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Council Briefing Notice

Monday, February 8, 2021

5:30 PM

Via

Video Conference

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos will conduct a **Council Briefing** to update the City Council about ongoing items in the City. The briefing will include, but not be limited to the following topics:

1. Biosolids Disposal
2. JFRD- First Year Review
3. Parks Assessment Review
4. Short Term Vacation Rental
5. Mobile Food Dispensing Vehicles (MFVD) Update

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Mayor: Christine Hoffman

Council Members:	Georgette Dumont	Sandy Golding	Dan Janson
	Fernando Meza	Cory Nichols	Chet Stokes

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CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING ITEM	
TO:	Michael J. Staffopoulos, City Manager
FROM:	Dennis W. Barron, Jr., Director of Public Works
DATE:	February 3, 2021
SUBJECT:	Disposal of Biosolids from Pollution Control Plant

BACKGROUND

The City of Jacksonville Beach (COJB) Public Works department currently utilizes Merrell Brothers for hauling biosolids from the Pollution Control Plant (PCP) to the Jacksonville Trail Ridge Landfill, located off of US-301, west of the City of Jacksonville. This agreement was made as part of Bid #1718-14 Sludge Hauling. This was a three year agreement with the ability to renew for three additional years. Merrell Brothers is not interested in renewing this contract based on several factors that keep it from benefitting them as a contractor. Their price was \$497.43 per truckload. This places COJB into the position of having to re-bid the trucking services to transport our biosolids. The alternate trucking bids from 2018 were \$570, \$804.60 and \$894 per truckload.

The landfill is operated under a 1982 interlocal agreement that allows the COJB to tip garbage and refuse for \$0 per ton. The normal tipping costs outside of this interlocal agreement is \$29.87 per ton. This has an impending budget impact.

COJB is considering other options for disposal of biosolids because of the needed change in trucking and the need to re-bid these activities. At the suggestion of Merrell Brothers, COJB investigated utilizing Indianhead Biomass as an alternative disposal location. They take the approved biosolids and utilize a process of combining with green waste to create an organic compost. This does give us a sustainable alternative to landfilling the materials. This alternative does have a cost of \$29 per ton for a tipping fee. This is a new cost added to our disposal rate. Alternatively, this location is closer to the PCP and does not have the same wait times as associated with the landfill (that can be 1-2 hours). COJB believes this may be a cost savings based on projected trucking costs.

COJB biosolids are approved for land application as a means of disposal, but due to the no-cost landfill disposal the decision was made to landfill biosolids. The decision to outsource the transportation was also a business decision based on time, equipment cost and maintenance, and additional trucking and employee considerations. COJB does not feel reversing the decision to outsource transportation is cost-effective at this time.



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The switch to a greener land application based strategy as opposed to landfilling would meet internal priorities being discussed among City Administration and Executive Leadership, specifically supporting sustainability through natural resource stewardship. This approach results in reducing materials placed in the landfill, and results in an environmentally positive means of disposal. A sustainable approach to disposal could also be used for community education on natural resources, ecology, and stewardship.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

COJB currently budgets \$80,000 for the hauling costs based on \$500 per load and 160 loads. The tipping fee at the landfill are currently \$0 per ton.

COJB would need to budget an overall cost of \$160,000 for biosolids disposal.

Finance department agrees that this additional budget cost can be adjusted internally based on departmental savings and potential impacts could be mitigated.

COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUEST

Does Council wish to pursue lowest cost alternatives only for biosolids disposal, or consider sustainability and natural resource stewardship as an alternative evaluation?

ATTACHMENTS

None



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CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING ITEM	
TO:	Michael J. Staffopoulos, City Manager
FROM:	Steve Sciotto, Fire Marshal
DATE:	January 25, 2021
SUBJECT:	Contract for Fire-EMS Service 2020 Year End Report

BACKGROUND

On November 22, 2019, the City of Jacksonville Beach entered into a 20 year contract for Fire-EMS Service with the City of Jacksonville. December 31, 2020 marked the end of the first calendar year. The change has gone seamlessly with no interruption in service and with the City receiving no complaints regarding the services that are currently being provided.

Both parties are in compliance with the contract. Attachment 1 provides details with the specific items spelled out in the contract and the status of those items.

FINANCIAL

The first year of the contract cost to the City of Jacksonville Beach was \$2,220,000 (\$185,000 per month). The 2nd year had a cost increase of 2.5% that took effect on November 23, 2020 increasing the annual fee to \$2,275,000 (\$189,625 per month).

The Contract for Service allowed the Jacksonville Beach Firefighters to remain in the Jacksonville Beach Firefighters Pension System. The City of Jacksonville Beach remains as the sponsor of the plan and is responsible for its operation. The City of Jacksonville is responsible for employer and employee contributions. The City of Jacksonville Beach is responsible for the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) calculated when the plan closed on November 22, 2019, and will amortize the payoff amount over 10 years. In FY 2020, Jacksonville Beach contributed \$773,002 to the Jacksonville Beach Firefighters Pension System. This included the annual payment for the unfunded liability and the employer contributions made prior to the plan closing date. In FY 2021, the UAAL payment amount is \$707,653.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – 2020 JFRD Statistics and General Conditions of Contract

Attachment 2 – 2020 JB Fire Marshall and JFRD Monthly Statistics

2020 JFRD Statistics and General Conditions of Contract

Staffing & Fire Apparatus	
Main Fire Station #71 325 2nd Ave S	staffed with 8 personnel 1 Engine Company 1 Rescue Unit 1 District Chief
South Beach Fire Station #60 2500 South Beach Parkway	staffed with 7 personnel 1 Quint/Ladder Company 1 Rescue Unit
Response Times	
Average Emergency Response Time	4 minutes and 8 seconds
% of responses under 5 minutes	74% of responses were under 5 minutes
% of responses under 7 minutes	94% of responses were under 7 minutes
Type & Number of Responses	
Total Responses	3434
EMS Responses	2637
Fire Related	419
Actual Fires	40
Building Fires	7
Other Responses	342
Miscellaneous Statistics	
Fire Related Injuries or Deaths	1 Death
Fire Hydrants Tested	987

Compliance Status with Other Conditions in the Contract

- JFRD advises they do not track statistics for community service programs such as smoke alarm installs, blood pressure checks, station tours, etc.
- JFRD has not been ask to provide CPR classes to employees
- JFRD has provided personnel to be part of the Jacksonville Beach Emergency Operations Center (EOC) when it has been activated (example: Trump Rally)
- JFRD has been providing EMS staffing for Special Events
- JFRD has performed fire investigations as outline in their SOG 428
- The City Manager has not requested the transfer of any JFRD personnel from the Jacksonville Beach Fire Stations and has made no Log requests
- No complaints have been received regarding any JFRD personnel.
- JFRD is performing building pre-fire plans
- JFRD has been providing the Fire Marshal with monthly statistics and fire reports as requested

Jacksonville Beach Fire Marshal's Office

December 2020

INSPECTION ACTIVITIES	TOTAL	MTD	YTD	TARGET
		152	1668	
		MTD	YTD	TARGET
INSPECTIONS IN LOW HAZARD OCCUPANCIES -----		69	417	401
HIGH HAZARD OCCUPANCIES THAT RECEIVED AN INSPECTION-----		40	200	239
LIFE SAFETY/OTHER INSPECTIONS-----		7	166	
CONSTRUCTION/PERMIT INSPECTIONS-----		36	485	
RE-INSPECTIONS-----		10	108	
SCHOOL/DAYCARE FIRE DRILLS PERFORMED ANNUALY-----		2	35	
CONSULTATIONS-----		12	102	
PLAN REVIEWS-----		28	307	
SHORT TERM RENTAL INSPECTIONS-----		10	100	
FIRE PREVENTION/PUBLIC ED/COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES				
		MTD	YTD	TARGET
PUBLIC EDUCATION CONTACTS -----		425	797	350
NUMBER OF SMOKE DETECTORS INSTALLED/CHECKED-----		28	543	50
NUMBER OF CHILD SAFETY SEATS INSPECTED -----		10	53	
OTHER ACTIVITIES				
		MTD	YTD	
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RELEASE INVESTIGATIONS-----		3	29	
FIRE HYDRANTS SERVICED/TESTED (PW)-----		4	143	860
JFRD performed 987 hydrant flow test from Feb-April			**987**	
SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION REVIEW-----		1	16	
CUSTOMER SERVICE				
		MTD	YTD	TARGET
NUMBER OF CUSTOMER SURVEYS RECEIVED -----		0	13	
PERCENT OF CUSTOMERS RATING OUR SERVICE EXCELLENT OR GOOD -----			100%	100%
JFRD FIRE/EMS RESPONSE STATS				
2020	2019		MTD	YTD
MTD INCIDENTS	MTD 2019	290	262	
YEAR TO DATE:	YTD 2019	3434	3437	
INCIDENT BREAKDOWN				
		MTD	MTD %	YTD %
FIRE -----		3	1%	1%
RESCUE -----		169	58%	63%
HAZ CONDITION ECT		104	41%	36%
RESPONSE TIMES (*Does Not Include Assist Citizen Response Times)				
		MTD %	YTD %	TARGET %
% 4 MIN. OR LESS		79%	74%	70%
% 6 MIN. OR LESS		94%	94%	90%
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME			4:08	
** Goal is a 4 minute or less response time to 70% of the calls and 6 minutes or less to 90% of the calls**				
FIRES				
		MTD	YTD	
TOTAL BUILDING FIRES		1	7	
FIRE CAUSE				
		MTD	YTD	
INTENTIONAL		0	0	
UNTENTIONAL		3	19	
FAILURE OF EQUIP		0	3	
OTHER		0	18	

Jacksonville Beach 2020 Fire/EMS Statistics *provided by Jax Fire*

Month	Running Total	2019 MONTH	2020 MONTH	TOTAL FIRES	TOTAL FIRE%	BUILDING FIRES	RESCUE	RES %	HAZ CON	HAZ %	4 MIN OR LESS	4MIN %	6 MIN OR LESS	6 MIN %
JAN	254	254	297	2	1%	0	194	65%	101	34%	210	75%	266	95%
FEB	501	247	282	4	1%	1	191	68%	87	31%	189	72%	252	96%
MAR	787	286	308	4	1%	0	197	64%	107	35%	208	71%	278	95%
APR	1074	287	231	3	1%	1	137	59%	91	39%	155	71%	204	94%
MAY	1360	286	287	7	2%	1	159	55%	121	42%	185	72%	242	94%
JUN	1654	294	288	5	2%	1	200	69%	83	29%	202	76%	250	94%
JUL	1977	323	280	3	1%	0	189	68%	88	31%	184	75%	231	94%
AUG	2260	283	296	3	1%	1	173	58%	120	41%	198	75%	253	95%
SEP	2585	325	298	3	1%	0	172	58%	123	41%	185	71%	241	92%
OCT	2915	330	286	1	0%	0	189	66%	96	34%	205	79%	248	95%
NOV	3175	260	291	2	1%	1	185	64%	104	36%	182	73%	228	92%
DEC	3437	262	290	3	1%	1	169	58%	118	41%	199	79%	241	95%
TOTALS		3437	3434	40	1%	7	2155	63%	1239	36%	2302	74%	2934	94%
		YTD 19 RUNS	YTD 20 RUNS	YTD FIRES	YTD % FIRES	YTD BUILD FIRE	YTD RESCUE	YTD % RESCUE	YTD HAZ CON	YTD % HAZ CON	YTD 4 MIN	**YTD % 4 MIN	YTD 6 MIN	**YTD % 6 MIN

** Reflects Only Emergency Response Times- Assist Citizens not Included**

2020 Jacksonville Beach Fire Marshal's Office Community Risk Management: Inspection Activity										
	F.S.S INSP	ANNUAL HIGH HAZ	LIFE SAFE OTHER INS	GEN INSP PERMIT	RE- INSP	FIRE DRILLS	CONSULT	PLAN REVIEW	S.T.R. INSP	MTD INSP TOT
JAN	7	23	4	33	11	6	10	36	10	140
FEB	10	15	21	15	8	6	11	23	12	121
MAR	4	10	12	39	7	2	11	41	7	133
APR	6	6	14	28	6	0	8	15	5	88
MAY	7	2	28	37	7	0	8	15	3	107
JUN	23	10	17	38	12	0	10	28	11	149
JUL	11	7	12	23	12	0	5	20	10	100
AUG	16	9	19	81	4	4	9	34	13	189
SEP	29	31	8	69	9	5	5	31	2	189
OCT	44	26	14	58	13	6	6	18	6	191
NOV	15	7	10	28	9	4	7	18	11	109
DEC	31	16	7	36	10	2	12	28	10	152
TOTALS	203	162	166	485	108	35	102	307	100	1668

2020 Jacksonville Beach Fire Marshal's Office Community Risk Management: Fire Safety/Public Ed/Other Activities										
	SMOKE DET/INST	SMOKE DET/CK	PUBLIC ED CONT	HYDRANT INSP	CSS CNECK	CSS JB RES	HAZ MAT FIRE INVEST	SPEC EVENT	CUST CARDS	CARDS EX/GD
JAN	4	8	0	0	12	7	3	8	0	0
FEB	6	37	30	1	5	2	3	0	0	0
MAR	3	19	22	1	6	5	3	3	0	0
APR	0	12	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0
MAY	0	12	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0
JUN	1	6	0	0	4	1	3	0	4	4
JUL	1	41	67	66	1	0	1	0	1	1
AUG	9	150	40	46	3	1	5	0	2	2
SEP	6	38	48	29	1	0	1	0	1	1
OCT	3	93	165	22	4	0	2	2	2	2
NOV	2	64	0	4	0	0	1	1	3	3
DEC	0	28	425	4	10	3	3	1	0	0
TOTALS	35	508	797	173	53	19	29	15	13	13

12 return to work screenings
 18 return to work screenings
 5 return to work screenings
 5 return to work screenings
 10 return to work screenings
 9 return to work screenings
 2 return to work screenings
 9 return to work screenings
 10 employee screenings
 29 employee screenings



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CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING ITEM	
TO:	Michael J. Staffopoulos, City Manager
FROM:	Jason Phitides, Director Parks and Recreation
DATE:	January 28, 2021
SUBJECT:	Parks Assessment Study

BACKGROUND

In February 2020, the City Council requested an assessment of our parks, to evaluate park conditions and consider improvements that could enhance appeal and increase utilization.

The Parks Assessment Study was completed in June 2020 and initially reviewed by the previous City Council in September 2020. Electronic copies of the Study have been provided to each of the new Council members.

A brief recap of the report's concluding recommendations is as follows:

1. Vagrancy issues at Gonzales Park, Seawalk Pavilion and Latham Plaza.

(Subsequently, Chapter 20 of the City's Municipal Code was adopted, providing enforceable trespass laws).

2. Gonzales Park and Tall Pines Park lack sufficient attractive amenities.

3. Walking/jogging/bike trails were one of the most popular community requests or recommendations.

(Staff are currently working on the Urban Trails Project aimed at non-motorized connectivity between parks, neighborhoods, schools, commercial centers and the ocean).

4. Although survey responses regarding satisfaction and park maintenance were above average, there is room for improvement.

(A pesticide program was added that should enhance agronomic appeal. Frequency of public restroom cleaning was increased and oceanfront restrooms at the Pier and 2nd Avenue North have been upgraded. Park inspections increased from bi-weekly to weekly).

A leading issue realized from the report (and the topic of focus during the September Council Briefing), was the lack of amenities and vagrancy issue at Gonzales Park. Council suggested increased utilization and activity at Gonzales Park would mitigate the vagrancy issue.



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Consequently, staff reached out to the Gonzales Park community for input regarding amenities or improvements that could enhance utilization. Following is a tabulated summary of preferred amenities:

Gonzales Park Upgrades	Count	%	Est. Cost
Playground Shade	20	16%	\$ 55,000
Restrooms	18	14%	\$ 50,000
Upgraded Playground Equipment	16	13%	\$ 110,000
Walking/ Jogging Track	16	13%	\$ 80,000
Community Garden	10	8%	\$ -
Multi-Purpose Field	10	8%	\$ 25,000
Fitness Equipment	9	7%	\$ 40,000
Flower Trees	8	6%	\$ -
Water Features	8	6%	\$ -
Pickleball	7	6%	\$ -
Volleyball Courts	5	4%	
Total	127		\$ 360,000

Other suggested upgrades included: small skateboard area; BMX pump track; water fountains; benches; artificial turf and upgrade to basketball court.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the world, because it is easy to play, fun, affordable and great exercise for all ages. Gonzales Park is an ideal pickleball location, would satisfy current demand for court space, and the consistent activity could significantly reduce vagrancy issues. A local organization is willing to donate the cost to construct four (4) pickleball courts. The restrooms would need to be upgraded to support increased park utilization. The restroom renovation cost is approximately \$50,000 and can be funded from the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Reserve.

Further park enhancement could be accomplished subsequent to the addition of pickleball courts and restroom renovation.

Staff recommendation is to develop a Parks Strategy document, covering a 5 to 10 year window of probable park investments and enhancements, beginning in FY 2022. Staff recognizes that City Council is starting a strategic planning process, and it is likely that the issue of urban trails (with a master plan under development) and park enhancements (destinations along an urban trail) may be an integral part of such effort. Staff further recommends that improvements to Gonzales Park be a first priority within such a document, due to the community feedback received.



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COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTED

- Does Council concur with the development of a Park Strategy document? If so, staff will begin the process of seeking community input for enhancements to Carver Center, Huguenot Park and Tall Pines Park, for possible inclusion in the document, and FY 2022-2026 CIP.
- Does Council concur with improvements to Gonzales Park as a first priority? If so:
 - o Should staff engage a consulting firm to develop a “re-imagined” master plan for Gonzales Park (in FY 2022), and schedule recommended improvements accordingly?
OR
 - o Should staff perform Phase I improvements by renovating restrooms at Gonzales Park and constructing pickleball courts (FY 2021), and make Phase II improvements in later years?

ATTACHMENTS

- Parks Assessment Study – June 2020

City of Jacksonville Beach

PARKS ASSESSMENT

June 2020



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Attachment 1: Summary of Annual Maintenance Costs and Potential Capital Improvements

Attachment 2: Park Survey Comments and Suggestions by Subject

INTRODUCTION

The primary goal of the Parks and Recreation Department is to deliver a parks and recreation system that is efficient to maintain and operate, provides a high level of user comfort, safety and aesthetic quality, and protects capital investments. This is consistent with our mission: to “provide safe, well-maintained facilities and recreational opportunities for citizens of all ages to enjoy.”

Healthy, safe communities have thriving parks that contribute to public health and well-being, create a sense of place and community, improve the environment, and boost the economy.

The intent of this document is to provide an assessment of the current condition of our parks in order to:

- A.** Assure our parks are safe and well-maintained; and
- B.** Determine if amenities are meeting residents’ needs, while considering improvements or changes that could enhance usage and appeal.

Our methodology was consistent in the assessment of each park, which included the following:

- 1)** Brief history of the park (where available).
- 2)** Itemization of park amenities including age, original cost (if available) and evaluation of current condition.
- 3)** Brief narrative of maintenance schedules for each park, including annual costs.
- 4)** Examination of results from a recent public survey.
- 5)** Listing of potential improvements.

Unfortunately, we were not able to uncover much history, and some parks had no historic records at all.

