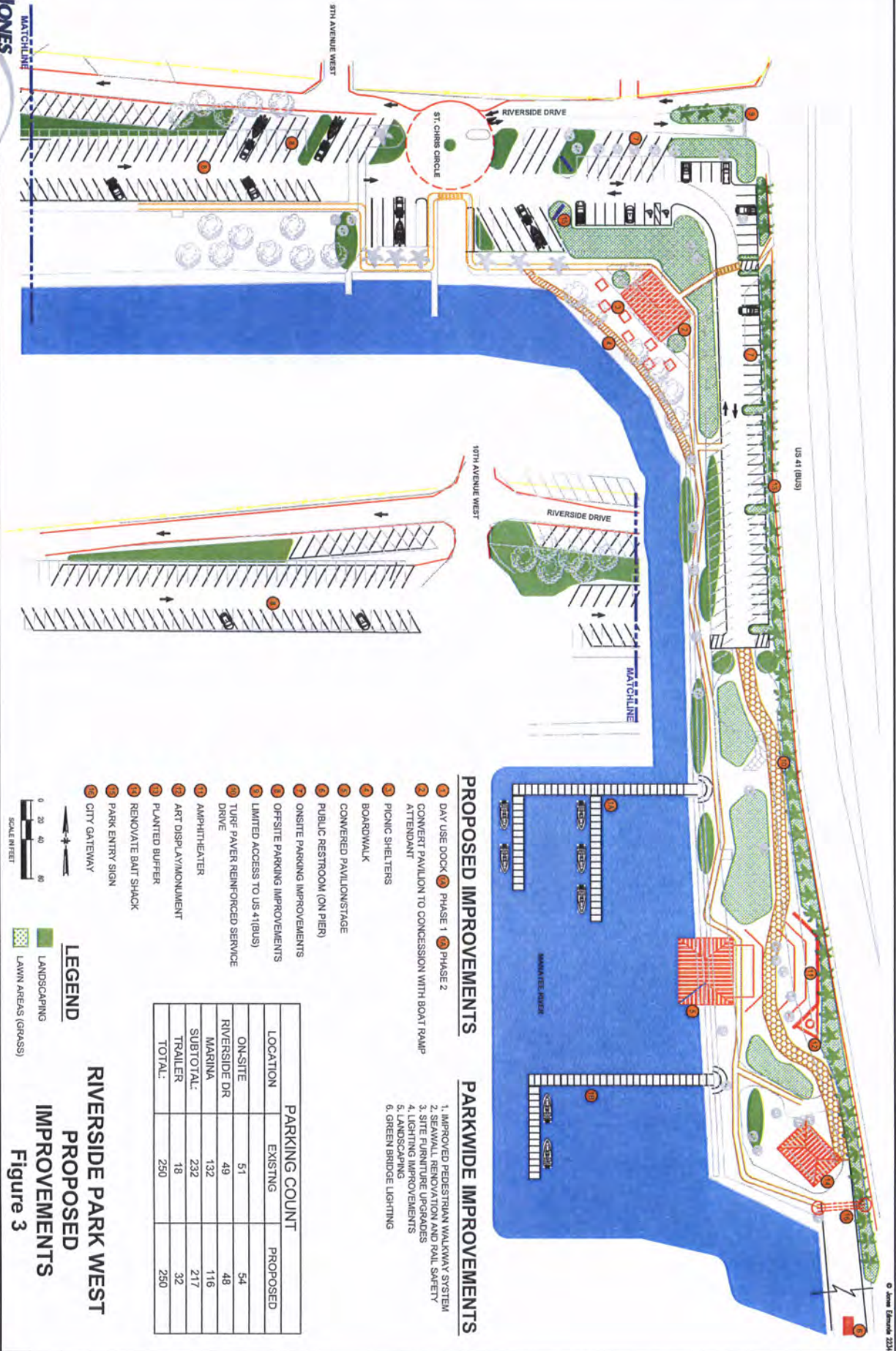


**ATTACHMENT
F-3**

**RIVERSIDE PARK
MASTER PLAN**

JONES
EDMUNDS



RIVERSIDE PARK WEST CONCEPTS & PUBLIC INPUT

CITY OF PALMETTO COMMUNITY MEETING



TUESDAY, MAY 8TH 6:30 PM

IN

RIVERSIDE PARK WEST

(By the boat ramp on Riverside Drive)

This is YOUR park!

