

## Parks, Open Spaces & Natural Systems Subcommittee Minutes

11/29/18 – 4:00 pm

**Attendees: Reinaldo Rodriguez, Jeremy Calleros-Gauger, Kevin Kirwin, Dan Goldberg, Amy Clement, Mariana Boldu & Patrick Rynne**

- Kevin will serve as liaison for all Parks and Recreation meetings involving Resiliency
- Parks is currently working across all departments including Capital Improvements, Resilience and Public Works, Office of Resilience and Sustainability, Budget and Planning
- Park Planner position was created (Lance)
- Planning sessions specific to Parks
  
- The Parks, Open Space & Natural Systems Subcommittee member will work developing a skeleton of the purpose and operational structure of the Subcommittee that can serve as a guiding model for the other ones to follow. Action items as follow: Mariana to develop a bullet point list so specific items will be assigned within subcommittee member to work on by December 10th. The goal is to have a Parks, Open Space & Natural Systems Subcommittee template to have a final review by the next meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Morningside Park
  - i. Looking at how it will be configured and used
  - ii. Almost ready to wrap up project
  - iii. Geotechnical work through Sea Level Rise mapping
  - iv. Pool has been closed for 3 years
  - v. Park is in an AE floodplain
  - vi. Should we spend money on a pool that is on the bay and will be at risk for flooding?
- Kennedy Park & Peacock Park
  - i. People in these neighborhoods feel less of a “possession” for the parks unlike Morningside
- Shenandoah Park
  - i. Conducted general plan (only localized flooding in area)
  - ii. Project completed
- Jose Marti Park
  - i. Received grant and working with Van Allen Group
  - ii. Heavy community engagement for ideas on how the public would like to see the park used
  - iii. Working on the scope
- Parks Department received Agency of Excellence Award from FRPA for Resilience and Sustainability
- Ray to get a list of items Amy would like to see and get from Kevin
- Ray to ask Kevin for Agency of Excellence application
- Amy – Kennedy Parks response to flooding is not optimal
- We need to look at adjusting to the water and using the park to filter water out
- Kenneth Myers Parks

- i. Flowmeter installed
  - ii. Need to test for chlorine
  - iii. Water keepers did a report on this
- Stormwater Masterplan Dependent
- Need to add a Sea Level Rise component to Parks Master Plan
- Land Acquisition Strategy
  - i. Recreation space on the bay cannot be practical
  - ii. Need to look at moving away from the bay area and moving more inland for recreation space
  - iii. Events have been cancelled to due parks such as Peacock Park being flooded
- Need to address more vulnerable parks
- Repurposing parks
- Jeremy – Suggest having Resilience and Public Works at these meetings and speak with DERM about mangrove standards
- Would like hedge-sized mangroves with completely open views
- Suggestion to include right of way as part of open spaces
- Develop a subcommittee mission or purpose
- Practical experimentation
  - i. Look at countries with similarities
  - ii. Goal is to operationalize
- Patrick – Look to acquire areas that become at risk
  - i. Manatee Bend Park was acquired and was a premium location
- Jeremy – Arch Creek Study by Urban Land Institute
- Currently negotiating on a ULI study
- Management has set a high priority in Resiliency
- Patrick to look into having next subcommittee meeting at RSMAS
- Next meeting will be January 17, 2019 – 3:00 pm