The condition of park amenities were evaluated by staff and scored based on the following (summarized) criteria:

Scale		Criteria
5	Excellent	Like new, no rust, meets all safety requirements
4	Good	Minor rust and discoloration, 6-10% material deterioration
3	Fair	Rust present, 11-25% deterioration but no cause for safety concern
2	Poor	Abundant rust, 26%+ deterioration, safety barriers beginning to deteriorate
1	Replace	Severe material deterioration, safety is compromised

Annual maintenance costs are actual costs tracked month to month to maintain budget integrity. A summary of total maintenance costs by park, is included in the Attachments. Total annual maintenance costs are \$425,138

Pesticide applications were recently added, largely as a result of this assessment. This annual program should significantly improve the aesthetic appeal of our parks. Though these costs were not originally budgeted, funding is available from the Repairs and Maintenance account. Total annual pesticide application costs are approximately \$22,200.

The survey was conducted via email and social medial. We received a total of 349 responses providing valuable comments, suggestions and criticism that helped identify the community's expectations and priorities.

Although the overall survey results were mostly above average, staff agree there is room for improvement, while certain comments require immediate attention.

Potential improvements are based on industry research, survey feedback, and staff recommendation.

The document concludes with a summary of the most relevant findings along with associated staff recommendations.

SURVEY RESULTS

Question 1:

Which park is closest to your residence?

South Beach Park	129	37%
Gonzales Park	61	17%
Tall Pines Park	46	13%
Huguenot Park	20	6%
Penman Park	19	5%
Latham / Seawalk	18	5%
Cradle Creek	16	5%
12th Avenue S. Park	15	4%
Oceanfront Park	11	3%
Wingate Park	7	2%
Carver Center	3	1%
Paws Park	2	1%
Rotary Park	2	1%
Total	<u>349</u>	

Question 2:

Which park do you visit most often?

South Beach Park	153	44%
Latham Plaza/Seawalk	40	11%
Tall Pines Park	29	8%
Gonzales Park	27	8%
Cradle Creek	21	6%
Oceanfront Park	18	5%
Huguenot Park	16	5%
12th Avenue S. Park	13	4%
Wingate Park	12	3%
Paws Park	9	3%
Penman Park	8	2%
Carver Center	2	1%
Rotary Park	1	0%
Total	<u>349</u>	

Observation: About half the respondents living closest to Tall Pines Park and Gonzales Park prefer to visit other parks. Why? Many of the Gonzales Park residents cited they did not feel safe due to the growing number of vagrants occupying the park. Amenities at Tall Pines Park are limited to playgrounds & swing sets.

Question 3: How often do you visit our parks?

A few times a week	123	35%
About once a week	77	22%
A few times a month	69	20%
Once a month	30	9%
Less than once a month	43	12%
Never	7	2%
Total	<u>349</u>	

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Question 4: If you seldom use our parks, what are the reasons?

Feel unsafe	14
Lack of facilities	12
Rather go to the beach	5
Poorly maintained	4
Absence of bicycle parks	3
Not interested	3
Don't know what's available	2
Not conveniently located	2
Too old	2
Too crowded	1
Subtotal	48

17 responses listed “no reason” while the remaining 284 responses were left blank.

Question 5: How satisfied are you with the parks in general?

Scale of 1 to 5: (1 = Not Satisfied; 5 = Very Satisfied)

1 = Not Satisfied	11	3%
2	34	10%
3	87	25%
4	152	44%
5 = Very Satisfied	61	18%
Total	345	

Question 6: Rate the upkeep and maintenance of the parks.

Scale of 1 to 5: (1 = Needs improvement; 5 = Excellent)

1 = Needs Improvement	11	3%
2	32	9%
3	90	26%
4	148	43%
5 = Excellent	62	18%
Total	343	

City of Jacksonville Beach: Parks Assessment FY 2020 – Survey Results

Question 7: What is the primary reason you use parks?

(Most respondents listed more than one activity).

Enjoy the outdoors or nature	223
Walk or bike for exercise	169
Play sports	83
Participate in family activities	76
Meet friends	72
Picnic & leisure activities	62
Use a specific facility at a park	48
Total	733

Question 8: How important are parks to the overall quality of life in Jacksonville Beach?

Scale of 1 to 5: (1 = Not important; 5 = Very Important)

1. Not Important	2	0.5%
2	1	0%
3	9	2.5%
4	63	18%
5. Very Important	274	79%
	349	

Question 9: Do you attend Special Events held at Seawalk Pavilion / Latham Plaza?

Yes	262	75%
No	87	25%
Total	349	

Question 10: If yes, which events do you attend?

(Many responses contained more than one answer).

All or most of them	76	23%
Deck the Chairs	57	17%
Springing the Blues	43	13%
Festivals	34	10%
Moonlight Movies	32	9%
Music Festivals	27	8%
Concerts	23	7%
Arts Market	14	4%
Oktoberfest	9	3%
Air Show	7	2%
Jazz Concerts	7	2%
Car Shows	3	1%
Easter Service	3	1%
Buddy Walk	2	1%
Total	337	

City of Jacksonville Beach: Parks Assessment FY 2020 – Survey Results

Question 11: What is your favorite event?

Deck the Chairs	60	26%
Springing in the Blues	45	19%
Other	39	17%
Festivals	24	10%
Moonlight Movies	17	7%
Air Show	16	7%
Jazz Concerts	14	6%
Arts Market	9	4%
Oktoberfest	9	4%
Total	<u>233</u>	

Question 12: Do you have any other comments or suggestions about the future of Parks & Recreation in the City of Jacksonville Beach?

A listing of all suggestions and comments are included in the Attachment. Following is a summary of the total number of responses by subject:

<u>Suggestion or Comment Subject</u>		
General	46	17%
Maintenance	34	13%
Special Events	28	10%
Trails	27	10%
Restrooms	25	9%
Homeless	24	9%
Shade	23	9%
Equipment	17	6%
Complimentary	16	6%
Water Features or Fountains	9	3%
Dogs	7	3%
Landscaping	6	2%
Parking	5	2%
Pickleball	2	1%
Total Suggestions/ Comments	<u>269</u>	

Answers specific to each park are contained within each park commentary.

General comments not related to a specific park were grouped by park closest to the respondent and included in that park's commentary.

CARVER CENTER



CARVER CENTER

The Carver Center is located in the heart of the historical Pablo Beach community, situated (north to south) between 4th and 5th Avenues South and (east to west) between 7th and 8th Streets South.

It was founded in 1947 by Jannie Simmons who named it after George Washington Carver, the renowned black agricultural scientist and inventor of the early 20th century. In 1951, the Jannie Simmons Carver Civic Center was changed to the Carver Memorial Community Center under the city leadership of H.A. Prather (Mayor), Mrs. Clare G. Swanson (City Manager), and Jack A. Callaham (City Clerk).

The Carver Center was originally located at 738 4th Avenue South before moving to the current location and included a swimming pool.



Opening day of new swimming pool at Carver Center in the 1950s.

The park was upgraded in 2009 and included a new building facility with classrooms for dance, art, computer classes, and recreation and wellness activities for all ages. It was designed as a “beacon of hope” for the community. The project architect, Tom Norman, said the octagonal shape of the building was intended to be reminiscent of a lighthouse beacon and its helpful signal. The building also includes a fully equipped kitchen for hosting events as well as cooking classes.

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Park upgrades were planned to make the park more usable and included a new pavilion area, jogging trail and improved ball field. The playground structure was installed in 2006.

Following are the park amenities:

Asset	Rating		Year	Cost
Carver building	4	Good	2009	\$1.3M
Lighted ballfield	3	Fair	2010	\$108,000
Basketball court	4	Good	2010	unknown
Playground set	3	Fair	2006	\$35,000
Pavilion area	3	Fair	2010	\$20,000



Annual Maintenance Schedule:

Landscape maintenance is performed by City staff once per week during spring and summer and bi-monthly in other months. Park clean-up is conducted during landscape maintenance. The park is inspected bi-monthly by the Parks Superintendent. Irrigation is supplied by a well water system.

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	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Landscape maintenance	35	\$ 270	\$ 9,450
Park clean up	-	\$ -	\$ -
Pesticide applications	5	\$ 270	\$ 1,350
Maintain safety fall zones	1	1,000	1,000
Inspections	24	\$ 75	\$ 1,800
Total Annual Maintenance Costs			\$ 13,600

Survey Results:

From the total of 349 responses, only 3 related to Carver Center.

Survey responses to question 5: How satisfied are you with our parks? and question 6: Rate the upkeep and maintenance:

Carver Center			
Satisfaction		Upkeep and Maintenance.	
1 = Not Satisfied	-	1 = Needs Improvement	-
2	-	2	-
3	-	3	1
4	2	4	1
5 = Very Satisfied	1	5 = Excellent	1
Total	<u>3</u>	Total	<u>3</u>

General comments from residents living closest to Carver Center:

1	I take class at Carver Center and no one knows about it
2	More hoops and lights. Hoops, turf and lights.

Action Items:

- A. Safety and maintenance:** Staff recently implemented an annual pesticide program that should significantly improve aesthetic appeal. The program includes five (5) applications throughout the year along with improved irrigation practices. We currently have a staff vacancy and are seeking to hire a full-time irrigation specialist dedicated to supplement this program.

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Except for Cradle Creek, this improvement (pesticide and irrigation) is consistent for every park and will not be repeated in each commentary.

No additional safety or maintenance recommendations at this time.

B. Amenities, recommendations and potential improvements:

1. The Capital Improvements Plan includes the replacement of the playground set in FY 2022 along with additional parking spaces and security camera system.
2. A walking/jogging/bike trail around the perimeter would be an attractive feature and would support future urban trail connectivity.
3. Replacement of the clay infield with grass on the sports field would provide multi-purpose use for sports such as football, lacrosse and general exercise.
4. Addition of shade shelter over the playground area would be an attractive, useful feature.
5. Adding an additional water fountain, installing a BBQ pit and replacing park benches and trash receptacles may further enhance appeal and usage of the park.

Potential Capital Improvements:

Following are projected costs for potential capital improvements for Carver Center:

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
Increase jogging trail around park	1,200	\$ 40	\$ 48,000
Add shade shelter to playground	1	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Add water fountain	1	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200
Replace ballfield clay with grass	1	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Replace trash receptacles	4	\$ 650	\$ 2,600
Add park benches	2	\$ 750	\$ 1,500
Install BBQ pit	1	\$ 950	\$ 950
Total Potential Capital Improvements			\$ 76,250

CRADLE CREEK



CRADLE CREEK

Cradle Creek Preserve, the newest of Jacksonville Beach's parks, is 43.3-acres of primarily undisturbed land along the Intracoastal Waterway. The land was purchased on August 9, 2001 by the City of Jacksonville Beach and the City of Jacksonville with the help of a Florida Communities Trust (FCT) grant. The City of Jacksonville Beach holds title to the property.

The Preserve is situated between the Plantation Oaks and the Marsh Side subdivisions. The entrance and parking lot are located at the corner of 15th Street South and Fairway Lane. Visitors can also enter by canoe or kayak from the Intracoastal Waterway via Cradle Creek, a natural creek that runs along the Preserve's southern boundary and connects with the Intracoastal Waterway at several points near Marker 37. Cradle Creek Preserve provides Jacksonville Beach an access point to the Jacksonville Blueways Network, a proposed canoe and kayak trail system linking various waterfront parks along the Intracoastal Waterway and St. Johns River.



The park contains environmentally sensitive land that would have forever been changed by development. Our quality of life is dependent on continued stewardship of the environment and the plant, animal and marine life indigenous to our area. The creation of Cradle Creek Preserve has

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protected the last large parcel of undeveloped land along the Intracoastal Waterway within Jacksonville Beach. The site was under threat of development as a residential subdivision.

The only human disturbances to the natural condition of the land were selective timber harvesting of Cypress and Eastern Red Cedar trees in the 1920s and 1970s, and the construction of mosquito and drainage ditches. Most of the site remains undisturbed forest and saltmarsh. During construction of the trail system (in 2006), forty Cypress trees were planted to replace trees removed from the site and to enhance the existing wetland system.



The preserve has a magnificent canopy of old-growth live oak, magnolia, and water oak trees and includes upland forests, saltwater marshes, and panoramic views of the creeks that feed the Intracoastal Waterway. Surrounded by a lush tree canopy and tall marsh grasses, visitors can experience the Florida of its first inhabitants.

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The Preserve provides habitat protection for many federal and state identified endangered plant and animal species. The location and pristine condition of the Preserve make it ideal for migrant songbirds and shorebirds. Endangered and threatened species inventoried within the Preserve include the Eastern Indigo Snake, American Alligator, Least Tern, Bald Eagle, Wood Stork, and West Indian Manatee.

Least Tern



Wood Stork



West Indian Manatee



Bald Eagle



Saltwater marshes provide important nursery habitat for many species of fish and invertebrates, which in turn provide food for birds, reptiles and mammals. The upland habitat provides foraging, roosting, and nesting territory for these animals.

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Cradle Creek Preserve ensures this pristine area will be enjoyed by future generations. This is the second park created by the City of Jacksonville Beach to protect land from development. The first was Oceanfront Park.



You can explore this special place by walking a system of nature trails and elevated boardwalks. Pause and enjoy the panoramic views from the observation platform overlooking Pablo Creek Estuary or from the canoe and kayak landing pier. You can learn about the natural surroundings and rich history of the preserve through a series of educational signs.



Cradle Creek has approximately 1,200 linear feet of boardwalk.

Following are park amenities:

Asset	Rating		Year	Cost
Hiking Trail	4	Good	2007	\$773,813
Benches	3	Fair	2007	
Non-motorized launch	4	Good	2007	
Scenic overlook	3	Fair	2007	

Annual Maintenance Schedule:

Landscape maintenance is performed by City staff once per week during spring and summer and bi-monthly in other months. Park clean-up is done three (3) times per week by Beach Raker. Currently there is no pesticide program. The park is inspected bi-monthly by the Parks Superintendent. There is no irrigation system in Cradle Creek.

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	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Landscape Maintenance	35	\$ 270	\$ 9,450
Park Clean Up	156	\$ 50	\$ 7,800
Inspections	24	\$ 75	\$ 1,800
Total Annual Maintenance Costs			\$ 19,050

Survey Results:

From a total of 349 responses, 16 responses indicated Cradle Creek was the closest park to their residence. Nine (9) out of 16 indicated they visit other parks more often than Cradle Creek. Following are the tabulated answers from Cradle Creek respondents when asked which park they visited the most:

Cradle Creek	7
South Beach Park	4
Latham / Seawalk	3
Paws Park	1
Tall Pines Park	1
Total Cradle Creek	<u>16</u>

Survey responses to question 5: How satisfied are you with our parks? and question 6: Rate the upkeep and maintenance:

Cradle Creek					
Satisfaction			Upkeep and Maintenance.		
1 = Not Satisfied	-	-	1 = Needs Improvement	-	-
2	1	6%	2	1	6%
3	2	13%	3	2	13%
4	6	38%	4	6	38%
5 = Very Satisfied	7	44%	5 = Excellent	7	44%
Total	<u>16</u>		Total	<u>16</u>	

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Survey comments / suggestions about Cradle Creek:

1	Areas for dogs.
2	Bathroom!
3	Restroom facilities.
4	Water fountains, shade.
5	We drive all the way to Jack Russel park in AB to enjoy the shaded openness and the trails in Howell. Cradle Creek park in Jax Beach is awesome and we would love more parks like it.
6	We love the parks we have already in Jax Beach, but the more the better! Especially nature preserves like Cradle Creek, we feel very lucky to have such an awesome space in our neighborhood.

General comments from residents living closest to Cradle Creek:

7	Difficult to answer specific parks I use when all are grouped under one answer.
8	I think we should build a swimming pool at the golf course on top of the hill near the entrance.
9	No, other than it would be nice to have a restroom or porta potty at 16th Ave South for people like my wife and I who are seniors that walk the beach for exercise 3 or 4 times a week.

Action Items:

A. Safety and maintenance: No additional safety or maintenance recommendations at this time.

B. Amenities, recommendations and potential improvements:

1. This park lends itself to urban trail connectivity through Wingate Park or Paws Park along 15th Street South and possibly to the golf course at Fairway Lane and should be included in any future urban trails connectivity project.
2. In the near future, large areas of the boardwalk will need renovation or replacement. Total project cost is estimated at \$100,000 (based on recent dune walkover restorations).

GONZALES PARK



GONZALES PARK

Gonzales Park is located at the corner of 2nd Avenue North and 10th Street North. The rectangular park is approximately 600 feet in length, extending from 2nd Avenue North to 4th Avenue North, and spanning approximately 250 feet from 10th Street North to 11th Street North. Total land is approximately 3.2 acres.

In 1936, the land was gifted to the City by A.V.S. Smith, a widower from Volusia County, with the stipulation that it forever be held and used exclusively for public park purposes.

The park was named for James G. “Jimmy” Gonzales (1876 – 1946), a pioneer resident of Pablo Beach, civic leader and sportsman. He was a 32-year employee of the City utilities department.



In 1962, a restroom building was constructed and was renovated in 1986. Currently, the restrooms are closed to the public and only used by North Florida Girls Softball. In 2005, the City Council approved a master plan for park and landscaping improvements. The total project cost was approximately \$230,000 and included two shade pavilions, a seated shelter area, picnic tables, concrete curbing, parking and pavement work. The irrigation system was also upgraded and Medjool palms, Sabal palms,

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Crape Myrtles and Ligustrum trees were added. Prosser Hallock provided the design work for the master plan at a cost of approximately \$20,000.

Gonzales Park Amenities:

Asset	Rating		Year	Cost
Two (2) softball fields	3	Fair		
Sports bleachers	3	Fair	1986	\$4,730
Playground & swing sets	3	Fair	2005	\$44,830
Three (3) covered picnic areas	3	Fair	2007	\$94,996
BBQ pit	3	Fair		
Basketball court	3	Fair	2007	\$28,760
Restroom building	3	Fair	1986	\$15,000
Ten (10) trash receptacles	3	Fair		
Wood fence around perimeter	3	Fair	2007	\$30,076

Playground sets and swing set:



Basketball court and softball fields:



Restroom building and covered picnic area



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Annual Maintenance Schedule:

Landscape maintenance is performed by City staff once per week during spring and summer and bi-monthly in other months. Park clean-up is completed four (4) times per week by Beach Raker. Pesticide applications have recently been added and are performed quarterly by City staff. The park is inspected bi-monthly by the Parks Superintendent. Irrigation is supplied by well water system.

	<u>Annual Frequency</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>
Landscape maintenance	35	\$ 480	\$ 16,800
Park clean up	208	100	20,800
Pesticide applications	5	\$ 610	\$ 3,050
Maintain safety fall zones	2	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
Inspections	24	\$ 75	\$ 1,800

Total Annual Maintenance Costs

\$ 44,450

These costs do not include routine or urgent repair and maintenance, such as tree trimming, fence repair or equipment failure.

Survey Results for Gonzales Park:

61 respondents out of 349 indicated Gonzales Park was the closest park to their residence. However, 40 out of 61 indicated they would rather go elsewhere than visit the park closest to their residence.

In summary, most residents around Gonzales Park do not visit the park because they do not feel safe due to vagrants frequenting the park. Lack of facilities was another common theme among these respondents. Comments and suggestions included more trees and shade covering, covered play areas, access to bathrooms, water fountains, updated playground equipment, splash pads, pickleball and walking trails. A full listing of the comments and suggestions from these respondents is included with these survey results.