We are beginning to design improvements -

COME AND SHARE YOUR
IDEAS AND CONCERNS
FOR OUR
WATERFRONT PARK...



For more info call 723-4988

MEMORANDUM



TO: Tanya Lukowiak, Executive Director
City of Palmetto - Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

FROM: Steve Szabo, Jones Edmunds

DATE: June 13, 2007

XC: Chris Lukowiak, City of Palmetto
Jim McLellan, Jones Edmunds

RE: Riverside Park West and Riverside Drive West Improvements Study
Workshop Findings

Introduction:

A public workshop was held on May 8th, 2007 to discuss improvements to Riverside Park West and Riverside Drive West, located in the City of Palmetto. Attendees included the public, City and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) staff, and Jones Edmunds. The general purpose for this workshop was to gain feedback from the general public and staff on the park's existing conditions and examine options for improving usability, attractiveness, and access to the park. Potential improvement ideas for the park were solicited and discussed. A survey was also conducted based upon a wish list of potential improvements.

The survey/comment form (attached) consisted of a list of items concerning the potential park improvements, separated into four categories: Facilities/Park Maintenance, Park Functionality, Park Aesthetics, and Recreation. The attendees were asked to rate the items, from 0 to 10, with 0 indicating no desire, 5 indicating a neutral position, and 10 indicating highly desired. There was also a section on the back of the survey for any additional comments.

Results of the workshop and survey/comment forms are summarized below:

Workshop:

Items discussed included:

- Buffering US Bus 41 from the park without compromising security.
- Relocating the bait shop is preferred. Having one is important and creates a certain positive ambiance for a waterfront community gathering spot.
- Re-opening the bait shack bathrooms or building new ones on the pier was suggested by a member of the public. It was reported that the pier often smells of urine.
- Many members of the public liked the idea of boaters having dock access to the park.



- A member of the public mentioned that an effort should be made to reduce the amount of pavement since it retains heat.
- The Mayor mentioned the idea of having valet parking for boat trailers during peak times.
- A member of the public suggested selling boat trailer passes or charging a launching fee of \$10 (similar to Pinellas County).
- It was suggested that illegal parking be monitored and enforced.
- The Mayor cited the San Antonio Riverwalk as an example of a good waterside public gathering area.
- The potential of displacing parking with a new public parking garage at the corner of 10th and Riverside was discussed.
- The idea of expanding or eliminating the Riverside Park East parking lot was discussed. It was also mentioned that the options are very limited for that area due to the size of the parcel of land.
- For special events, a member of the public suggested using a shuttle to minimize parking issues.

Results:

The results from six comment surveys were compiled and evaluated (see attached list). All categories ranked equally with the exception of Park Functionality, ranking with the lowest average. Although the categories ranked out evenly, the public desired some individual items over others.

The public indicated through the comment survey that the most important park improvement items were as follows:

- Install public docks for use
- Retrofit lights with period style-fixtures
- Trim/clear mangroves near existing pavilion
- Improve the seawall/install railing
- Improve the parking situation

City staff indicated additional/priorities which were not ranked as high on the community survey. These improvements included:

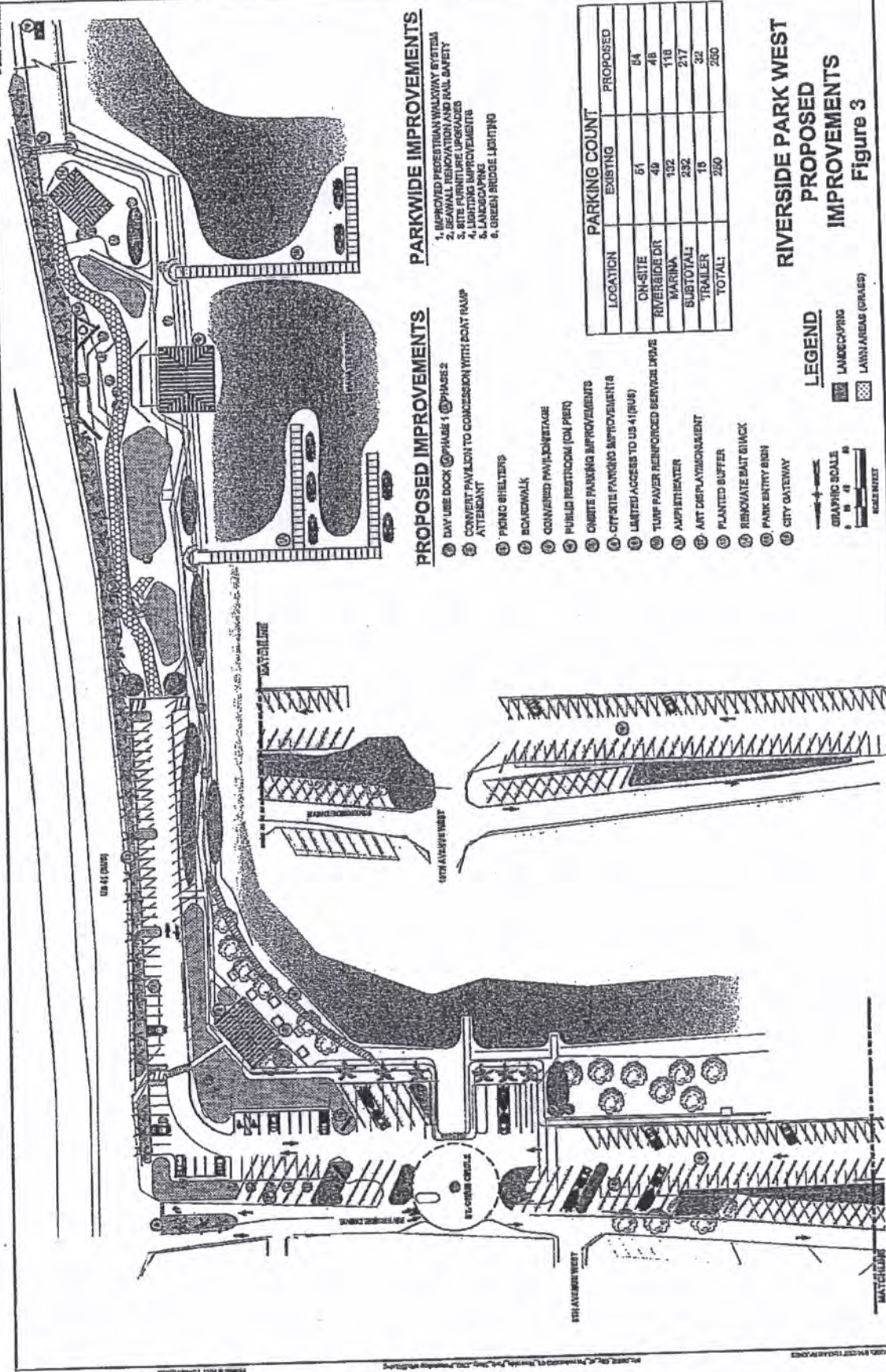
- Improving the northbound left turn from Riverside Park West
- Separating business US 41 from the park (i.e. - calming traffic along Riverside Drive)
- Incorporating art into the park
- Providing an amphitheatre

Based on the public's and staff's feedback, Jones Edmunds has prepared a prioritized list of park improvements. The attached draft conceptual sketch addresses the majority of public's and



staff's wishes. The proposed improvements are prioritized in order of importance and in a chronologic order that allows flexibility in phasing. The one item that has not been addressed is a pedestrian crossing of US Bus 41.

At this time, Jones Edmunds is still evaluating height requirements and permitting feasibility of the possibility of a route under the Green Bridge. Also, the traffic study is still in progress which may effect the Riverside Drive Improvements.



