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POINT PAPER

ESTUARY PARK LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Problem: City Commission and the Mayor have expressed concern regarding the Estuary Park, in that it is not as user-friendly as the City would like.

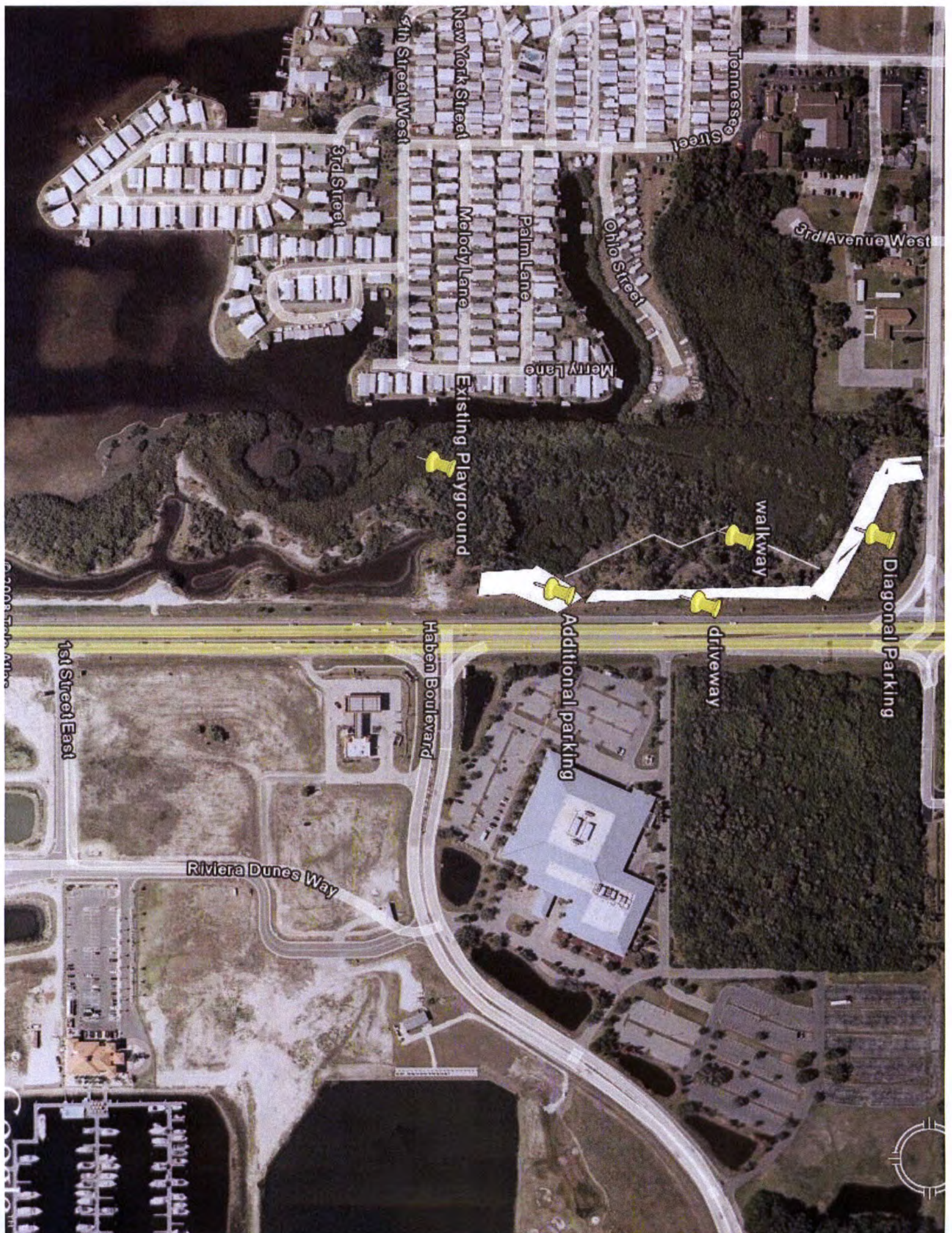
Background: Through a variety of grants, the City has purchased approximately 20 acres, which is now the Estuary Park. Grant funding has also paid for the development of the park thus far, and we have \$200,000 now available for the installation of an entrance to the park from 7th Street, additional parking, benches and a second restroom.

City Commission expressed concern about the need to walk a long distance to utilize the existing play area, about noise from US 41/301 at the park, and about ease of entrance and egress from the park.

As such, staff has revisited the plans for the utilization of the current grant funding, and added parking near the play area. We have designed the facilities so as to allow for easier access to the park, while retaining the ability to add noise buffers and additional amenities to make the park more user-friendly and better utilized.

Additionally, we asked Michael Fernandez to provide the City with the plans for the Estuary Park that the City Commission (then Council) had reviewed during the initial planning stages of Riviera Dunes, noting that some of those concepts became obsolete with the involvement of SWIM in the development of the southern parcels. Our hope was that we could develop a long-term plan, only to be implemented as funding becomes available. This long-term plan would ensure that City Commission's desires for the park are documented, and that all interim improvements are moving the park in the appropriate direction.

Mr. Fernandez has refreshed the original conceptual plan, and will provide the City Commission with a presentation on a long-term development plan for the Estuary Park.



Diagonal Parking

walkway

driveway

Additional parking

Existing Playground

Hablen Boulevard

Riviera Dunes Way

1st Street East

3rd Street

5th Street West

Melody Lane

Palm Lane

Merry Lane

Ohio Street

New York Street

Tennessee Street

3rd Avenue West

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