Following are the tabulated answers from Gonzales respondents when asked which park they visited the most:

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Gonzales Park	21
South Beach Park	18
Latham/Seawalk	8
Cradle Creek	5
Oceanfront Park	3
Paws Park	2
Wingate Park	2
Huguenot Park	1
Tall Pines Park	1
Total Gonzales Respondents	<u>61</u>

Survey responses to question 5: How satisfied are you with our parks? and question 6: Rate the upkeep and maintenance:

Gonzales Park					
Satisfaction			Upkeep and Maintenance.		
1 = Not Satisfied	3	5%	1 = Needs Improvement	2	3%
2	8	13%	2	8	13%
3	20	33%	3	19	31%
4	24	39%	4	24	39%
5 = Very Satisfied	6	10%	5 = Excellent	8	13%
Total	<u>61</u>		Total	<u>61</u>	

Survey comments / suggestions about Gonzales Park:

1	1) Although I feel bad for the homeless, my family cannot go to Gonzales Park. Maybe provide a green space with benches and coverage from the elements for homeless to hang out in that is close to the shelter on Shetter. They lay in the grass all around the shelter anyway. 2) Post a phone number on the park fence entrance that people can call or email when things are broken at the park. 3) Please create more new parks with playground equipment. 4) Increase cleaning of parks or create/ encourage volunteer park cleaning 5) Charge a nominal fee to those that have birthday parties at parks so that cleaning and additional trash pickup can be done. Parties create a ton of trash and mess. 6) Provide access to the school playgrounds like at San Pablo elementary. We cannot play at San Pablo elementary playground during non-school hours because it is all locked up. At Neptune Beach Elementary, kids have access to that playground. It is not locked. 7) Increase police presence at parks, so that families feel safer.
2	Add flower trees. Lots of them. No more palms please.
3	Better water play areas. Bigger than Sunshine. Water features that kids can play in like they have in cities like San Diego and Portland.

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4	Deter the homeless from Gonzales Park.
5	Do not duplicate the features we already have, ie skate park, bike trails at Hanna, Pickleball at Jarboe, dog owners, golf. Try for another segment of the population.
6	Garden, volleyball courts, small children play areas.
7	Gonzales Homeless Hangout Park... I would love to go to my local park and use it. But I don't feel safe and please update the old sign, fix the letters. And I have been to some beautiful parks. That have flowers and fountains, sculptures, and benches. We need places to sit with well-lit walking path/parks. You have a lot of land not being utilized to it full potential. Sell some of the blank parks so you can invest in the ones you have to make the improvement and upgrades needed. Then all those easements between properties can be cool fun walkways, trails to the beach. Just wasted land sitting there not being used. I suggest to offer it to the homeowners to buy. So you can make money to invest in Jax beach beautification. Put benches back on beach to sit. Fix these roads, re-paint the lines everywhere. Work with JTA to have cover for all the bus stops. And benches. Make a bike and walk lane by the canal your digging out with benches and low lights to enjoy. That would be very cool addition and nice to walk along at night to beaches. (The canal areas that is being dug out).
8	Gonzales Park needs a big upgrade. Trees and shaded areas.
9	Gonzales Park needs a major overhaul. I love hear it but NEVER go because it is filthy and constantly filled with people loitering and drinking. I do not feel safe there with my children.
10	Gonzales Park needs help.
11	Gonzales Park needs to be safer.
12	Gonzales Park playground space needs to be fenced in and playground equipment should be updated.
13	Gonzalez Park could use some updates or additions. Lots of money has been spent at Sunshine Park that development should be spread around to other facilities. A community garden would be a great space too!
14	I mostly go to 12 Ave S Park, the no parking signs need to be put back up along the street. Gonzales Park has parking issues it will be getting worse with the duplexes being built across the street. Need the parking lot for visitors not for duplexes with only one parking spot. Not in favor of grills and picnic tables. They are typically used by transients. Only exception is Sunshine Park.
15	It would be nice to have park facilities in north Jacksonville Beach with a diversity of activities (for a diversity of ages) like the South Beach park. In particular, it would be nice to have some park amenities that encourage wellness and fitness in north Jax Beach such as fitness stations, pickle ball, etc. Without having a sizable space for a park facility like South Beach Park, perhaps there is some way to provide diversity of activities by adding amenities to Gonzales Park and Tall Pines Park and providing wide walking/biking paths throughout north Jacksonville Beach that would provide connectivity to the various park spaces. And perhaps there is some way to create some pocket parks along this north Jax Beach "park trail/network". The ball fields in Gonzales Park are not always busy/used and often the only people at the park are homeless people who are hanging out waiting for Mission House to open. I have heard complaints from people who live in the area who have the perception that Gonzales Park is not safe. Gonzales Park and Tall Pines Park seem to be under-utilized, so it would be good to spend some time re-imagining what could be done with these parks to make them places the residents in north Jax Beach want to visit and use.
16	Just the homeless population at Gonzales Park- that is my only concern with the parks.

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17	Keep up the good work! Try and keep homeless people from hanging out at Gonzales Park
18	Keeping the homeless crowd away- ie. Gonzales Park.
19	Keeping the homeless people from congregating at any parks that have benches or picnic tables. Gonzales is a favorite but we never go there because of the homeless people always hanging out.
20	Keeps the bums away. They make the parks feel unsafe.
21	More dog waste bins and homelessness control.
22	My husband and I are unfortunately having to sell our home on 2nd Ave N because our park and area has been taken over by transients. We really wished the city could have fixed the issue but Gonzales Park is only getting worse.
23	Not much on the north side of town where I live. Gonzales Park is kinda taken over by the homeless I can't take my grandkids there.
24	People sleeping in the parks when I take my child to play is very unsettling for her and myself.
25	Pickle ball.
26	Places with playgrounds really need to have a bathroom.
27	Please put a real bathroom at Gonzales Park.
28	Restrooms.
29	Restrooms and refillable filtered water for drinking.
30	They need shade canopies over the playground equipment. Water fountains and shade.
31	Too many homeless at Gonzales, can't use. Parks are NOT handicap accessible.
32	Too many homeless at the parks.
33	Too many homeless people make it dangerous and not family friendly. Homeless people constantly coming up to us even with our baby.
34	Water parks like that at South Beach
35	Working restroom facilities need to be added to Gonzales Park. Grass upkeep.
36	Would love to see some shaded play areas. Also would like to see events to continue to happen at Seawalk.

General comments from residents living closest to Gonzales Park:

37	Cleanliness of any bathrooms, as well as, Safety needs to be addressed! Like a lot more police presence so crime, drugs or whatever is not happening! As in Zero tolerance!
38	Dog friendly environment.
39	Expand parking at the boat ramp.
40	I wish there were more walking trails. I know most people walk the beach but some variety would be nice.
41	It would be it would be wonderful to see native plants to park landscaping. They are low maintenance, because they are native and adapted to grow here and they are essential for our birds and polintors.
42	Limit the drinking at events.
43	More events like Deck the Chairs and fewer beer fests.
44	Please add more showers to the pier parking lot. Thousands of people from across the city come to the beaches on the weekends and we have one lousy shower for all of them.
45	Put some money into our Neighborhood parks. Create a walking park along 8th Street! It's a wasted space and eye sore!

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46	Some more family friendly events. I think we should create a graffiti park that allows freedom to paint graffiti. After one month that graffiti gets covered and a new slate is started.
47	There are many city spaces that need attention and improvement.

Action Items:

A. Safety and maintenance: Although safety of the park amenities is not an issue, most residents do not feel safe enough to visit the park due to increasing vagrant presence. Staff will need to work with the Police Department to enforce dawn to dusk hours as well as prohibiting sleeping on park benches during the day.

B. Amenities, recommendations and potential improvements:

The Park lacks attractive amenities. Potential improvements include:

1. Renovate the restrooms and make them accessible to park users.
2. The park has sufficient space to accommodate four (4) pickleball courts. (Pickleball is considered one of the fastest growing sports in the country and is suitable for all ages). A local organization has offered to donate the construction costs for these courts (estimated at \$80,000).
3. A walking/jogging/bike trail around the perimeter would be an attractive feature and support future urban trail connectivity.
4. Add a shelter to shade the playground area.
5. Replace the clay infield on one of the softball fields with grass to enable multi-purpose usage for sports like football, soccer, lacrosse and general exercise.
6. A splash pad would be an attractive feature but would require additional investment in full-time maintenance staff. Public Works staff currently check water quality every two hours at the splash pad at South Beach Park. Adding a splash pad at Gonzales Park would require significant investment in design and construction (approximately \$200,000). One full-time maintenance employee would be approximately \$60,000 including benefits.
7. Adding a water fountain, replacing park benches and trash receptacles would further enhance the park.
8. Staff recommend the engagement of a professional firm to design a master plan for Gonzales Park, along with Tall Pines Park to enhance usage and appeal.

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Potential Capital Improvements

Following are projected costs for potential capital improvements for Gonzales Park:

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
Renovate restrooms	1	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Pickleball courts	4	donated	-
Shade shelter for playground	1	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Perimeter walking trail	1,700	\$ 40	\$ 68,000
Replace ballfield clay with grass	1	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Add water fountain	1	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200
Replace park benches	4	\$ 750	\$ 3,000
Replace trash receptacles	10	\$ 650	\$ 6,500
Total Potential Capital Improvements			<u>\$ 133,700</u>

HUGUENOT PARK



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HUGUENOT PARK

The park was likely named after the French Huguenots who arrived at the mouth of the St. Johns River in 1562. It is located adjacent to A1A at 16th Avenue South to the north and 19th Avenue South to the south. Total area is approximately six (6) acres. A large retention pond accounts for about half the total acreage. The park is home to the City's Tennis Center. The clubhouse was built in 1957. In 1975 the City purchased three lots from Creative Properties, Inc. to expand the number of courts. Recently all courts were resurfaced.



Park amenities include:

Asset	Rating	Year	Cost
Seven (7) tennis courts	5 Excellent	2019	\$45,000
Clubhouse	4 Good	1969	\$59,000
Control link lighting for courts	3 Fair	2013	\$123,250
Basketball court	3 Fair	unknown	
Playground swing set	3 Fair	2011	\$24,475
Fishing dock and boardwalk	3 Fair	2009	\$156,000
Five (5) park benches	3 Fair	unknown	
Display Fountain in Huguenot Lake	3 Fair	2007	\$12,585
Tennis court perimeter fencing	3 Fair	2003	\$17,823

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Playground and swing sets



Basketball court



Fishing dock and boardwalk



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Annual Maintenance Schedule:

Landscape maintenance is performed by S&S Down to Earth Contractors once per week during spring and summer and bi-monthly in other months. Park clean-up is done three (3) times per week by Beach Raker. Pesticide applications are performed once, annually by contractor. The park is inspected bi-monthly by the Parks Superintendent. Irrigation is supplied by city potable water.

	<u>Annual Frequency</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>
Landscape maintenance	35	\$ 390	\$ 13,650
Park clean up	156	\$ 100	\$ 15,600
Pesticide applications	5	\$ 210	\$ 1,050
Maintain safety fall zones	1	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Inspections	24	\$ 75	\$ 1,800
Total Annual Maintenance Costs			\$ 33,100

Survey Results for Huguenot Park:

20 respondents out of 349 indicated Huguenot Park was the closest park to their residence. However, 11 out of 20 indicated they would rather go elsewhere than visit the park closest to their residence.

Following are the tabulated answers from Huguenot Park respondents when asked which park they visited the most:

Huguenot Park	9
South Beach Park	5
Latham/Seawalk	2
Wingate Park	2
Oceanfront Park	1
12th Avenue South Park	1
Total Huguenot Park	<u>20</u>

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Survey responses to question 5: How satisfied are you with our parks? and question 6: Rate the upkeep and maintenance:

Huguenot Park					
Satisfaction			Upkeep and Maintenance		
1 = Not Satisfied	-	0%	1 = Needs Improvement	-	0%
2	-	0%	2	-	0%
3	3	15%	3	5	25%
4	14	70%	4	11	55%
5 = Very Satisfied	3	15%	5 = Excellent	4	20%
Total		<u>20</u>	Total		<u>20</u>

General comments from residents living closest to Huguenot Park:

1	Shade is essential in Florida Parks.
2	Complete streets, traffic control features (road chicanes, mini roundabouts, Street centerline removal, etc.
3	Do you use any sprays on the grass at Huguenot Park?
4	Fewer drinking festivals.
5	Good questions. We were in St Mary's GA. Their park had a playground, swings on a nice boardwalk, a boat dock, pavillion with nice bathrooms, a small concession stand and free parking. And I thought Jax is missing the boat. That's a ton of money they could be making and lower the parking.
6	I would really pay attention to the matter of complete streets and aggressive /reckless driving. I think we have enough density and parks that all citizens of Jax Beach could feasibly bike to parks, but I do think our outdated auto centric road designs make it discouraging and unsafe for peds and cyclists.
7	More food truck rallies on the weekends
8	Not related but the boat ramp areas at Beach Blvd & Intracoastal needs more trash cans or more frequent emptying of them.
9	Paying \$10 to park when Huguenot charges \$5 and you can drive on it and not have to cart all your crap in that heat. That's why we go there.
10	Shade.
11	Shelter/Shade for the hot summer days, water activities are nice too- splash fountain, water tables, sprinklers.
12	Would love more trails.

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Action Items:

A. Safety and maintenance: Based on the survey comments and responses to satisfaction and upkeep and maintenance, no action is necessary at this time.

B. Amenities, recommendations and potential improvements:

Currently, amenities fall short of needs. Following are potential improvements:

1. The Capital Improvements Plan for FY 2021 includes the construction of an eighth tennis court to be positioned in place of the current basketball court.
2. A new half-basketball court is planned at the southeastern border of the park.
3. The lights are scheduled for replacement In FY 2022.
4. The playground set is slated for replacement in FY 2024.
5. The park has little shade. A covered picnic area and BBQ pit, along with a shade shelter over the playground set, would be a significant enhancement.
6. The retention pond lends itself to a scenic walking, biking or jogging trail around the perimeter of the park.
7. Two (2) park benches are older and should be replaced to match the two (2) new benches recently installed.
8. The aging lake fountain should be replaced with a more reliable unit.
9. Rentable paddle boats for citizens to enjoy the lake.

Potential Capital Improvements

Following are projected costs for potential capital improvements for Huguenot Park:

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
Family style picnic station	1	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Playground shade shelter	1	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Park Bench	2	\$ 750	\$ 1,500
Trash receptacles	4	\$ 650	\$ 2,600
Lake Fountain	1	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200
BBQ Pit	1	\$ 950	\$ 950
Lake Trail	2,200	\$ 40	\$ 88,000
Total Potential Capital Improvements			\$ 117,750

LATHAM PLAZA SEAWALK PAVILION



LATHAM PLAZA – SEAWALK PAVILION

Situated adjacent to City Hall, the park borders 2nd Street South to the west and the oceanfront boardwalk to the east. Deed to the property was acquired in 1989.

A new Mediterranean style City Hall was completed in early 1998. The new City Hall's downtown location, along with plans for a new festival area, served as the focal point for continued private redevelopment of downtown Jacksonville Beach.



In late 2000, the site of the City's old Flag Pavilion, for many years only a grassy field across from City Hall, was developed into a 200-car landscaped parking lot. Once parking was assured for downtown businesses and visitors, work began on changing the parking lot across from City Hall and the oceanfront parking lot on First Street into a landscaped plaza that would extend to the boardwalk. Work on Latham Plaza was completed in April 2001 in time for the festival season. A new first-class stage and grassy amphitheater was completed in late July 2001.

Since 1883, an entertainment pavilion has been an integral part of Jacksonville Beach's oceanfront boardwalk. The pavilion continues the tradition of offering entertainment and enjoyment to the residents and visitors of Jacksonville Beach.

The unique gathering place functions as a town center for the area – part public park, part festival location and part concert venue. Built in just four (4) months, the project received nine (9) local and

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national awards of excellence. It was viewed as the crowning achievement in the revitalization of the core of Jacksonville Beach.

Significant landscape improvements along with the amphitheater construction were completed in August 2001. Project costs were \$1,069,877. In 2005, the J. Johnson Gallery donated a bronze statue designed to portray life at the beach. The statue of two surfers, one male and one female, preparing to hit the waves has become a very popular attraction in Latham Plaza.



Latham Plaza and Seawalk Pavilion are home to several popular festivals and special events throughout the year, such as Springing the Blues, Moonlight Movies, Oktoberfest, Summer Jazz Concerts, and Deck the Chairs holiday lighting spectacular.

In 2015, improvements were made to the amphitheater with the addition of restroom facilities. Pavers and a new irrigation system were installed throughout the park.

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Park amenities include:

Asset	Rating	Year	Cost
Amphitheater & stage	4 Good	2000	\$1.4M
Bronze surfer statutes	3 Fair		donated
Thirty two specialty palms	n/a		
Pavers	4 Good	2015	\$87,525



Annual Maintenance Schedule:

Landscape maintenance is performed by a contractor once per week throughout the year. Custodial services for the restrooms are performed weekly by a contractor. Park clean-up is performed daily by Beach Raker. Pesticide applications have recently been added and are performed quarterly by City staff. The surfer statue is cleaned and painted twice per year. The park is inspected bi-monthly by the Parks Superintendent. Irrigation is supplied by city potable water.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Landscape Maintenance	52	\$ 490	\$ 25,480
Park Clean Up	364	\$ 60	\$ 21,793
Pesticide applications	5	\$ 600	\$ 3,000
Maintenance on surfer statue	2	\$ 7,000	\$ 14,000
Inspections	24	\$ 75	\$ 1,800
Total Annual Maintenance Costs			\$ 66,073

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Survey Results:

18 respondents out of 349 indicated Latham Plaza / Seawalk Pavilion was the closest park to their residence. Following are the tabulated answers from Latham Plaza / Seawalk Pavilion respondents when asked which park they visited the most:

Latham Plaza / Seawalk Pavilion	13
South Beach Park	1
Oceanfront Park	1
Huguenot Park	1
Cradle Creek	1
Gonzales	1
Total Latham / Seawalk	<u>18</u>

Survey responses to question 5: How satisfied are you with our parks? and question 6: Rate the upkeep and maintenance:

Latham Plaza / Seawalk Pavilion					
Satisfaction			Upkeep and Maintenance		
1 = Not Satisfied	3	17%	1 = Needs Improvement	2	11%
2	1	6%	2	1	6%
3	5	28%	3	6	33%
4	7	39%	4	7	39%
5 = Very Satisfied	2	11%	5 = Excellent	2	11%
Total	<u>18</u>		Total	<u>18</u>	

Survey comments / suggestions about Latham/Seawalk:

1	A small amount of seating, trash cans, & pet waste bags if there are problems with pet waste.
2	Desperate need of clean and safe bathroom facilities.
3	Do not attend music festivals because of crowds, drinking, homeless and Townies that do not respect the Beaches way of life.
4	I lived in City of Jax for 50 years with parks that were not maintained and did not host activities. Jax Beach parks are SUPERB compared to COJ!!
5	I miss the Latin festival weekend .
6	I think an exercise bar/ring/band park would be great for the west side of Latham plaza or on the beach, like Venice Beach.
7	I'd like more small events and at other parks

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8	Keep up with developers renovations currently underway and modernize the bandshell aesthetic to match.
9	More live music events and movies!!
10	Need playground closer to Latham.
11	Please do something about the homeless taking over Latham Park. Homeless should not be allowed to camp out.
12	Remove the homeless
13	Safety and cleanliness.
14	Sea Walk Pavilion area needs more family friendly things other than restaurants. Provide a place where families can bring their kids to play (such as a small playground area) or even at the space where the old Jax Beach pier was. We love going to that one to check out the UNF sculptures and walk around but it would be great if there were some swings and maybe a dome for the kids to play on like their used to be!
15	Seawalk - Jazz nights, Shakespeare, food trucks, farmers market.
16	Shade. Water. Community event spaces.
17	Shaded areas.
18	Stop the festivals, drunk fests.
19	Work with producers to reduce waits/lines. Venues for events to showcase JB.

General comments from residents living closest to Latham/Seawalk:

20	All alleyways running East to West could be made into mini parks.
21	Clean restrooms especially at the beaches.
22	Continue to create disabled and bike accessible spaces in the town. Quiet spaces, nature trails.
23	Convenient location and access to water sports is important. Clean accessible restrooms.
24	Hw about a map of where they are all located? A FB page for them?
25	More bike racks.
26	Need improved permanent outdoor restrooms, need outdoor shower facilities near beach like Atlantic Beach has, more shade in the parks, control homeless issues.