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- 1. DAY USE DOCK @ PHASE 1 @ PHASE 2
- 2. CONVERT PAVEMENT TO CONCRETE WITH BOAT RAUP ATTENDANT
- 3. PAVING SHELTERS
- 4. BOARDWALK
- 5. CONCRETE PAVEMENT
- 6. PUBLIC RESTROOM (ON PIER)
- 7. ON-SITE PARKING IMPROVEMENTS
- 8. CITY-SITE PARKING IMPROVEMENTS
- 9. LIMITED ACCESS TO US 41 (BUS)
- 10. TURF PAVING REINFORCED SERVICE DRIVE
- 11. AMPHITHEATER
- 12. ART DISPLAY/MONUMENT
- 13. PLANTED BUFFER
- 14. RENOVATE BAIT BINCK
- 15. PARK ENTRY SIGN
- 16. CITY GATEWAY

PARKWIDE IMPROVEMENTS

- 1. IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY SYSTEM
- 2. SEAWALL RENOVATION AND RAIL SAFETY
- 3. SITE FURNITURE UPDATES
- 4. LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS
- 5. LANDSCAPING
- 6. GREEN BRIDGE LIGHTING

PARKING COUNT		
LOCATION	EXISTING	PROPOSED
ON-SITE	51	64
RIVERSIDE DR	48	48
MARINA	132	118
SUBTOTAL	232	217
TRAILER	18	32
TOTAL	250	250

LEGEND

- GRAPHIC SCALE
0 10 20 30 40 50
- LANDSCAPING
- LAWN AREAS (GRASS)

**RIVERSIDE PARK WEST
PROPOSED
IMPROVEMENTS**
Figure 3

Riverside Park West Improvements Study
City of Palmetto, Florida
Public Workshop
May 8, 2007
Categorized Comment Sheet Summary

Potential Park Improvement Item	Individual Citizen Response						Average	Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
Facilities/Park Maintenance								
Provide a concession facility	6	10	5	10	0	5	6.0	#5- increase litter
Re-establish/relocate bait shop	7	8	8	10	8	10	8.5	
Provide an amphitheater	7	5	8	5	8	5	6.3	
Retrofit existing pavilion for "Old Florida" look	5	10	10	10	8	5	8.0	
Install restrooms near fishing pier	8	10	5	10	8	10	8.5	
Repair seawall/install railing	5	10	8	10	10	10	8.8	
Subtotal:							7.7	
Park Functionality								
Improve parking/Address illegal boat trailer parking	8	10	8	10	8	10	9.0	
Improve northbound left turn	8	8	8	5	5	10	7.3	#5- Bike/Trike
Provide additional covered seating	5	10	8	0	5	5	5.5	
Provide pedestrian walkway	0	10	8	0	8	10	6.0	
Separate Business US 41 from park (plantings, railing or wall)	7	8	10	5	8	5	7.2	#5- Raise fines, confiscate illegally parked vehicles
Subtotal:							7.0	
Park Aesthetics								
Incorporate art into the park	8	5	10	5	8	10	6.8	
Establish city gateway (landmark)	8	5	8	0	10	10	6.1	
Improve landscaping	7	6	10	10	8	10	8.5	
Trim/Clear mangroves near existing pavilion	7	7	10	10	10	10	9.0	#5- Increases visibility for beachfront
Retrofit site lights with period-style fixtures	6	10	10	10	8	10	9.0	
Provide thematic lighting for fishing pier	6	10	10	10	5	10	8.5	
Install gateway to the fishing pier	5	4	10	10	8	10	7.3	
Relocate existing power lines to underground on Riverside Drive	7	9	10	5	10	10	8.5	
Subtotal:							8.1	
Recreation								
Install attractions for children	8	10	10	5	0	10	7.2	
Install public docks for day use	8	9	10	10	8	10	9.2	#5- floating docks
Install boardwalk along existing seawall	5	8	10	5	10	10	8.2	#5- Dog walk- fountain/ litter refuse container, Human water fountain
Subtotal:							8.2	

Riverside Park West Improvements Study
City of Palmetto, Florida
Public Workshop
May 8, 2007

Prioritized Comment Sheet Summary

Potential Park Improvement Item	Individual Citizen Response							Average	Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Install public docks for day use	8	9	10	10	8	10		9.2	#5- floating docks
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Install boardwalk along existing seawall	6	8	10	5	10	10		8.2	#5- Dog walk-fountain/litter refuse container, Human Water fountain
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Provide pedestrian walkway	0	10	8	0	8	10		6.0	
Provide additional covered seating	5	10	8	0	5	5		5.5	

