen House and discussed at the Public Meeting)

- The existing structure will be replaced with a new enclosed state of the art facility.
- Enclosing the facility will reduce noise from the activities.
- Boats will be launched to the south only.

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- The location of the dry boat storage facility, as shown in the revised general plan, allows for the removal of current fueling facilities which eliminates any incidence and environmental impacts of any spills.
- The current ramp launching basin will continue to be utilized for the new dry stack operations.
- Minor environmental impacts are expected during development which will be mitigated appropriately with oversight from the respective governmental authorities.
- The enclosed facility we be designed in the Streamline Modern design motif in accordance with the Haulover Park Design Guidelines and will not be unsightly.
- The color palette will be earth tones - greens, blue and browns to blend in with the surrounding landscape.
- The existing, unsightly, open dry rack storage facility will be removed and the area restored upon completion of the new facility.
- The existing maintenance area will be reduced in sized, cleaned up, and enclosed with a screen wall to eliminate unsightly views.
- No mechanical equipment will be installed on the roof.
- Westrec facilities have a track record of environmental stewardship.
- Westrec is committed to maintaining a state of the art facility with high standards for boater operations by monitoring, educating and managing boater behavior and environmental condition requirements as a part of lease agreements with each boat owner.
- Note: project issues will be further addressed during the public review/permitting process for the project.

7. Operations

Summary Issue:

- The park bathrooms are unclean.
- The park is unsightly and often contains litter.

Action:

- PROS is improving maintenance efforts.
 - To meet maintenance demands, additional part-time staff has been hired for Haulover Park.
 - Haulover Park managers have increased restroom cleaning on the following schedule:
 - Weekdays – All restrooms once per day. North and south beach road restrooms twice per day.
 - Weekends – All restrooms twice per day. North and south beach road restrooms three times per day.
- PROS will identify partnership and funding opportunities for planting trees, beautifying the park, and restoring the beach dunes.

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8. Dog Park

Summary Issue:

- The Dog Park is hot, and needs more shade.

Action:

- PROS will work to plant more trees in the dog park area.
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9. Restaurant

Summary Issue:

- Loud music.

Action/Response:

- There will be no loud music outside. This will be a restaurant, not a bar.