Action Items:

A. Safety and maintenance: Safety concerns are due to increasing vagrant occupancy. As with Gonzales Park, we will need to enforce park rules.

B. Amenities, recommendations and potential improvements: No new amenities are considered at this time as this park will be subject to the Downtown Action Plan.

OCEANFRONT PARK



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OCEANFRONT PARK

In November 2000, the City Council approved the purchase of property north of the existing fishing pier for an “ocean front park” for the sum of \$2,500,000. The park is located on 1st Street South between 5th Avenue South and 6th Avenue South. It is approximately 425 feet in length and 190 feet in width covering almost 2 acres. The parking lot covers about one half of the total park acreage and provides 90 parking spaces. A circular lawn, with a bronze statue in the center, has a paved walking area around the circumference measuring about 500 feet. A paved boardwalk connects the dune walkovers at 5th Avenue South and 6th Avenue South.



The bronze “Sea Express” statue is the focal point of the park. This statue of a young boy riding the back of a dolphin was created by sculptress Kristen Visbal and symbolizes the City’s dedication to preserving public access to the ocean for future generations.

Restrooms were renovated in 2015, and new irrigation and sod were installed for a total project cost of approximately \$250,000.

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Park amenities include:

Asset	Rating		Year	Cost
Four (4) sheltered picnic areas	4	Good	2017	
Four (4) public restrooms	3	Fair	2017	\$251,816
Educational kiosk system		n/a	2017	
Beach volleyball court	4	Good	2017	\$8,000
Two (2) dune walkovers	4	Good	unknown	
Eight (8) specialty palms		n/a	2004	
Construction and Improvements		n/a	2004	\$1,050,000
Statue – Dolphin Statue	4	Good	2004	\$72,830

Covered picnic areas and beach volleyball court:



Public Restrooms



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Annual Maintenance Schedule:

Landscape maintenance is performed by City staff once per week during spring and summer and bi-monthly in other months. Custodial services for the restrooms are performed daily throughout the year by a contractor. Park clean-up is done three (3) times per week by Beach Raker. Pesticide applications have recently been added and are performed quarterly by City staff. The park is inspected bi-monthly by the Parks Superintendent. Restrooms are cleaned daily every 30, 60 or 90 minutes as needed. From November through February, restroom hours are 9 am to 6 pm. From March through October, restroom hours are 10 am to 7 pm. Irrigation is supplied by city potable water.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Landscape maintenance	52	\$ 245	\$ 12,740
Park clean up	364	\$ 43	\$ 15,600
Pesticide applications	5	\$ 200	\$ 1,000
Maintain safety fall zones	1	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Inspections	24	\$ 25	\$ 600
Restroom cleaning	365	\$ 38	13,870
Total Annual Maintenance Costs			\$ 44,810

Survey Results:

11 respondents out of 349 indicated Oceanfront Park was the closest park to their residence. Following are their tabulated answers when asked which park they visited the most:

Oceanfront Park	7
Latham / Seawalk	2
Huguenot Park	1
Paws Park	1
Total Oceanfront Park	11

Survey responses to question 5: How satisfied are you with our parks? and question 6: Rate the upkeep and maintenance:

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Oceanfront Park					
Satisfaction			Upkeep and Maintenance		
1 = Not Satisfied	1	9%	1 = Needs Improvement	1	9%
2	-	0%	2	-	0%
3	3	27%	3	2	18%
4	6	55%	4	7	64%
5 = Very Satisfied	1	9%	5 = Excellent	1	9%
Total	<u>11</u>		Total	<u>11</u>	

Survey comments / suggestions about Oceanfront Park:

1	Bathrooms and garbage cans nice.
2	I love Oceanfront Park so much.
3	Less bums and kooks.
4	Rest rooms that are clean and able to use - unlike the ones down near the Pier.
5	Water fountains, electric car chargers, more garbage cans.

General comments from residents living closest to Oceanfront Park:

6	Dog Access Beach.
7	For special events there is ALWAYS too many people and not enough parking. And then, there's the whole HOOD coming up here, with the behavior that is just not acceptable - it doesn't feel safe at all.
8	Keep them safe and clean.
9	Love the Food Trucks.
10	Shade, cleanliness, safety. Close at dark.
11	Thank you for all you are doing.
12	The beach access parking lots are disgusting in the summer. Please double down on cleaning them. It might be nice to see "give a hoot, don't pollute" signs as a reminder to people who think littering is ok. In the past, I thought it would be a good idea to provide recycle bins but people won't abide by the rules which means it will all end up in the landfill anyway. I would like to see the right of way between sidewalks and 1st Street landscaped or used as a wider bike lane. Dog parks that don't cost money would be nice. Finally there should be signage discouraging condo lights that illuminate the beach during turtle season.

Action Items:

- A. Safety and maintenance:** No additional safety or maintenance to address at this time.

- B. Amenities, recommendations and potential improvements:** No new amenities are considered at this time. The Veterans Memorial will be relocated to the northeast corner of the park. Restroom upgrades are included in the Capital Improvements Plan for 2021. Shower towers are scheduled for replacement in FY 2022.

PAWS PARK



City of Jacksonville Beach: Parks Assessment FY 2020 – Paws Park

PAWS PARK

Paws Park is located in Wingate Park and is bordered on the west by 15th Street South.

There are two (2) separate parks for large or small dogs as measured by weight limit. The cut off for small dogs is 30 pounds. The annual membership for access to the parks is \$50 for the small dog park and \$75 for the large dog park. For additional dogs, the additional fee is \$25 per dog.

Large Dog Park



The dog park recently celebrated 15 years since opening in 2005. In 2018, field turf was installed in the large dog park. Membership has almost doubled to approximately 500 active members, since installation. Approximately 30% (about 150) are small dog park memberships. The fee differential between small and large park is to assure available capital to replace the field turf after about 10 years.

Paws Park amenities include:

Asset	Rating	Year	Cost
All purpose turf	4 Good	2018	\$150,000
Five (5) shade shelters	4 Good	2016	\$9,746
Thirteen (13) park benches	3 Fair	unknown	
Four (4) water fountains	3 Fair	unknown	
Wash station for dogs	3 Fair	unknown	
Six (6) trash receptacles	3 Fair	unknown	
Pond fountain	3 Fair	2006	\$45,000
Pavers and fencing	4 Good	2014	\$85,000
Sidewalk in small dog park	4 Good	2015	\$9,625

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Annual Maintenance Schedule:

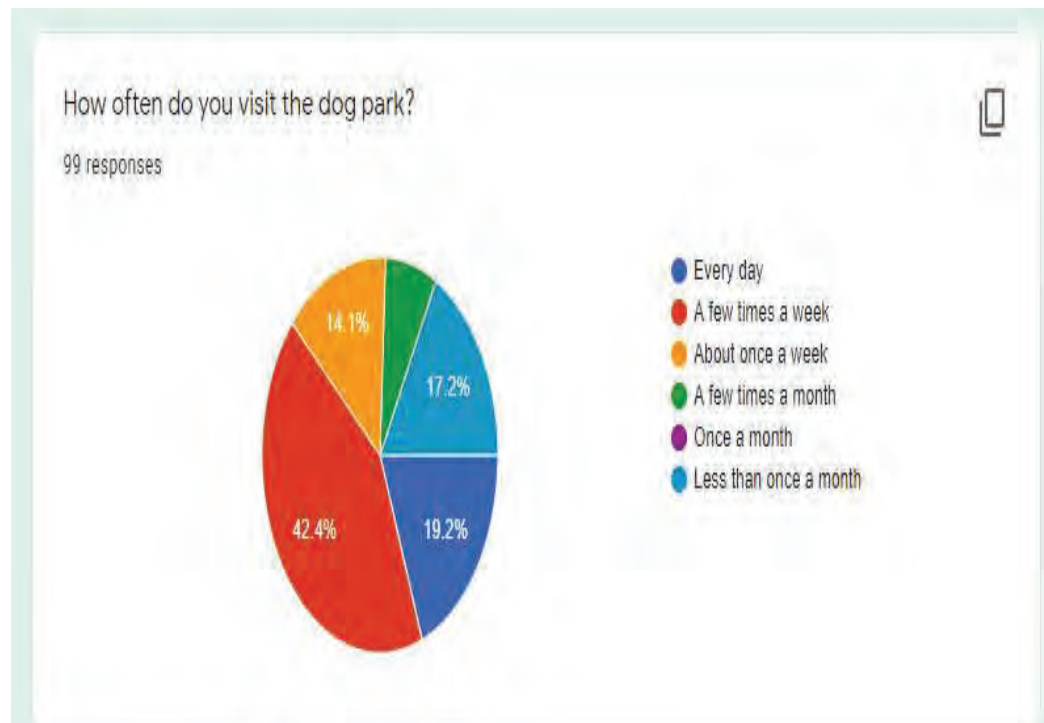
Landscape maintenance is performed by City staff once per week during spring and summer and bi-monthly in other months. Park clean-up is done three (3) times per week by Beach Raker. Currently there is no pesticide program. The park is inspected bi-monthly by the Parks Superintendent. Irrigation is supplied by city effluent water.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Landscape maintenance	24	\$ 450	\$ 10,800
Park clean up	156	\$ 100	\$ 15,600
Pesticide applications	5	\$ 100	\$ 500
Inspections	24	\$ 50	\$ 1,200
Total Annual Maintenance Costs			\$ 28,100

Survey Results:

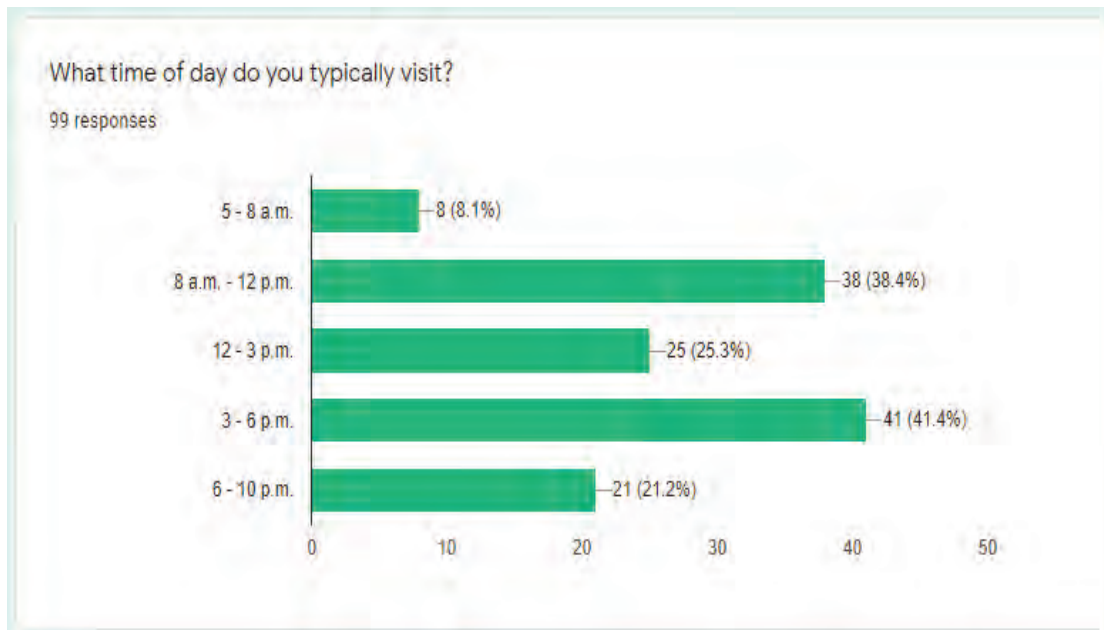
We sent a survey to 625 dog park members and received 99 responses. Following are the summarized responses:

Question 1:



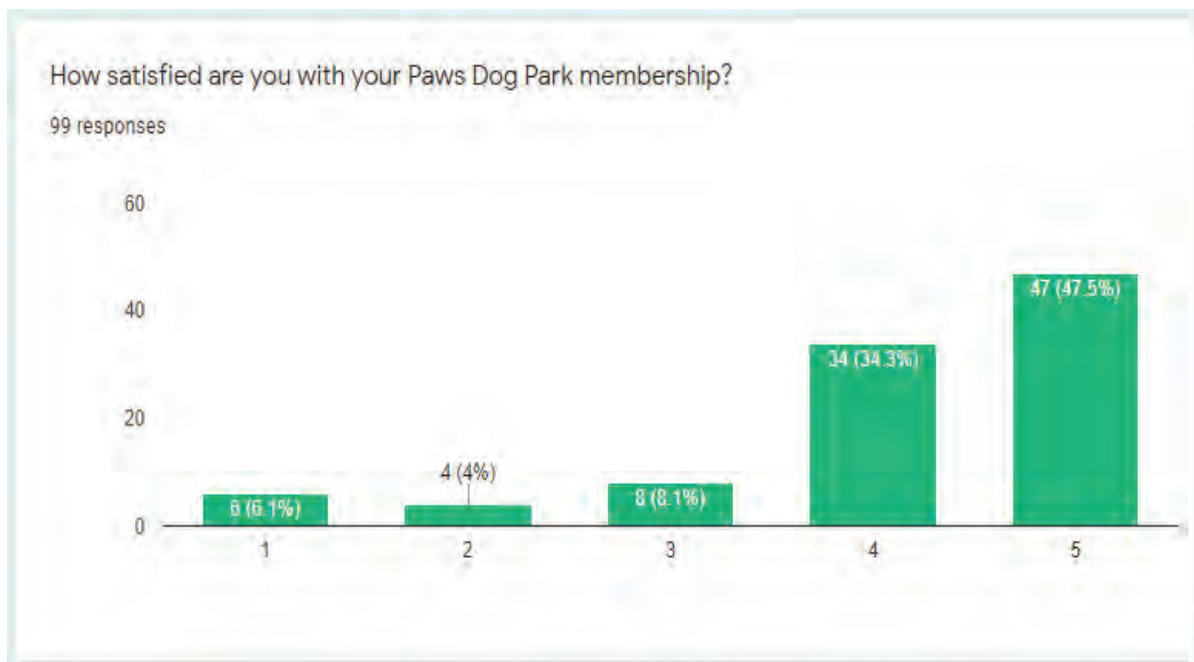
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Question 2:



The following question was based on a rating scale ranging between 1 and 5, where 1 is poor and 5 is excellent:

Question 3:



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Question 4:

What additional amenities would you like to see in the park?

Following is a summary of responses:

	<u>Number of Responses</u>
Need more water fountains, splash area, drinking water	16
Agility equipment, toys	9
Happy with the park - no additions necessary	8
Turf for small dog park	5
More shade shelter / seating	5
Better poop bag dispensers	3
Better lighting at night	1

Question 5:

Do you have suggestions or ways to improve the park?

1	I would love to see some social events for meeting new people and their dogs.
2	Couple of more benches close to the gate would be nice.
3	Not sure rocks in corner work very well. Seems like too much poop gathers there.
4	One of the drinking fountains doesn't work. I love that I can fill the little blue pool with water. I love this park. And thank you to everyone who helps to keep it clean.
5	Keeping the fence in good repair.
6	Dogs are neutered or spayed. Have seen Pit Bulls that have not been spayed. I leave the park.
7	Clean garbage bins more frequently in small dog park. Perhaps a box where we can all donate small dog toys. The additional seating was very much appreciated. A lot of seniors come and it is so nice they can sit while younger folk can monitor the dogs.
8	Is there a way to enforce the rules which require owners to pick up after their dogs? So many dog owners don't even stay with their dogs while at the park, therefore, they have no idea if their dog needs to be picked up after. They sit on the bench while their dogs are running around out of their sight. Has anyone ever been fined?

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9	When they mow the pond area it would help if they did not throw the soiled bacteria filled tennis balls back were the dogs can get to them. Just throw them away.
10	The gate might use some inspections every week or so just to make sure it closes as it should at least on the small dog side.
11	No, we love everything about the park and we go there every day, sometimes twice a day.
12	The park is beautiful except for the grass and weeds the grow through the turf and leaves weeds that are allowed to collect around the fence that surrounds the pond.
13	There are two benches positioned close together- one could be moved to be closer to the gate- this would be helpful to owners with limited mobility.
14	Keep up with the weeding and thank you for fixing the fence in the back corner.
15	I think it's fantastic. I think it's the users that need to be educated. Small dogs in large dog area. Huddling going on. Otherwise fantastic.
16	Regular retrieval of lost (in pond) balls; poop scooping.
17	No.
18	No. I think it is great
19	No, it is really great as is!
20	Set guidelines as well as post guidelines in the park for members to stay with their dogs in the park. Sitting on a bench and talking on the phone while their dog jumps on people and tears their clothes is not monitoring. All dogs do not get along and it is unfair when members just enter and they think their job is done.
21	Fob often doesn't work the first time.
22	Coffee truck! I find the park clean, always with poop bags available, and well maintained. My dog and I love getting exercise most mornings. Keep up the great work!
23	Prune the tree back in the southwest corner it hangs real low and blow out under the chain link fence to let rain drain quicker.
24	Is too expensive
25	None other than better rain cover, maybe a water fountain that you can actually drink from.
26	Nope...great park!
27	I believe they're doing a great job. Very fun & relaxing place! My dog loves it there!

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28	The new containers of poop bags are so tightly packed in that they are difficult to pull out...maybe a different brand? There is a patron of the park who empties the wading pool several times during his visit. He then refills and just leaves the hose running, overflowing the pool and wasting water. I asked him not to but he continues.
29	Just the fencing.
30	The hill in the northwest corner is really steep and slippery, maybe that could be graded. Maybe make the price a little cheaper.
31	Too many dog owners don't pick up their dogs' poop, despite the availability of waste bags and trash cans. I don't know how you could enforce this other than putting up cameras, but it's a nuisance.
32	You should start a volunteer program to help run the park to supervise people who have aggressive dogs or do not clean up after their dogs.
33	I would love to see astroturf installed in the small dog park. I testified at the city hall meeting for it in the large park and think it is so much nicer than the grass and dirt that are there now. I have to say the appearance of the small park and seating has improved tremendously since I was there last when my previous dog was a puppy.
34	Repaving the rocky areas with the turf so the dogs have more play space.
35	Leaves to be cleaned out from the corner with the covered benches.
36	Artificial turf in small dogs area.
37	Better lighting and astro turf in the small dog park.
38	Rather than going by weight of the dog put a sign that says IF YOUR DOG IS TALLER THAN THIS SIGN (or smaller for large dog park) DO NOT COME IN. I can't tell you how many dogs come into the little dog park that are clearly over 30 pounds. These large dogs pose a danger to the 10 pounders who are supposed to be there but the owners claim they are 30 pounds.
39	More events.
40	Larger area for small dogs to play in. More maintained grass area.
41	Overall, we are really pleased with the park! We split our time between Paws Park and Brewhound because both offer something slightly different. The layout of Paws Park, and the access to water + the plentiful poop bags make this a great option if it's still light out! As a side note: We are SO impressed and pleased with the random poop bag dispensers around the city (like at Carver Center). It's wonderful to live in such a dog-friendly town, and appreciate the readily available supplies when our bags run out mid-walk (or when we spot gross litter we can grab with the bags instead of our hands).
42	Renew your membership through website.