Tanya Lukowiak

From: Steve Szabo [SSzabo@jonesedmunds.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2008 1:57 PM
To: Frank Woodard; Chris Lukowiak; Tanya Lukowiak
Cc: Geoff Seger; Steve Starr; Steve Szabo; Jim McEllan; BRIAN HEPBURN
Subject: RE: Review Comments- Riverside Park

Frank:

We are currently in the process of preparing the preliminary engineering report for the Riverside Park improvements project. We would like to request some clarification based on the comments/suggestions we received from you last month:

1. The south end of the parking lot will need a turn around for emergency vehicles. **Jones Edmunds: We are currently showing a "no parking area" at the south end of the parking lot. The area consists of a "hammerhead", t-shaped turn around. Since the proposed parking is 90 degree, a cul-de-sac should not be required unless required/preferred by the City. Per the City Workshop, the intent was to minimize the amount of pavement in the park. Please advise if the City would like to keep the existing cul-de-sac.**
2. All parking spaces should be slanted to allow for better visibility. **Jones Edmunds: The intent of the 90 degree parking was to provide more "linear green space" along the park. If 60 degree parking is preferred, we suggest keeping the parking on both sides of the drive aisle and keeping the cul-de-sac. Essentially, keep the parking lot along Bus US 41 as-is. Please advice if the City would like to keep the existing parking along Bus US 41 as-is.**
3. Shorten day docks to avoid conflicts with boat traffic using the ramp. **Jones Edmunds: Comment accepted.**
4. Move "St. Chris' Circle" to 10th Avenue West to avoid conflicts with parking lot traffic and boat ramp. **Jones Edmunds: Comment accepted based on comment #5 below. Please note that the boat ramp requires a large paved area for maneuvering trailers.**
5. Riverside Dr. should remain a two street to avoid moving traffic thru a parking lot. **Jones Edmunds: Comment accepted.**
6. Need to include a cantilever under 8th Ave. bridge for access Riverside Dr. east. **Jones Edmunds: Comment accepted and will be incorporated. It should be noted that there is minimal vertical clearance (+/- 8'-10') between the bridge beams and the water surface under the 8th Ave. bridge. Also, we have some safety concerns siting a walkway under the bridge. Jones Edmunds suggests consulting with Palmetto PD on CEPTD requirements. We understand that a pedestrian bridge or signalized crosswalks were previously considered at Riverside Drive.**

We look forward to your clarifications on these issues. In the meantime, we are currently costing the improvements, preparing the PER, updating the master plan, and attempting to schedule a meeting with FDOT. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. We hope to deliver a draft PER in mid-May.

Thanks,

4/24/2008

Steve

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From: Frank Woodard [mailto:fwoodard@palmettofl.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2008 10:09 AM
To: Jim McLellan; Chris Lukowiak; Tanya Lukowiak
Cc: Steve Szabo; Geoff Seger
Subject: Review Comments- Riverside Park

Jim:

DPW staff has reviewed the plans for the above note project and offer the following comments/suggestions:

7. The south end of the parking lot will need a turn around for emergency vehicles.
8. All parking spaces should be slanted to allow for better visibility.
9. Shorten day docks to avoid conflicts with boat traffic using the ramp.
10. Move "St. Chris' Circle" to 10th Avenue West to avoid conflicts with parking lot traffic and boat ramp.
11. Riverside Dr. should remain a two street to avoid moving traffic thru a parking lot.
12. Need to include a cantilever under 8th Ave. bridge for access Riverside Dr. east.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call to discuss.

Thanks,
Frank Woodard II, Deputy Director
Public Works- Engineering & Project Mgmt.

From: Jim McLellan [mailto:JMcLellan@jonesedmunds.com]
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 9:12 AM
To: Frank Woodard
Cc: Steve Szabo
Subject: Riverside Park

Frank,

As you requested, attached please find a PDF copy of the Proposed Improvements plan for Riverside Park.

Let me know if you also need a copy of the Draft traffic study we submitted for comments too. I can forward that as well (didn't include here due to file size).

Thanks and have a great weekend.

4/24/2008

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