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43	Would be nice to renew on line, but I understand the need to see shot records. Small dogs are regularly using the large dog park on the weekends, can't police everyone.
44	Almost impossible to get out poop bags when new roll inserted Reduce gravel with more astro turf- hard to pick up poop.
45	See above.
46	Wish there was some supervision for badly behaved dogs. There are also children on scooters sometimes and that scares many of the dogs.
47	Poop bags are stuffed in when filled. Makes access frustrating.
48	Remove the actual weeds that grown up through the astroturf, clean drinking fountain.
49	Enforce the rules more. A lot of the dog owners do not pick up after their dogs, walk their dog on a leash in the park, and let their dogs beat up on my dog and act like it's okay and then it forces me to leave.
50	See above. Park web site with good ideas. Would like to add park is clean. That is most important.
51	Additional water fountains, green water fountain fixed by the water hose as it retains green algae, lawn maintenance not to return soiled old balls from lake yet throw them away due to harmful bacteria, dogs be evaluated by city prior to park tag, and charging a fine when owners do not renew their park entrance as others allow them to enter while they tell lies that they forgot their key!
52	More shade.
53	It needs to be a little safer from the baseball field that is next to it. The balls hurt. The price for the smaller dog would be nice if it wasn't so. They don't have as nice an area as the larger ones, as well as it not feeling as safe (seeing homeless in the bushes and safety from the baseballs). Plus having to park so far from the small dog area when you are handicapped is not easy.
54	I have a small dog and large dog, and unable to bring them both at the same time. As a lot of the local dog parks do, there is a small dog area and an ALL dog area. That would be great!
55	The price is too high so I have not renewed.
56	Dog park is for me and my dog, looking for a social environment. Brewhound in Neptune beach nailed it.
57	No children under 12!
58	Cleaner/better drinking water station.
59	Turf in the small dog park

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60	AstroTurf in the little dog park. Access to both parks so when there aren't big dogs in the big park and the little dogs could use the big park to run around. At BrewHound the dogs have access to both parks and the owner can remove their dog to the little park or join the big park at their discretion.
61	I think the weight limit for the small park is too high. Dogs that are 25-30 pounds should be able to determine if they go to the big or the small side depending on their individual dog's need. Some dogs 25 pounds or more like to play rougher and hang with the big dogs and don't necessarily get along with the little ones that are closer to 10-20 pounds.
62	Small dog area needs love and attention - artificial turf, more cover.
63	Reduce cost. For example: the part in Jax is free.
64	Lower fees to get into park.
65	It's a very nice park.
66	The park has become increasingly less useful to me.
67	Loved the park, didn't re-join this year, our son moved away, we had taken the dog together.

Small Dog Park





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Action Items:

A. Safety and maintenance: No additional safety or maintenance issues to address at this time.

B. Amenities, recommendations and potential improvements:

1. Adding a wash station with shade shelter is a popular request from members.
2. Re-sodding the small dog park would significantly improve appearance and increase membership. This should include modifications to the irrigation system.
3. Adding play obstacles to both parks is another popular suggestion in the survey responses.
4. Water fountain lights could improve the night appeal.

Potential Capital Improvements:

Following are potential capital improvements for Paws Park:

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wash station with shade shelter	1	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Re-sod turf in small dog park	1	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200
Irrigation repairs small dog park	1	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Water fountain lights	1	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Play obstacles	4	\$ 1,200	\$ 4,800
Total Potential Capital Improvements			\$ 30,000

PENMAN PARK



PENMAN PARK

Penman Park is located at the corner of Penman Road and 2nd Avenue North (about two blocks west of Gonzales Park). Arthur G. Penman was a realtor and land developer who settled at the Beaches in 1930. He developed the Pine Grove subdivision of Jacksonville Beach and Neptune Forest in Neptune Beach. At one time he owned the Castro y Ferrer land grant comprising nearly all of the property west of 10th Street. He died in 1966.



The City acquired part of the property in 1941, and in 1971 acquired adjacent property to total approximately 1.5 acres. The 3,000 square foot building was built in 1955. For many years it was the site for the Parks and Recreation building. The building is currently leased to ARC of the St. Johns.

City of Jacksonville Beach: Parks Assessment FY 2020 – Penman Park

Park amenities include:

Asset	Rating	Year	Cost
Basketball court	3 Fair	2004	\$17,330
Multi purpose field & lights	2 Poor	unknown	
Vacant playground area	n/a	unknown	



Annual Maintenance Schedule:

Landscape maintenance is performed by City staff once per week during spring and summer and bi-monthly in other months. Park clean-up is done three (3) times per week by Beach Raker. A pesticide program has recently been added and administered by City staff. The park is inspected bi-monthly by the Parks Superintendent.

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	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Landscape maintenance	35	\$ 90	\$ 3,150
Pesticide applications	5	\$ 140	\$ 700
Inspections	24	\$ 25	\$ 600
Total Annual Maintenance Costs			\$ 4,450

Survey Results:

From the total of 349 responses, 19 responses indicated Penman Park was the closest park to their residence. However, 12 respondents indicated they visit other parks more often than Penman Park. Following are the tabulated answers from Penman Park respondents when asked which park they visited the most:

Cradle Creek	7
South Beach Park	5
Latham / Seawalk	3
Gonzales Park	2
Oceanfront Park	1
Wingate Park	1
Total Penman Park	19

Survey responses to question 5: How satisfied are you with our parks? and question 6: Rate the upkeep and maintenance:

Penman Park		
Satisfaction		
1 = Not Satisfied	-	-
2	2	11%
3	4	22%
4	10	56%
5 = Very Satisfied	2	11%
Total	18	

Upkeep and Maintenance.		
1 = Needs Improvement	-	-
2	1	6%
3	4	22%
4	11	61%
5 = Excellent	2	11%
Total	18	

General comments from residents living closest to Penman Park:

1	Bring back Celtic fest.
2	Need a bike park (as the skateboard parks bar bike riders).
3	Parks are essential to keeping families together and enjoying our city!
4	Penman Park and Gonzales need a little TLC.
5	Too many homeless. Clean them up and take away the trash.

Action Items:

A. Safety and maintenance: No action is necessary at this time.

B. Amenities, recommendations and potential improvements:

The multi-purpose field is unused. With relatively low investment, lights could be restored to functionality to make this an attractive practice facility for various sports. Restoration may entice other participant sports such as bocce ball, croquet or shuffleboard. Lack of permanent restroom facilities is a drawback.

ROTARY PARK



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ROTARY PARK

Rotary Park is located on 2nd Avenue North next to Safe Harbor Seafood Restaurant. It is a small scenic park primarily surrounded by the Intracoastal Waterway. Including the parking lot, the park is less than half an acre.

Park amenities include:

Asset	Rating		Year	Cost
Playground set	3	Fair	unknown	
Fishing dock & boardwalk	3	Fair	2001	\$77,500
Two (2) picnic tables	3	Fair	unknown	





Annual Maintenance Schedule:

Landscape maintenance is performed by City staff once per week during spring and summer and bi-monthly in other months. Park clean-up is done three (3) times per week by Beach Raker. Currently there is no pesticide program. The park is inspected bi-monthly by the Parks Superintendent. There is no irrigation system at Rotary Park.

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	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Landscape maintenance	35	\$ 60	\$ 2,100
Park clean up	156	\$ 50	\$ 7,800
Pesticide applications	5	\$ 70	\$ 350
Maintain safety fall zones	1	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Inspections	24	\$ 25	\$ 600
Total Annual Maintenance Costs			\$ 11,850

Survey Results:

From the total of 349 responses, only two (2) responses indicated Rotary Park was the closest park to their residence.

Survey responses to question 5: How satisfied are you with our parks? and question 6: Rate the upkeep and maintenance:

Rotary Park					
Satisfaction			Upkeep and Maintenance.		
1 = Not Satisfied	1	50%	1 = Needs Improvement	1	50%
2	-	0%	2	-	0%
3	-	0%	3	-	0%
4	1	50%	4	1	50%
5 = Very Satisfied	-	0%	5 = Excellent	-	0%
Total	<u>2</u>		Total	<u>2</u>	

Survey comments and suggestions from Rotary Park respondents:

1. Shade, safety, grass, trails

Action Items:

A. Safety and maintenance: No additional safety or maintenance recommendations at this time.

B. Amenities, recommendations and potential improvements:

The playground set is scheduled for replacement in FY 2025.

SOUTH BEACH PARK



SOUTH BEACH PARK

Parcels of the South Beach Park land were acquired by warranty deed in the early 1970s. Sunshine Playground was added in 2001. In 2006, the 10.5 acre park was further developed to include volleyball courts, additional picnic shelters, public restrooms, additional parking, and irrigation system and tree plantings for shade, and landscape improvements. The Parks Administration building, including the Community Center was built in 2008 at a cost of \$2,483,365. The building has the capability to serve emergency operations personnel during storm related events. It is designed to withstand winds over 160 mph, and is above a category 3 hurricane flood elevation. In 2017, the skate park was opened and the following year the multi-purpose field was installed along with eleven (11) fitness stations surrounding the field.

Park amenities include:

Asset	Rating	Year	Cost
Skate park	4 Good	2017	\$1.9M
Multi- purpose turf field	4 Good	2018	\$524,856
Three (3) sand volleyball courts	4 Good	2007	\$46,198
Bleachers for volleyball	4 Good	2007	\$15,089
Basketball court	3 Fair		
Tennis court	3 Fair	2013	\$69,680
Sunshine playground	3 Fair		
Kids splash pad	4 Good	2011	\$195,240
Toddler splash pad	4 Good	2019	\$148,500
Eleven (11) outdoor exercise stations	4 Good	2018	\$115K
Six (6) picnic shelters	3 Fair		
Jogging/walking path	3 Fair	2009	\$83,760
Restrooms	3 Fair	2008	\$140,000



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Annual Maintenance Schedule:

Landscape maintenance is performed by a contractor once per week during spring and summer and bi-monthly in other months. Park clean-up is done daily throughout the year by Beach Raker. The park is inspected bi-monthly by the Parks Superintendent. Restrooms are cleaned by a contractor four days per week. The contractor performs cleaning once at the end of the day. Irrigation is supplied by city effluent water.

	<u>Frequency</u>		<u>Price</u>		<u>Cost</u>
Landscape maintenance	35	\$	465	\$	16,275
Park clean up	364	\$	91	\$	33,000
Pesticide applications	5	\$	700	\$	3,500
Maintain safety fall zones	4	\$	1,000	\$	4,000
Inspections	24	\$	75	\$	1,800
Restroom cleaning	208	\$	20	\$	4,160
Total Annual Maintenance Costs					\$ 62,735

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Survey Results:

From the total of 349 responses, 129 responses indicated South Beach Park was the closest park to their residence. 24 out of 129 respondents indicated they visit the following parks more often than South Beach Park.

Following are the tabulated answers from South Beach Park respondents when asked which park they visited the most:

South Beach Park	105
Latham / Seawalk	7
Cradle Creek	5
Oceanfront Park	5
Huguenot Park	3
Paws Park	3
12th Avenue South	1
Total South Beach Park	<u>129</u>

Survey responses to question 5: How satisfied are you with our parks? and question 6: Rate the upkeep and maintenance:

South Beach Park					
Satisfaction			Upkeep and Maintenance.		
1 = Not Satisfied	1	1%	1 = Needs Improvement	1	1%
2	14	11%	2	12	10%
3	28	22%	3	33	27%
4	55	44%	4	53	43%
5 = Very Satisfied	28	22%	5 = Excellent	25	20%
Total	<u>126</u>		Total	<u>124</u>	

Survey comments / suggestions about South Beach Park:

1	A BMX /skateboard One Way concrete Trail would be awesome.
2	A pump track for bicycles, skateboard and scooters.
3	A SAFE and well maintained dedicated cycling route. Please.
4	Bathrooms need better maintenance
5	Bathrooms... and ones that are better maintained!

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6	Before Sunshine Park had the skate park and I was a vocal opponent. I reached out to city council members and was told basically studies say it's a good thing. I challenge each of you to go up there and listen to the language, watch the behavior, notice the smell of marijuana, etc.... it's not a place I want to take my family now.
7	Better upkeep.
8	Clamp down on drunk, disorderly activity and open drug use at skate park.
9	Clean water fountains.
10	Cleanliness.
11	Do not allow tennis professionals to have unlimited time to conduct lessons on public courts. They profit from using public facilities and many do not have liability insurance, nor do they compensate the city through court fees or sales tax. It also leads to many residents not having full access to public facilities. This is also an issue with other independent sports professionals who conduct for profit lessons on public parks.
12	Great job.
13	I absolutely love South Beach Park and was just saying a couple days ago how proud it makes me to see ongoing improvements. Nothing gets old there. From the new exercise loop, second splash pad, astroturf, sunshades, and on and on. We recently noticed the benches in the tennis area too, a subtle yet welcome addition.
14	I think there should be general upkeep for some of the nails that stick out of the Woodard when playground equipment is unsafe at sunshine Park. It definitely has gotten better over the years but I've been coming to Sunshine Park for over six years. Also more shade in the park area and water area. It is Florida and gets extremely hot on the concrete.
15	I would like light and skate hours be extended to 10pm. I would like to see hand sanitizer stations added.
16	I would love to see the splash pad built out more. I was excited when I heard about the renovation of it last summer but you really didn't do much. It would be wonderful to have a bigger play space with more options than just the water spout thing. It is also VERY annoying that as a resident and tax payer in Jax Beach, that my children do not get to use it as much as we could due to the number of daycare buses and school buses that show up in the summer time and completely take over the place.
17	I'm a senior advocate & often bring seniors to different parks to eat a carry out, people watch, etc., its difficult getting them around without a wheelchair. But the benefits they get from an hour or two at a park are literally better than any medicine.
18	If picnic areas=shaded seating, this is ABSOLUTELY essential in Florida and should be at 100% of playgrounds!!
19	If you are going to have a bathroom (Sunshine Park) keep it clean! Smelly and dirty, water fountains by bathroom a disgrace!
20	Improved landscaping, trees for shade and outdoor art that can be used/explored by kids.
21	Keep up the good work
22	Kids' equipment that is not broken or damaged. It's called maintenance!
23	Misting cool down areas
24	Need more attention to playground equipment, sporting event at Sunshine Park without enough parking, people drive fast to park in the neighborhood for sporting events.
25	Park restrooms need hand soap! Critical all the time for children and adults to be able to wash their hands. Restrooms could be much more family friendly also. Even hand sanitizer stands would be better than nothing
26	Parking on Ponce de Leon for Sunshine Park is often an issue. People drive way to fast through the neighborhoods and fail to stop at the stop signs.

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27	Please construct a bicycle park and allow bicycles in the skate park. Also make helmets mandatory.
28	Replace or make repairs in children's playground equipment and grounds to assure they are not dangerous or hazardous for children's safety.
29	Safe and clean. Bathrooms
30	Shade.
31	Shade is essential in Florida Parks. Sunshine Park is deteriorating as it gets major use.
32	Shaded spots.
33	Sunshine park is falling apart & needs a serious look at all the nuts, bolts & boards.
34	Sunshine park makes me nervous. Wish there was more shade at the parks in general.
35	Sunshine park needs a little bit of a playground facelift.
36	Sunshine park needs repairs to the main wooden play area. There are loose and broken boards throughout. Very dangerous.
37	Sunshine park needs some serious work in the playground. Now would have been the perfect time, being closed due to Covid-19, to replace and repair the equipment
38	Tether ball, volleyball, tennis court hitting wall.
39	Trash cans.
40	Upkeep and maintenance at Sunshine Park needs to improve. And bathroom facilities cleaned.
41	Upkeep of Sunshine Park.
42	We love going to Sunshine Park but we like to go during non-peak hours. It's chaos in the playground during peak hours. It would be nice to add more benches or tables with shelter in the toddler area too and a gate to keep the little ones contained. We've seen the older kids come in and run around and climb on top of the train in the toddler area. My little one loves playing on the workout equipment so it would be fun to have mini-work out equipment for them to practice riding bikes or a mini ellipticals or smaller jump boxes. I know this would all cost more but just suggestions if there could be future renovations. Never used splash pad before but love to meet friends at the field and play with outdoor toys and just run around. Last time we were at Huguenot Park there were large dogs and multiple dogs using the park as a dog walk and playing off the leash so we haven't been back there. Hoping to give it another chance soon. Love going to Gonzales Park but concerned of safety with homeless people sleeping there. Tall Pines Park is gorgeous and love the openness of it. It would be fun to see more smaller kid events held at the parks
43	We need more parks w artificial turf. Sunshine park is amazing. In regards to Latham plaza there are too many festivals drawing undesirable crowds. The city should collaborate with DCSB and make the fletcher stadium public on certain days. Help pay for the field to be turf, use the stadium and track. It is just locked up. It could be another sunshine park!!! Charge a small fee to use the facility annually It could be a home run for the community and our precious high school
44	We truly love all our parks!!! The only major issue we have is with the trash and bathroom maintenance at Sunshine Park. The bathrooms are always super dirty/plugged up/overflowing and trash is full. Thank you for hearing this issue and we appreciate your hard work.
45	Would love a sunshade over the toddler swings at Sunshine. Need a gate to the toddler area. Big kids play tag and knock all the littles down. We've found used conforms, blunts and other gross things in the park facilities which is discouraging.

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46	Would love the water features to be better. Pretty disappointed that the one at Sunshine took a year and is a spout. With all the cool things we could have added. Would love a bigger water area for kids.
47	Would love to see more programs in the community center.

General comments from residents living closest to South Beach Park:

48	1st Ave N between 1st St N and 2nd St N should be gated off and bricked to create a great outdoor plaza for those restaurants to offer outdoor dining as well as a nice walk through plaza closed to vehicle traffic. A large outdoor plaza that has multiple dining options adjacent to it would be an amazing addition to Downtown Jax Beach. This plaza would also be adjacent to the event space making controlling access to the events even easier.
49	A lot of the parks are surrounded by water with no fence.
50	Access for fishing like decks to just walk or bike to with your kids.
51	Actual cops patrolling the parks.
52	Atlantic Beach has a family camp out that we go to every year. We'd love to have something like that in Jax Beach (but not at the Seawalk Pavilion It would be great to have a park. Atlantic Beach also hosts Music in the Park. It is a lovely atmosphere with acoustic music while the kids play on the playground.
53	Bike skills park! Like a pump track and features. Look up Tom Brown park owned by the City of Tallahassee.
54	Bike trails connecting parks, beach, and other points of interest.
55	Bring more family/kid friendly events and less bars in the area.
56	Clean and stocked restrooms. Maps for trails. Postings about local history. Guided walks or talks. Flowers. Jax needs a flower & plant conservatory.
57	Create more football and softball fields, create bike paths.
58	Dirt bike trails.
59	Exercise equipment.
60	Farmers market in central Jax beach.
61	Generally are nice with a few exceptions. Continue to upgrade and maintain as this is a vital feature to our Beaches residents!
62	I don't have young children anymore but the parks for young children appear to be pretty run down from what I've seen.
63	I feel that parks and green spaces are an important part of a community.
64	I heard talks of a pedestrian path along Jacksonville Dr. and I think that would be awesome. Tall Pines Park could use an upgrade
65	I look forward to opening & events when it is safe
66	Is better to wait for the Coronavirus ends and go to park. I feel that if it opens still too early. I haven't even gone to the beaches as much a love the beaches. Not risking it.
67	It seems not all parks are maintained at the same level as others
68	It would be nice to have a park dedicated to BMX freestyle bicycles. Or at least access to the existing skateparks.
69	It would not allow me to vote 5 for bike trails.
70	Just keep up the maintenance in the parks.
71	Kayak/Paddleboard Launch.

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72	Keep Sunshine Park clean and well maintained for families with children. Prevent people from reserving entire pavilion for parties which prevents other park users from shade and picnic area. Consider sign-up sheet etc.
73	Keep them maintained and clean.
74	Lacrosse field.
75	Less festivals that promote drinking. More family friendly festivals.
76	Love to see a family camp out like Atlantic Beach's Jack Russell Park does. Make sure parks are not overrun with homeless/inebriated citizens creating an unsafe environment for children.
77	More Art Festivals and Food Trucks.
78	More closed playgrounds, kids like to escape!
79	More dog parks!
80	More family-oriented.
81	More skateparks.
82	More splash pads, shaded parks with benches, places to ride scooters, modern playground equipment, water fountains
83	More trees for shade. Several parks have no trees for shade. Kids like to play and the sun is hot. Better water fountains and restrooms with changing facilities for diapers.
84	More workout equipment and nature trails.
85	Need more athletic facilities and bike paths connecting them.
86	Need more bike trails.
87	No. I think JB is doing a fantastic job. I do not care for the mini-festivals that promote public drinking.
88	One with more activities closer to San Pablo.
89	Open to other sports such as lacrosse.
90	Public parks is a great place for families to spend time together. Perhaps more publicity about what is offered at various parks and ask for volunteers to host special events and invite all to attend. What about a monthly theme for public parks?
91	Should look into an indoor Sportsplex too.
92	Splash Pads.
93	Stop the beach from being a dog park? Dogs and their owners are too disruptive.
94	The design, quality and maintenance of the parks needs significant improvement.
95	The maintenance of parks is minimal and it shows.
96	They always need to be here for the community
97	Walking, biking spaces are extremely important to have in all areas. Now, this can mean just paved walkways so that people can walk safely.
98	Water fountains, open shaded fields.
99	We have lived in other cities (Atlanta, Indianapolis, Raleigh) with AMAZING park systems. Updated top of the line quality equipment, shaded areas, and most importantly, splash parks!!! I even called Carmel Clay Parks and Rec (Indianapolis) when we moved back to Jacksonville to find out how they had done their parks so well. Some of their parks cost upwards of \$5M (including water for extensive splash pads), so I know that this isn't a cheap endeavor. Would love to see this in our own park system. The irony is that most of our playgrounds and parks feel SO old and tired. Wooden structures feel incredibly outdated. When we have lived in Indianapolis and Atlanta, so many parks were beautifully maintained- metal climbing structures, plenty of swings, and long rolling slides- even some technology integrated opportunities for kids to "hit the colors when

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they light up" and underground tunnels to climb through. The coolest part of these parks was the fact that the ground was padded and recycled materials underneath which also gave it a clean and new look. We so desperately need an update in the city parks- they feel SO aged in that many haven't changed since I was a child here...30+ year ago. Given this is such an "outside" community with weather that lends itself to year round playgrounds, you would think we would have more top notch facilities. Please consider investing in our playgrounds, it truly gets more families outside and makes Jacksonville a more memorable space for visiting kids and families!

Action Items:

A. Safety and maintenance:

Survey responses indicated concern about the age and condition of the playground structure in Sunshine Park. This structure is scheduled for replacement in FY 2023. Staff will continue to monitor the wear and tear of wood and nails to maintain safety.

Due to the amount of traffic, the park is cleaned every day by Beach Raker. No changes need to be implemented at this time as the frequency is sufficient and the contractor's performance is good. Currently restrooms are cleaned by a contractor four (4) times per week. Frequency should be increased to daily cleanings during the spring and summer months. Annual budget impact for the increase in cleanings is approximately \$1,560.

B. Amenities, recommendations and potential improvements:

A shade shelter over the toddler splash pad would be a welcome investment.

Replacing aged park benches with new uniform benches and additional water fountains would improve the appeal.

Potential Capital Improvements:

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
Shade shelter for splash pad	1	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Park benches	6	\$ 750	\$ 4,500
Water fountain	2	\$ 6,200	\$ 12,400
Total Potential Capital Improvements			\$ 66,900

TALL PINES PARK



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TALL PINES PARK

The park is located in a residential neighborhood on 9th Avenue North between 17th Street North and 18th Street North. This rectangular park measures approximately 330 feet in length north to south and is about 220 feet wide east to west. Several beautiful pine and oak trees provide almost 80% shade coverage for the entire park.

Following are the park amenities:

Asset	Rating	Year	Cost
Two (2) playground sets	3 Fair	unknown	
Three (3) swing sets	3 Fair	unknown	
Ten (10) park benches	3 Fair	unknown	
Half basketball court	3 Fair	unknown	
Three (3) trash receptacles	3 Fair	unknown	
Four (4) picnic tables	3 Fair	unknown	

Playground set 1



Playground set 2



Swing set 1



Swing set 2



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Swing set 3



Half Basketball court



Picnic tables



Benches



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Trash receptacle



Annual Maintenance Schedule:

Landscape maintenance is performed by City staff once per week during spring and summer and bi-monthly in other months. Park clean-up is done three (3) times per week by Beach Raker. Pesticide applications have recently been added to be performed quarterly by City staff. The park is inspected bi-monthly by the Parks Superintendent. There is no irrigation system in Tall Pines Park.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Landscape maintenance	35	\$ 360	\$ 12,600
Park clean up	156	\$ 50	\$ 7,800
Pesticide applications	5	\$ 140	\$ 700
Maintain safety fall zones	4	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000
Inspections	24	\$ 75	\$ 1,800
Total Annual Maintenance Costs			\$ 26,900

Survey Results:

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46 respondents out of 349 indicated Tall Pines Park was the closest park to their residence; however, 19 out of 46 indicated they would rather go elsewhere than visit the park closest to their residence.

Following are the tabulated answers from Tall Pines respondents when asked which park they visited the most:

Tall Pines Park	27
South Beach Park	12
Cradle Creek	3
Latham / Seawalk	2
Gonzales Park	1
Wingate Park	1
Total Tall Pines Park	<u>46</u>

Survey responses to question 5: How satisfied are you with our parks? and question 6: Rate the upkeep and maintenance:

Tall Pines Park					
Satisfaction			Upkeep and Maintenance.		
1 = Not Satisfied	1	2%	1 = Needs Improvement	2	4%
2	4	9%	2	5	11%
3	16	35%	3	14	30%
4	16	35%	4	16	35%
5 = Very Satisfied	9	20%	5 = Excellent	9	20%
Total	<u>46</u>		Total	<u>46</u>	

Survey comments / suggestions about Tall Pines Park:

1	Adult sized exercise equipment.
2	Better lighting at night.
3	Clean bathrooms.
4	Dog friendly areas to play fetch and run freely.
5	Lower the swings. They are too far off the ground and I am too old to hop on.
6	More exercise stations at all parks.
7	More playground structures for the kids like South Beach park. That should be the model for all parks.
8	More playground equipment, better maintenance of the playgrounds, another skate park, bike park.

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9	Play grounds for small children. Not up to date and clean. Will not take my grandchildren to them due to that fact.
10	Please add a restroom to Tall Pines Park. The local Montessori walks there daily to let kids play and there is nowhere to use the restroom. We go there and spend thirty minutes before one of my children has to go and I have to pack up everyone and leave.
11	Please clean and update with new trash cans
12	Please fix the equipment at Tall Pines Park. It is the nicest park (even in the summer!) and it looks a lot worse than when we started going there 10 years ago.
13	Trees - preferably climbing ones. Raising kids in the city means less exposure to nature, streams, trees.
14	We love having the park for events, family and dig time!
15	Workout circuits.
16	Would love to see new equipment at Tall Pines park. It is a hidden gem. Would also like to see restrooms available at all parks. Sunshine Park is great but gets crowded because it has the best equipment.

General comments from residents living closest to Tall Pines Park:

17	Cheaper golf for residents. Parks need adult sized play things.
18	Keep beach open with restrictions.
19	Keep improving! More exercise stations similar to Jarboe, but better!
20	Keep up the good work. I think we have a good variety and spacing of larger parks now. Passive-use pocket parks can be a nice, less-expensive addition to areas that are farthest from existing parks.
21	More community festivals.
22	More movies.
23	More spots to safely enjoy near water, including the inter coastal.
24	Pickleball courts somewhere please.
25	Playgrounds.
26	Please maintain the playgrounds at the parks around town. Low levels of mulch, missing pieces on the climbing structures, graffiti, etc. all bring down the standards and safety our lovely neighborhood parks. As a concerned mom of toddlers and young kids, I need to know our parks are safe for my children to play, discover and explore. Thank you!
27	Please take the time and resources to maintain our parks. As a mother of small children, finding loose boards, exposed concrete and sharp rusting corners is dangerous and discouraging. We LOVE our area parks and need them to be safe.
28	Trails, open land, etc are way better than playgrounds (and I have four young kids!).
29	Would love a lacrosse field at one of the parks.
30	Would love to see long term plans of bike routes and trails.
31	Would love to see more family friendly spaces in downtown Jax Beach. Deck the chairs is great but only once a year. Smaller neighborhood parks need a bit more upkeep and update facilities.

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Action Items:

- A. Safety and maintenance:** Based on some of the survey responses, staff may need to increase the inspection frequency.
- B. Amenities, recommendations and potential improvements:**
1. Replacement of a swing set and installation of a water fountain are scheduled in FY 2023.
 2. Although there is substantial shade coverage, the park lacks a covered picnic area.
 3. Picnic tables and benches are aging and are not uniform. Replacing the picnic tables, benches, and trash receptacles with new, uniform units would be a significant enhancement.
 4. A walking/jogging/bike trail around the perimeter would be an attractive feature and support future urban trail connectivity.
 5. Staff recommend the engagement of a professional firm to design a master plan for Tall Pines Park, along with Gonzales Park to enhance usage and appeal.

Potential Capital Improvements:

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
Perimeter trail	1,100	\$ 40	\$ 44,000
Covered picnic	1	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800
Replace picnic tables	4	\$ 950	\$ 3,800
Replace park benches	10	\$ 750	\$ 7,500
Replace trash receptacles	3	\$ 650	\$ 1,950
Install water fountain	1	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200
BBQ Pit	3	\$ 650	\$ 1,950
Total Potential Capital Improvements			\$ 69,200

WINGATE PARK



WINGATE PARK

Land for Wingate was acquired in 1993 from BB McCormick & Sons for \$2,150,000. There are two (2) football fields, four (4) softball fields and four (4) fields for Little League baseball.



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Wingate Park amenities include:

Asset	Rating	Year	Cost
Football fields	4 Good	1999	\$160,000
Adult softball fields	4 Good	1999	\$160,950
Youth baseball fields	4 Good	2004	\$298,000
Girls softball fields	4 Good	2004	\$184,000
Pop Warner concession stand	3 Fair	1999	\$90,733
Softball concession stand & restrooms	3 Fair	2003	\$152,500
Football concession stand	3 Fair	1993	\$73,000
Concrete perimeter wall	4 Good	2006	\$79,172
Padding on fencing	3 Fair	2008	\$60,130
Restrooms (Little League Baseball)	3 Fair	1998	\$30,000
Concrete walkway at softball fields	4 Good	2007	\$10,000
Control link lighting	3 Fair	2010	\$65,000
Goal posts	4 Good	2008	\$6,300
Girls softball shade shelter	4 Good	2007	\$5,600
Field lights for girls softball	5 New	2020	\$60,000
Scoreboards	4 Good	2017	\$16,000
Wingate Park improvements	na	2006	\$312,000

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Annual Maintenance Schedule:

Landscape maintenance is performed by City staff once per week during spring and summer and bi-monthly in other months. Park clean-up is done daily throughout the year by City staff. The park is inspected bi-monthly by the Parks Superintendent. Restrooms are cleaned by a contractor three (3) days per week. The contractor performs cleaning once at the end of the day. Irrigation is supplied by city effluent water.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Landscape maintenance	35	\$ 720	\$ 25,200
Park clean up	260	\$ 100	\$ 26,000
Pesticide applications	5	\$ 1,400	\$ 7,000
Maintain safety fall zones	-	\$ -	\$ -
Inspections	24	\$ 75	\$ 1,800
Restroom cleaning	156	\$ 20	\$ 3,120
Total Annual Maintenance Costs			\$ 63,120

Survey Results:

From the total of 349 responses, 7 responses indicated Wingate Park was the closest park to their residence. 2 out of 7 respondents indicated they visit South Beach Park more often than Wingate Park.

Survey responses to question 5: How satisfied are you with our parks? and question 6: Rate the upkeep and maintenance:

Wingate Park		
Satisfaction		
1 = Not Satisfied	-	0%
2	1	14%
3	3	43%
4	3	43%
5 = Very Satisfied	-	0%
Total	<u>7</u>	
Upkeep and Maintenance.		
1 = Needs Improvement	-	0%
2	2	29%
3	1	14%
4	4	57%
5 = Excellent	-	0%
Total	<u>7</u>	

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Survey comments and suggestions about Wingate Park:

1	Bathroom cleanliness (always gross!). Water filtration water fountains.
2	Better maintenance of water fountains at softball field. Upgrade to one that allows one to refill water bottles. Provide recycle bins at all parks.
3	Cameras For Safety
4	Girls' softball needs more attention from the city. The batting cages are unsafe. The girls fundraise and work hard to raise funds to keep the field going but it would be nice if the city gave more to the girls.
5	Invest in our kids. Provide more funding to youth sports and their facilities. These programs are crucial to keeping our youth busy with learning new skills, team building, self-discipline, and having fun.
6	Jax Beach should put as much \$ into the softball fields at Wingate as they do the baseball compound.
7	Parking
8	Sports fields
9	We lack sufficient baseball/softball/kickball fields with lights.
10	We very much appreciate the hard work from city employees to support youth sports.

Action Items

A. Safety and maintenance: There are no safety issues. Restrooms are cleaned by contractor. Staff should increase inspection frequency.

B. Amenities, recommendations and potential improvements:

The field lights are scheduled for replacement in FY 2024.

12th AVENUE SOUTH PARK



City of Jacksonville Beach: Parks Assessment FY 2020 – 12th Avenue South

12th AVENUE SOUTH PARK

This neighborhood park extends west to east along 12th Avenue South between 9th Street South and 4th Street South, adjacent to the drainage channel. A warranty deed for the land was conveyed in 1995.

The park spans about 1,600 feet in length. There is a sidewalk shaded by tree canopies on the northern boundary of the park. There is no walking access on the southern border across the drainage channel.



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Park amenities include:

Asset	Rating	Year	Cost
Four (4) park benches	3 Fair		
Tree shaded sidewalk	na		

Annual Maintenance Schedule:

Landscape maintenance is performed by City staff once per week during spring and summer and bi-monthly in other months. Park clean-up is done during landscape maintenance by City staff. The park is inspected bi-monthly by the Parks Superintendent. There is no irrigation system at 12th Avenue South Park.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Landscape Maintenance	35	\$ 180	\$ 6,300
Inspections	24	\$ 25	\$ 600
Total Annual Maintenance Costs			\$ 6,900

Survey Results:

From the total of 349 responses, 15 responses indicated 12th Avenue South was the closest park to their residence. Four (4) out of those 15 indicated they visit South Beach Park, Huguenot Park or Gonzales Park more often than 12th Avenue South Park.

Survey responses to question 5: How satisfied are you with our parks? and question 6: Rate the upkeep and maintenance:

12th Avenue South Park					
Satisfaction			Upkeep and Maintenance.		
1 = Not Satisfied	1	7%	1 = Needs Improvement	2	13%
2	3	20%	2	2	13%
3	1	7%	3	3	20%
4	7	47%	4	5	33%
5 = Very Satisfied	3	20%	5 = Excellent	3	20%
Total	<u>15</u>		Total	<u>15</u>	

Survey comments and suggestions about 12th Avenue South Park:

1	I mostly go to 12th Avenue S Park, the no parking signs need to be put back up along the street. Gonzales park has parking issues it will be getting worse with the duplexes being built across the street. Need the parking lot for visitors not for duplexes with only one parking spot. Not in favor of grills and picnic tables. They are typically used by transients. Only exception is Sunshine park.
2	Please clean up the sidewalks on 12 Ave S. They are uneven, full of debris, and homeless sleep on the benches.
3	Put playground equipment at 12th Ave S. Park. Add more small playgrounds around the City.
4	The 12th Ave S Park has the worst sidewalk ever! It's a safety hazard to walk due to the un-level ground. Also, people are not picking up after their dogs.
5	The overall maintenance needs big improvement
6	We need kids' stuff at 12th Ave. S Park when they move the construction equipment.
7	When the 12th Ave. South park is done being storage, put a few tables, and tot lot
8	Exercise opportunities (bike trails, pump track, concrete track around park for roller blades for kids etc.)
9	Seating.

Action Items:

A. Safety and maintenance: No additional safety or maintenance recommendations at this time.

B. Amenities, recommendations and potential improvements:

1. Playground could be installed when space is no longer required for a construction lay down yard. This site is currently planned as a lay down yard through the remainder of the downtown drainage improvement projects.
2. Although no capital enhancements are recommended at this time, this park would lend itself to the connectivity of an urban trail system due to its proximity to South Beach Park, Huguenot Park and the ocean.

SUMMARY and RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. The Vagrancy issues at Gonzales Park (as well as Latham Plaza and Seawalk Pavilion) need to be addressed. This was the greatest safety concern based on the survey responses.

Recommendation: Invest in resources necessary to enforce dawn to dusk park rules and monitor activity during the open park hours.

2. Gonzales Park and Tall Pines Park lack sufficient attractive amenities. Most residents would rather travel to the south end to enjoy our park spaces, or not go to parks at all.

Recommendation: Engage a consulting firm to design plans to increase park usage. See staff suggestions for enhancements in the Potential Capital Improvements sections for Gonzales Park and Tall Pines Park.

3. Walking/jogging/bike trails were one of the most popular survey requests or recommendations.

Recommendation: Include a trail around the perimeter of several parks as part of a city-wide connective Urban Trail System. The following parks could include a perimeter trail: Carver Center, Gonzales Park, Tall Pines Park and Huguenot Park.

4. Although survey responses to satisfaction and maintenance of city parks were above average, there is sufficient feedback to suggest room for improvement.

Recommendation: Staff have recently implemented annual pesticide programs specific for each park that should enhance aesthetic appeal. Cleanliness of restrooms at South Beach Park should improve with increased cleaning frequency from four (4) times per week to seven (7) times per week. Oceanfront restrooms should include increased inspections and higher expectations from the current contractor. Contract renewal is due in FY 2021 and bid specifications should include thorough revision. Lastly, park inspections will be increased from bi-weekly to weekly to enable more proactive response to safety and maintenance.

ATTACHMENT 1

Summary of Annual Maintenance Costs and Potential Capital Improvements

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	Carver Center	Cradle Creek	Gonzales Park	Huguenot Park	Latham / Seawalk	Oceanfront Park	Paws Park	Penman Park	Rotary Park	South Beach Park	Tall Pines Park	Wingate Park	12th Avenue South	GRAND TOTAL
Summary of Maintenance Costs:														
Landscape Maintenance	\$ 9,450	\$ 9,450	\$ 16,800	\$ 13,650	\$ 39,480	\$ 12,740	\$ 10,800	\$ 3,150	\$ 2,100	\$ 16,275	\$ 12,600	\$ 25,200	\$ 6,300	\$ 177,995
Park Clean Up	-	7,800	20,800	15,600	21,793	15,600	15,600	-	7,800	33,000	7,800	26,000	-	171,793
Pesticide applications	1,350	-	3,050	1,050	3,000	1,000	500	700	350	3,500	700	7,000	-	22,200
Maintain safety fall zones	1,000	-	2,000	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	4,000	4,000	-	-	14,000
Inspections	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	600	1,200	600	600	1,800	1,800	1,800	600	18,000
Restroom cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	13,870	-	-	-	4,160	-	3,120	-	21,150
Grand Total	\$ 13,600	\$ 19,050	\$ 44,450	\$ 33,100	\$ 66,073	\$ 44,810	\$ 28,100	\$ 4,450	\$ 11,850	\$ 62,735	\$ 26,900	\$ 63,120	\$ 6,900	\$ 425,138

Summary of Potential Capital Improvements:

Perimeter walking trail	\$ 48,000	\$ -	\$ 68,000	\$ 88,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 248,000
Add shade shelter to playground	12,000	-	20,000	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	94,000
Add water fountain	6,200	-	6,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,400	6,200	-	-	31,000
Restore restrooms	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000
Add/replace park benches	1,500	-	3,000	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	4,500	7,500	-	-	18,000
Replace trash receptacles	2,600	-	6,500	2,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,950	-	-	13,650
Family style picnic station	-	-	-	6,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,800	-	-	10,300
Replace ball field clay with grass	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Water fountain lights	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,500
Wash station with shade shelter	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,500
Lake Fountain	-	-	-	6,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,200
Re-sod turf in small dog park	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,200
Irrigation repairs small dog park	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
Play obstacles	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,800
Replace picnic tables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,800	-	-	3,800
Install BBQ Pit	950	-	-	950	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,950	-	-	3,850
Totals	\$ 76,250	\$ -	\$ 133,700	\$ 117,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,900	\$ 69,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 493,800

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	Subject	Comment
1	complimentary	Generally are nice with a few exceptions. Continue to upgrade and maintain as this is a vital feature to our Beaches residents!
2	complimentary	Great job.
3	complimentary	I absolutely love South Beach Park and was just saying a couple days ago how proud it makes me to see ongoing improvements. Nothing gets old there. From the new exercise loop, second splash pad, astroturf, sunshades, and on and on. We recently noticed the benches in the tennis area too, a subtle yet welcome addition.
4	complimentary	I feel that parks and green spaces are an important part of a community.
5	complimentary	I lived in City of Jax for 50 years with parks that were not maintained and did not host activities. Jax Beach parks are SUPERB compared to COJ!!
6	complimentary	I love Oceanfront Park so much.
7	complimentary	I'm a senior advocate & often bring seniors to different parks to eat a carry out, people watch, etc., its difficult getting them around without a wheelchair. But the benefits they get from an hour or two at a park are literally better than any medicine.
8	complimentary	Keep improving! More exercise stations similar to Jarboe, but better!
9	complimentary	Keep up the good work
10	complimentary	Keep up the good work. I think we have a good variety and spacing of larger parks now. Passive-use pocket parks can be a nice, less-expensive addition to areas that are farthest from existing parks.
11	complimentary	Thank you for all you are doing.
12	complimentary	We drive all the way to Jack Russel park in AB to enjoy the shaded openness and the trails in Howell. Cradle Creek park in Jax Beach is awesome and we would love more parks like it.
13	complimentary	We love having the park for events, family and dig time!
14	complimentary	We love the parks we have already in Jax Beach, but the more the better! Especially nature preserves like Cradle Creek, we feel very lucky to have such an awesome space in our neighborhood.
15	complimentary	We need more parks w artificial turf. Sunshine park is amazing. In regards to Latham plaza there are too many festivals drawing undesirable crowds.
16	complimentary	We very much appreciate the hard work from city employees to support youth sports.

17	dogs	A small amount of seating, trash cans, & pet waste bags if there are problems with pet waste.
18	dogs	Areas for dogs.
19	dogs	Dog Access Beach.
20	dogs	Dog friendly areas to play fetch and run freely.
21	dogs	Dog friendly environment.
22	dogs	More dog parks!
23	dogs	Stop the beach from being a dog park? Dogs and their owners are too disruptive.

24	equip - exercise	Cheaper golf for residents. Parks need adult sized play things.
25	equip - exercise	Adult sized exercise equipment.

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26	equip - exercise	Exercise equipment.
27	equip - exercise	I think an exercise bar/ring/band park would be great for the west side of Latham plaza or on the beach, like Venice Beach.
28	equip - exercise	It would be nice to have park facilities in north Jacksonville Beach with a diversity of activities (for a diversity of ages) like the South Beach park. In particular, it would be nice to have some park amenities that encourage wellness and fitness in north Jax Beach such as fitness stations, pickle ball, etc. Without having a sizable space for a park facility like South Beach Park, perhaps there is some way to provide diversity of activities by adding amenities to Gonzales Park and Tall Pines Park and providing wide walking/biking paths throughout north Jacksonville Beach that would provide connectivity to the various park spaces. And perhaps there is some way to create some pocket parks along this north Jax Beach "park trail/network". The ball fields in Gonzales Park are not always busy/used and often the only people at the park are homeless people who are hanging out waiting for Mission House to open. I have heard complaints from people who live in the area who have the perception that Gonzales Park is not safe. Gonzales Park and Tall Pines Park seem to be under-utilized, so it would be good to spend some time re-imagining what could be done with these parks to make them places the residents in north Jax Beach want to visit and use.
29	equip - exercise	More exercise stations at all parks.
30	equip - exercise	More hoops and lights. Hoops, turf and lights.
31	equip - exercise	Workout circuits.
32	equip - exercise	Would love to see new equipment at Tall Pines park. It is a hidden gem. Would also like to see restrooms available at all parks. Sunshine Park is great but gets crowded because it has the best equipment.
33	equip-playground	Gonzales Park playground space needs to be fenced in and playground equipment should be updated.
34	equip-playground	More playground equipment, better maintenance of the playgrounds, another skate park, bike park.
35	equip-playground	More playground structures for the kids like South Beach park. That should be the model for all parks.
36	equip-playground	Need playground closer to Latham.
37	equip-playground	Put playground equipment at 12th Ave S. Park. Add more small playgrounds around the City.
38	equip-playground	We need kids' stuff at 12th Ave. S Park when they move the construction equipment.
39	equip-playground	When the 12th Ave. South park is done being storage, put a few tables, and tot lot
40	general	1st Ave N between 1st St N and 2nd St N should be gated off and bricked to create a great outdoor plaza for those restaurants to offer outdoor dining as well as a nice walk through plaza closed to vehicle traffic. A large outdoor plaza that has multiple dining options adjacent to it would be an amazing addition to Downtown Jax Beach. This plaza would also be adjacent to the event space making controlling access to the events even easier.
41	general	A lot of the parks are surrounded by water with no fence.

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42	general	Access for fishing like decks to just walk or bike to with your kids.
43	general	Actual cops patrolling the parks.
44	general	Before Sunshine Park had the skate park and I was a vocal opponent. I reached out to city council members and was told basically studies say it's a good thing. I challenge each of you to go up there and listen to the language, watch the behavior, notice the smell of marijuana, etc.... it's not a place I want to take my family now.
45	general	Better lighting at night.
46	general	Cameras For Safety
47	general	Charge a nominal fee to those that have birthday parties at parks so that cleaning and additional trash pickup can be done. Parties create a ton of trash and mess.
48	general	Clamp down on drunk, disorderly activity and open drug use at skate park.
49	general	Complete streets, traffic control features (road chicanes, mini roundabouts, Street centerline removal, etc.
50	general	Do not allow tennis professionals to have unlimited time to conduct lessons on public courts. They profit from using public facilities and many do not have liability insurance, nor do they compensate the city through court fees or sales tax. It also leads to many residents not having full access to public facilities. This is also an issue with other independent sports professionals who conduct for profit lessons on public parks.
51	general	Do not duplicate the features we already have, ie skate park, bike trails at Hanna, Pickleball at Jarboe, dog owners, golf. Try for another segment of the population.
52	general	Farmers market in central Jax beach.
53	general	Good questions. We were in St Mary's GA. Their park had a playground, swings on a nice boardwalk, a boat dock, pavillion with nice bathrooms, a small concession stand and free parking. And I thought Jax is missing the boat. That's a ton of money they could be making and lower the parking.
54	general	I take class at Carver Center and no one knows about it
55	general	I think we should build a swimming pool at the golf course on top of the hill near the entrance.
56	general	I would like light and skate hours be extended to 10pm. I would like to see hand sanitizer stations added.
57	general	Increase police presence at parks, so that families feel safer.
58	general	Invest in our kids. Provide more funding to youth sports and their facilities. These programs are crucial to keeping our youth busy with learning new skills, team building, self-discipline, and having fun.
59	general	Is better to wait for the Coronavirus ends and go to park. I feel that if it opens still too early. I haven't even gone to the beaches as much a love the beaches. Not risking it.
60	general	Jax Beach should put as much \$ into the softball fields at Wingate as they do the baseball compound.
61	general	Kayak/Paddleboard Launch.
62	general	Keep beach open with restrictions.
63	general	Lacrosse field.
64	general	Lower the swings. They are too far off the ground and I am too old to hop on.
65	general	More closed playgrounds, kids like to escape!

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66	general	More skateparks.
67	general	More spots to safely enjoy near water, including the inter coastal.
68	general	Open to other sports such as lacrosse.
69	general	Parks are essential to keeping families together and enjoying our city!
70	general	Paying \$10 to park when Huguenot charges \$5 and you can drive on it and not have to cart all your crap in that heat. That's why we go there.
71	general	Playgrounds.
72	general	Please create more new parks with playground equipment.
73	general	Post a phone number on the park fence entrance that people can call or email when things are broken at the park.
74	general	Provide access to the school playgrounds like at San Pablo elementary. We cannot play at San Pablo elementary playground during non-school hours because it is all locked up. At Neptune Beach Elementary, kids have access to that playground. It is not locked.
75	general	Public parks is a great place for families to spend time together. Perhaps more publicity about what is offered at various parks and ask for volunteers to host special events and invite all to attend. What about a monthly theme for public parks?
76	general	Put some money into our Neighborhood parks. Create a walking park along 8th Street! It's a wasted space and eye sore!
77	general	Seating.
78	general	Should look into an indoor Sportsplex too.
79	general	Some more family friendly events. I think we should create a graffiti park that allows freedom to paint graffiti. After one month that graffiti gets covered and a new slate is started.
80	general	Sports fields
81	general	Tether ball, volleyball, tennis court hitting wall.
82	general	The city should collaborate with DCSB and make the fletcher stadium public on certain days. Help pay for the field to be turf, use the stadium and track. It is just locked up. It could be another sunshine park!!! Charge a small fee to use the facility annually. It could be a home run for the community and our precious high school
83	general	They always need to be here for the community
84	general	We lack sufficient baseball/softball/kickball fields with lights.
85	general	Would love a lacrosse field at one of the parks.
86	general	Would love to see more programs in the community center.
87	homeless	Although I feel bad for the homeless, my family cannot go to Gonzales Park. Maybe provide a green space with benches and coverage from the elements for homeless to hang out in that is close to the shelter on Shetter. They lay in the grass all around the shelter anyway.
88	homeless	Desperate need of clean and safe bathroom facilities.
89	homeless	Deter the homeless from Gonzales Park.
90	homeless	Gonzales Homeless Hangout Park... I would love to go to my local park and use it. But I don't feel safe and please update the old sign, fix the letters. And I have been to some beautiful parks. That have flowers and fountains, sculptures, and benches. We need places to sit with well-lit walking path/parks. You have a lot of land not being utilized to it full

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		potential. Sell some of the blank parks so you can invest in the ones you have to make the improvement and upgrades needed. Then all those easements between properties can be cool fun walkways, trails to the beach. Just wasted land sitting there not being used. I suggest to offer it to the homeowners to buy. So you can make money to invest in Jax beach beautification. Put benches back on beach to sit. Fix these roads, re-paint the lines everywhere. Work with JTA to have cover for all the bus stops. And benches. Make a bike and walk lane by the canal your digging out with benches and low lights to enjoy. That would be very cool addition and nice to walk along at night to beaches. (The canal areas that is being dug out).
91	homeless	Gonzales Park needs a major overhaul. I love hear it but NEVER go because it is filthy and constantly filled with people loitering and drinking. I do not feel safe there with my children.
92	homeless	Gonzales Park needs help.
93	homeless	Gonzales Park needs to be safer.
94	homeless	I mostly go to 12 Ave S Park, the no parking signs need to be put back up along the street. Gonzales Park has parking issues it will be getting worse with the duplexes being built across the street. Need the parking lot for visitors not for duplexes with only one parking spot. Not in favor of grills and picnic tables. They are typically used by transients. Only exception is Sunshine Park.
95	homeless	Just the homeless population at Gonzales Park- that is my only concern with the parks.
96	homeless	Keep up the good work! Try and keep homeless people from hanging out at Gonzales Park
97	homeless	Keeping the homeless crowd away- ie. Gonzales Park.
98	homeless	Keeping the homeless people from congregating at any parks that have benches or picnic tables. Gonzales is a favorite but we never go there because of the homeless people always hanging out.
99	homeless	Keeps the bums away. They make the parks feel unsafe.
100	homeless	Less bums and kooks.
101	homeless	More dog waste bins and homelessness control.
102	homeless	My husband and I are unfortunately having to sell our home on 2nd Ave N because our park and area has been taken over by transients. We really wished the city could have fixed the issue but Gonzales Park is only getting worse.
103	homeless	Not much on the north side of town where I live. Gonzales Park is kinda taken over by the homeless I can't take my grandkids there.
104	homeless	People sleeping in the parks when I take my child to play is very unsettling for her and myself.
105	homeless	Please do something about the homeless taking over Latham Park. Homeless should not be allowed to camp out.
106	homeless	Remove the homeless
107	homeless	Too many homeless at Gonzales, can't use. Parks are NOT handicap accessible.
108	homeless	Too many homeless at the parks.
109	homeless	Too many homeless people make it dangerous and not family friendly. Homeless people constantly coming up to us even with our baby.
110	homeless	Too many homeless. Clean them up and take away the trash.

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111	landscaping	Add flower trees. Lots of them. No more palms please.
112	landscaping	Do you use any sprays on the grass at Huguenot Park?
113	landscaping	Garden, volleyball courts, small children play areas.
114	landscaping	Gonzales Park needs a big upgrade. Trees and shaded areas.
115	landscaping	Gonzalez Park could use some updates or additions. Lots of money has been spent at Sunshine Park that development should be spread around to other facilities. A community garden would be a great space too!
116	landscaping	It would be it would be wonderful to see native plants to park landscaping. They are low maintenance, because they are native and adapted to grow here and they are essential for our birds and polintors.

117	maintenance	Better upkeep.
118	maintenance	Cleanliness.
119	maintenance	Girls' softball needs more attention from the city. The batting cages are unsafe. The girls fundraise and work hard to raise funds to keep the field going but it would be nice if the city gave more to the girls.
120	maintenance	I don't have young children anymore but the parks for young children appear to be pretty run down from what I've seen.
121	maintenance	I think there should be general upkeep for some of the nails that stick out of the Woodard when playground equipment is unsafe at sunshine Park. It definitely has gotten better over the years but I've been coming to Sunshine Park for over six years. Also more shade in the park area and water area. It is Florida and gets extremely hot on the concrete.
122	maintenance	Increase cleaning of parks or create/ encourage volunteer park cleaning
123	maintenance	It seems not all parks are maintained at the same level as others
124	maintenance	Just keep up the maintenance in the parks.
125	maintenance	Keep Sunshine Park clean and well maintained for families with children. Prevent people from reserving entire pavilion for parties which prevents other park users from shade and picnic area. Consider sign-up sheet etc.
126	maintenance	Keep them maintained and clean.
127	maintenance	Keep them safe and clean.
128	maintenance	Kids' equipment that is not broken or damaged. It's called maintenance!
129	maintenance	Not related but the boat ramp areas at Beach Blvd & Intracoastal needs more trash cans or more frequent emptying of them.
130	maintenance	Penman Park and Gonzales need a little TLC.
131	maintenance	Play grounds for small children. Not up to date and clean. Will not take my grandchildren to them due to that fact.
132	maintenance	Please clean and update with new trash cans
133	maintenance	Please clean up the sidewalks on 12 Ave S. They are uneven, full of debris, and homeless sleep on the benches.
134	maintenance	Please fix the equipment at Tall Pines Park. It is the nicest park (even in the summer!) and it looks a lot worse than when we started going there 10 years ago.
135	maintenance	Please maintain the playgrounds at the parks around town. Low levels of mulch, missing pieces on the climbing structures, graffiti, etc. all bring down the standards and safety our lovely neighborhood parks. As a

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		concerned mom of toddlers and young kids, I need to know our parks are safe for my children to play, discover and explore. Thank you!
136	maintenance	Please take the time and resources to maintain our parks. As a mother of small children, finding loose boards, exposed concrete and sharp rusting corners is dangerous and discouraging. We LOVE our area parks and need them to be safe.
137	maintenance	Replace or make repairs in children's playground equipment and grounds to assure they are not dangerous or hazardous for children's safety.
138	maintenance	Safety and cleanliness.
139	maintenance	Sunshine park is falling apart & needs a serious look at all the nuts, bolts & boards.
140	maintenance	Sunshine park needs a little bit of a playground facelift.
141	maintenance	Sunshine park needs repairs to the main wooden play area. There are loose and broken boards throughout. Very dangerous.
142	maintenance	Sunshine park needs some serious work in the playground. Now would have been the perfect time, being closed due to Covid-19, to replace and repair the equipment
143	maintenance	The 12th Ave S Park has the worst sidewalk ever! It's a safety hazard to walk due to the un-level ground. Also, people are not picking up after their dogs.
144	maintenance	The beach access parking lots are disgusting in the summer. Please double down on cleaning them. It might be nice to see "give a hoot, don't pollute" signs as a reminder to people who think littering is ok. In the past, I thought it would be a good idea to provide recycle bins but people won't abide by the rules which means it will all end up in the landfill anyway. I would like to see the right of way between sidewalks and 1st Street landscaped or used as a wider bike lane. Dog parks that don't cost money would be nice. Finally there should be signage discouraging condo lights that illuminate the beach during turtle season.
145	maintenance	The design, quality and maintenance of the parks needs significant improvement.
146	maintenance	The maintenance of parks is minimal and it shows.
147	maintenance	The overall maintenance needs big improvement
148	maintenance	There are many city spaces that need attention and improvement.
149	maintenance	Trash cans.
150	maintenance	Upkeep of Sunshine Park.
151	parking	Expand parking at the boat ramp.
152	parking	I mostly go to 12th Avenue S Park, the no parking signs need to be put back up along the street. Gonzales park has parking issues it will be getting worse with the duplexes being built across the street. Need the parking lot for visitors not for duplexes with only one parking spot. Not in favor of grills and picnic tables. They are typically used by transients. Only exception is Sunshine park.
153	parking	Need more attention to playground equipment, sporting event at Sunshine Park without enough parking, people drive fast to park in the neighborhood for sporting events.
154	parking	Parking

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155	parking	Parking on Ponce de Leon for Sunshine Park is often an issue. People drive way to fast through the neighborhoods and fail to stop at the stop signs.
156	pickleball	Pickle ball.
157	pickleball	Pickleball courts somewhere please.
158	restrooms	Bathroom cleanliness (always gross!). Water filtration water fountains.
159	restrooms	Bathroom!
160	restrooms	Bathrooms and garbage cans nice.
161	restrooms	Bathrooms need better maintenance
162	restrooms	Bathrooms... and ones that are better maintained!
163	restrooms	Clean bathrooms.
164	restrooms	Clean restrooms especially at the beaches.
165	restrooms	Cleanliness of any bathrooms, as well as, Safety needs to be addressed! Like a lot more police presence so crime, drugs or whatever is not happening! As in Zero tolerance!
166	restrooms	Convenient location and access to water sports is important. Clean accessible restrooms.
167	restrooms	If you are going to have a bathroom (Sunshine Park) keep it clean! Smelly and dirty, water fountains by bathroom a disgrace!
168	restrooms	Need improved permanent outdoor restrooms, need outdoor shower facilities near beach like Atlantic Beach has, more shade in the parks, control homeless issues.
169	restrooms	No, other than it would be nice to have a restroom or porta potty at 16th Ave South for people like my wife and I who are seniors that walk the beach for exercise 3 or 4 times a week.
170	restrooms	Park restrooms need hand soap! Critical all the time for children and adults to be able to wash their hands. Restrooms could be much more family friendly also. Even hand sanitizer stands would be better than nothing
171	restrooms	Places with playgrounds really need to have a bathroom.
172	restrooms	Please add a restroom to Tall Pines Park. The local Montessori walks there daily to let kids play and there is nowhere to use the restroom. We go there and spend thirty minutes before one of my children has to go and I have to pack up everyone and leave.
173	restrooms	Please add more showers to the pier parking lot. Thousands of people from across the city come to the beaches on the weekends and we have one lousy shower for all of them.
174	restrooms	Please put a real bathroom at Gonzales Park.
175	restrooms	Rest rooms that are clean and able to use - unlike the ones down near the Pier.
176	restrooms	Restroom facilities.
177	restrooms	Restrooms and refillable filtered water for drinking.
178	restrooms	Restrooms.
179	restrooms	Safe and clean. Bathrooms
180	restrooms	Upkeep and maintenance at Sunshine Park needs to improve. And bathroom facilities cleaned.

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181	restrooms	We truly love all our parks!!! The only major issue we have is with the trash and bathroom maintenance at Sunshine Park. The bathrooms are always super dirty/plugged up/overflowing and trash is full. Thank you for hearing this issue and we appreciate your hard work.
182	restrooms	Working restroom facilities need to be added to Gonzales Park. Grass upkeep.
183	shade	If picnic areas=shaded seating, this is ABSOLUTELY essential in Florida and should be at 100% of playgrounds!!
184	shade	Improved landscaping, trees for shade and outdoor art that can be used/explored by kids.
185	shade	Misting cool down areas
186	shade	More splash pads, shaded parks with benches, places to ride scooters, modern playground equipment, water fountains
187	shade	More trees for shade. Several parks have no trees for shade. Kids like to play and the sun is hot. Better water fountains and restrooms with changing facilities for diapers.
188	shade	Shade is essential in Florida Parks.
189	shade	Shade is essential in Florida Parks. Sunshine Park is deteriorating as it gets major use.
190	shade	Shade, cleanliness, safety. Close at dark.
191	shade	Shade, safety, grass, trails
192	shade	Shade.
193	shade	Shade.
194	shade	Shade. Water. Community event spaces.
195	shade	Shaded areas.
196	shade	Shaded spots.
197	shade	Shelter/Shade for the hot summer days, water activities are nice too-splash fountain, water tables, sprinklers.
198	shade	Sunshine park makes me nervous. Wish there was more shade at the parks in general.
199	shade	They need shade canopies over the playground equipment. Water fountains and shade.
200	shade	Trees - preferably climbing ones. Raising kids in the city means less exposure to nature, streams, trees.
201	shade	Water fountains, open shaded fields.
202	shade	We have lived in other cities (Atlanta, Indianapolis, Raleigh) with AMAZING park systems. Updated top of the line quality equipment, shaded areas, and most importantly, splash parks!!! I even called Carmel Clay Parks and Rec (Indianapolis) when we moved back to Jacksonville to find out how they had done their parks so well. Some of their parks cost upwards of \$5M (including water for extensive splash pads), so I know that this isn't a cheap endeavor. Would love to see this in our own park system. The irony is that most of our playgrounds and parks feel SO old and tired. Wooden structures feel incredibly outdated. When we have lived in Indianapolis and Atlanta, so many parks were beautifully maintained-metal climbing structures, plenty of swings, and long rolling slides- even some technology integrated opportunities for kids to "hit the colors when they light up" and underground tunnels to climb through. The coolest part

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		of these parks was the fact that the ground was padded and recycled materials underneath which also gave it a clean and new look. We so desperately need an update in the city parks- they feel SO aged in that many haven't changed since I was a child here...30+ year ago. Given this is such an "outside" community with weather that lends itself to year round playgrounds, you would think we would have more top notch facilities. Please consider investing in our playgrounds, it truly gets more families outside and makes Jacksonville a more memorable space for visiting kids and families!
203	shade	We love going to Sunshine Park but we like to go during non-peak hours. It's chaos in the playground during peak hours. It would be nice to add more benches or tables with shelter in the toddler area too and a gate to keep the little ones contained. We've seen the older kids come in and run around and climb on top of the train in the toddler area. My little one loves playing on the workout equipment so it would be fun to have mini-work out equipment for them to practice riding bikes or a mini ellipticals or smaller jump boxes. I know this would all cost more but just suggestions if there could be future renovations. Never used splash pad before but love to meet friends at the field and play with outdoor toys and just run around. Last time we were at Huguenot Park there were large dogs and multiple dogs using the park as a dog walk and playing off the leash so we haven't been back there. Hoping to give it another chance soon. Love going to Gonzales Park but concerned of safety with homeless people sleeping there. Tall Pines Park is gorgeous and love the openness of it. It would be fun to see more smaller kid events held at the parks
204	shade	Would love a sunshade over the toddler swings at Sunshine. Need a gate to the toddler area. Big kids play tag and knock all the littles down. We've found used conforms, blunts and other gross things in the park facilities which is discouraging.
205	shade	Would love to see some shaded play areas. Also would like to see events to continue to happen at Seawalk.

206	special events	Atlantic Beach has a family camp out that we go to every year. We'd love to have something like that in Jax Beach (but not at the Seawalk Pavilion It would be great to have a park. Atlantic Beach also hosts Music in the Park. It is a lovely atmosphere with acoustic music while the kids play on the playground.
207	special events	Bring back Celtic fest.
208	special events	Bring more family/kid friendly events and less bars in the area.
209	special events	Do not attend music festivals because of crowds, drinking, homeless and Townies that do not respect the Beaches way of life.
210	special events	Fewer drinking festivals.
211	special events	For special events there is ALWAYS too many people and not enough parking. And then, there's the whole HOOD coming up here, with the behavior that is just not acceptable - it doesn't feel safe at all.
212	special events	I look forward to opening & events when it is safe
213	special events	I miss the Latin festival weekend .
214	special events	I'd like more small events and at other parks
215	special events	Keep up with developers renovations currently underway and modernize the bandshell aesthetic to match.

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216	special events	Less festivals that promote drinking. More family friendly festivals.
217	special events	Limit the drinking at events.
218	special events	Love the Food Trucks.
219	special events	Love to see a family camp out like Atlantic Beach's Jack Russell Park does. Make sure parks are not overrun with homeless/inebriated citizens creating an unsafe environment for children.
220	special events	More Art Festivals and Food Trucks.
221	special events	More community festivals.
222	special events	More events like Deck the Chairs and fewer beer fests.
223	special events	More family-oriented.
224	special events	More food truck rallies on the weekends
225	special events	More live music events and movies!!
226	special events	More movies.
227	special events	No. I think JB is doing a fantastic job. I do not care for the mini-festivals that promote public drinking.
228	special events	One with more activities closer to San Pablo.
229	special events	Sea Walk Pavilion area needs more family friendly things other than restaurants. Provide a place where families can bring their kids to play (such as a small playground area) or even at the space where the old Jax Beach pier was. We love going to that one to check out the UNF sculptures and walk around but it would be great if there were some swings and maybe a dome for the kids to play on like their used to be!
230	special events	Seawalk - Jazz nights, Shakespeare, food trucks, farmers market.
231	special events	Stop the festivals, drunk fests.
232	special events	Work with producers to reduce waits/lines. Venues for events to showcase JB.
233	special events	Would love to see more family friendly spaces in downtown Jax Beach. Deck the chairs is great but only once a year. Smaller neighborhood parks need a bit more upkeep and update facilities.

234	trails	A BMX /skateboard One Way concrete Trail would be awesome.
235	trails	A pump track for bicycles, skateboard and scooters.
236	trails	A SAFE and well maintained dedicated cycling route. Please.
237	trails	All alleyways running East to West could be made into mini parks.
238	trails	Bike skills park! Like a pump track and features. Look up Tom Brown park owned by the City of Tallahassee.
239	trails	Bike trails connecting parks, beach, and other points of interest.
240	trails	Clean and stocked restrooms. Maps for trails. Postings about local history. Guided walks or talks. Flowers. Jax needs a flower & plant conservatory.
241	trails	Continue to create disabled and bike accessible spaces in the town. Quiet spaces, nature trails.
242	trails	Create more football and softball fields, create bike paths.
243	trails	Dirt bike trails.
244	trails	Exercise opportunities (bike trails, pump track, concrete track around park for roller blades for kids etc.)
245	trails	How about a map of where they are all located? A FB page for them?

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246	trails	I heard talks of a pedestrian path along Jacksonville Dr. and I think that would be awesome. Tall Pines Park could use an upgrade
247	trails	I wish there were more walking trails. I know most people walk the beach but some variety would be nice.
248	trails	I would really pay attention to the matter of complete streets and aggressive /reckless driving. I think we have enough density and parks that all citizens of Jax Beach could feasibly bike to parks, but I do think our outdated auto centric road designs make it discouraging and unsafe for peds and cyclists.
249	trails	It would be nice to have a park dedicated to BMX freestyle bicycles. Or at least access to the existing skateparks.
250	trails	It would not allow me to vote 5 for bike trails.
251	trails	More bike racks.
252	trails	More workout equipment and nature trails.
253	trails	Need a bike park (as the skateboard parks bar bike riders).
254	trails	Need more athletic facilities and bike paths connecting them.
255	trails	Need more bike trails.
256	trails	Please construct a bicycle park and allow bicycles in the skate park. Also make helmets mandatory.
257	trails	Trails, open land, etc are way better than playgrounds (and I have four young kids!).
258	trails	Walking, biking spaces are extremely important to have in all areas. Now, this can mean just paved walkways so that people can walk safely.
259	trails	Would love more trails.
260	trails	Would love to see long term plans of bike routes and trails.

261	water features	Better water play areas. Bigger than Sunshine. Water features that kids can play in like they have in cities like San Diego and Portland.
262	water features	I would love to see the splash pad built out more. I was excited when I heard about the renovation of it last summer but you really didn't do much. It would be wonderful to have a bigger play space with more options than just the water spout thing. It is also VERY annoying that as a resident and tax payer in Jax Beach, that my children do not get to use it as much as we could due to the number of daycare buses and school buses that show up in the summer time and completely take over the place.
263	water features	Splash Pads.
264	water features	Water fountains, electric car chargers, more garbage cans.
265	water features	Water parks like that at South Beach
266	water features	Would love the water features to be better. Pretty disappointed that the one at Sunshine took a year and is a spout. With all the cool things we could have added. Would love a bigger water area for kids.
267	water fountains	Better maintenance of water fountains at softball field. Upgrade to one that allows one to refill water bottles. Provide recycle bins at all parks.
268	water fountains	Clean water fountains.
269	water fountains	Water fountains, shade.



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For CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING ITEM	
TO:	Mayor and City Council
FROM:	Mike Staffopoulos, City Manager
DATE:	February 4, 2021
SUBJECT:	Short Term Vacation Rental (STVR) - Update

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this briefing item is to update Council on progress made related to registration of STVRs, and pending legislation. An item was presented to Council in October 2020, including information from Planning & Development (P&D) and the Fire Marshal (FM). New information has been provided by both P&D and the FM, along with information from the STVR Update (October 12, 2020) for comparative purposes.

Legislation is again being proposed to preempt all regulation of STVRs to the State. Companion legislation (House Bill 219 and Senate Bill 522) has been proposed in both the House and Senate, which, if adopted, would preempt any community regulations adopted after June 1, 2011. The City's ordinance would effectively be preempted by this legislation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

TBD

REQUESTED ACTION

For information only.

ATTACHMENTS

Short Term Vacation Rental (STVR) Update - October 12, 2020

Short Term Vacation Rental Compliance Status Update 2/3/2021

Fire Marshal's Office Memorandum 2/3/21

Short Term Vacation Rental (STVR) Update – October 12, 2020

Last fall, the City Council approved an ordinance to regulate STVRs within the City of Jacksonville Beach. The regulation, more specifically, is to ensure that properties are registered with the City and State, that appropriate fees and taxes are being remitted, and that inspections of the property are performed for the health and safety of the public. The City is using Host Compliance, a third party provider (recently purchased by Granicus) to identify properties operating as STVRs within its jurisdiction, and to send initial and second notices (requirement to register) to those owners/operators.

The first round of notice letters was sent out in January, 2020. In March, the COVID-19 pandemic came into full light, and resulted in Safer At Home orders across the country. In Florida, restrictions were placed on STVRs. As such, follow up action from the City did not resume until July 2020, when additional first and second notice letters were sent. At this time, a limited number of property owners/managers have contacted the City to register their properties in accordance with the STVR ordinance.

City staff has held internal discussions to determine what we are organizationally experiencing through this new process. In summary:

- A low percentage of the properties are registering.
- The City is spending a significant amount of time (up to 10 hours per week) conversing verbally and through email with owners/managers on registration requirements
- Owners/managers claim some documents required by the City are not available through their associated leasing company (VRBO, AirBNB, etc.) while other documents have been delayed through state agencies
- Host Compliance has been acquired, and is increasing their annual fee for service from approximately \$10,000 per year to approximately \$18,000/year
- Taking enforcement action against owners/managers will take substantial time, effort and financial resources
- Enforcement action would consist of approximately 131 discrete cases being brought to the Special Magistrate

Additional detail regarding this summary is provided in Exhibits A, B and C, attached.

Staff is at a point where, based on experience to date, direction is needed as to whether to progress to enforcement of the ordinance. In the event Council direction is to proceed, additional resources may be needed, both administrative and legal.

Exhibit A

Short-Term Vacation Rental Compliance Status Update 9/30/2020

- Host Compliance sent out **250 first notice letters** between January 17 and 24, 2020.
- Host Compliance sent out **173 second notices letters** on July 2, 2020.
- Host Compliance sent out **43 additional first notice letters** on July 2, 2020 (new listings since January, 2020)
- Staff has received a total of **48 STVR applications**
- Staff has issued **38 Certificates**
- Staff has received and replied to over **320 emails** and has compiled a list of **exempt properties to remove from future mailing lists** for various reasons (long term rental, multiple-family/condo, less than 50% of an owner-occupied dwelling, property sold, etc.) That manually generated list will be provided to Host Compliance prior to the next mail-out.
- Host Compliance has received **87 calls** to the short-term rental complaint hotline. Many calls were for property not located in Jacksonville Beach, or regarding properties that are not short-term rentals. Code Enforcement and the Fire Marshal respond to all calls regarding property in the City.

As of 9/30/2020 there are:

- 1,560 individual "Listings", for 1,015 unique "Rental Units" identified by Host Compliance.
 - The vast majority of these units are condos, or less than 50% of an owner-occupied dwelling unit that do not require a certificate pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-8118.
- 130 noncompliant properties that require a certificate, that have not received a certificate, applied for a certificate, or made any contact with the City regarding a certificate.

Next Steps:

- Annual renewal letter for compliant properties was emailed out in August. (issued certificates expire September 30 of each year)

Exhibit B

Fire Marshal STVR Inspection Results 1-1-20 through 9-16-20

Number of Short Term Rental Properties Inspected: 64

FM Received Inspection Request By:

COJB electronic submittal process 35

Phoned In or In Person Request 18

Electronic Complaint Process 11

Total Number of Inspections Performed: 91

(64 normal Short Term Rental Inspections, 16 re-inspections, 11 Complaint Inspections)

Major Discrepancies Noted	Total #
Non-compliant Kitchen/Bathroom Outlets (not GFI)	25
Missing Smoke Alarms	23
Non-compliant 2nd Means of Escape from Bedroom	4
Missing Fire Extinguisher	4
Unsafe Electric	3
Unsafe/Missing Stair Handrails	3
Missing Pool Alarms	3
Unsafe Fireplace	1

Exhibit C

CITY ATTORNEY BULLET POINTS RE: POTENTIAL CHALLENGES TO ENFORCE SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTAL ORDINANCE REGULATIONS

- Time, cost, workload, burdens that may not be manageable to legally enforce our regulations against noncompliant violators.
- Expect to face constitutional challenges as to the validity and legality of our ordinance.
- Expect to face selective enforcement challenges.
- Expect the need to defend actions brought against COJB.
- Expect appeals of the magistrate enforcement rulings and appeals of the direct actions against COJB.
- Expect costly and time consuming evidentiary battles between COJB and alleged violators. Could face difficulty establishing and proving with sufficient evidence that a violator was in business.
- Magistrates believe they can handle approx. 5-10 cases per hearing. But expect full day hearings and some scheduled cases may not get heard, and those cases would be required to be first scheduled at the next available hearing (which will create a backup of cases).
- High legal fees on lawyer time, magistrate time, defense, prosecution, negotiations, requests for reprieve, settlement and appeals. Magistrate and City Attorney will need to collaborate to prepare detailed and specific orders of findings of fact and law in each case.
- Legal department will not have staff available to meet the demands that legal enforcement will create.

Short-Term Vacation Rental Compliance Status Update 2/3/2021

- Host Compliance has sent out a total of **513 letters** since January of 2020 on behalf of the City
- Staff has received a total of **72 STVR applications**
- Staff has received and replied to over **360 emails** and has compiled a list of **exempt properties to remove from future mailing lists** for various reasons (long term rental, multiple-family/condo, less than 50% of an owner-occupied dwelling, property sold, etc.)

As of 2/3/2021 there are:

- 1,736 individual “Listings”, for 1,058 unique “Rental Units” identified by Host Compliance, where 530 of those rental units have active advertised listings.
 - Many of these properties are condos units, or less than 50% of an owner-occupied dwelling unit that do not require a certificate pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-8118

Next Steps:

- Recommend sending out reminder letters to all non-compliant properties that require a certificate.
- Recommend sending out letter to **all** rental properties regarding local, county and state business and property tax obligations and regulations.
- Monitor House Bill 219/Senate Bill 522, that is proposing a preemption of regulation of vacation rentals to the State.



FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE MEMORANDUM 2-3-21

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Short Term Vacation Rental

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There are 113 Short Term Vacation Rental properties registered with the Fire Marshal's Office. Of the 113, 17 of them are located in apartment buildings or condominiums.

During 2020, 133 inspections were performed in these properties. In Jan of 2021 the Fire Marshal's Office performed 8 inspections. The Chart below is a breakdown of the inspections performed.

Short Term Vacation Rental Inspections		
Inspection Type	2020	Jan-21
Original	99 (37) passed	(1) 4 passed
Reinspection	16 (14) passed	(1) 2 passed
2nd Notice Issued	2	1
Complaint	16	1
Total Inspections	133	8



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CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING ITEM	
TO:	Mayor and City Council
FROM:	Chris Ambrosio, City Attorney and Heather Ireland, Senior Planner
DATE:	January 22, 2021
SUBJECT:	Mobile Food Dispensing Vehicles

BACKGROUND

The City of Jacksonville Beach began regulating mobile food dispensing vehicles ("MFDV") in 2014. Currently, MFDV are allowed to operate in the following zoning districts: Commercial, limited: C-1, Commercial, general: C-2, Commercial Service: CS, Central Business District: CBD, Industrial: I-1 and commercial portions of Planned Unit Developments: PUD. Extensive research conducted prior to the adoption of the 2014 ordinances indicated that the majority of cities at the time permitted MFDV in commercial and industrial zoning districts and not in residential areas. However, many cities permit MFDV on public property and in residential zones.

City Council has expressed interest in amending the Land Development Code (LDC) to allow MFDV to operate in residential zoning districts, particularly those residential areas that have a Home Owner Associations (HOA) or Condominium Owner Associations (COA), churches and schools and/or potentially on City park property and facilities. There was also curiosity about whether MFDV could operate on Duval County School Board properties within the City.

Duval County School Board Property

School Board representatives and the City Senior Planner and City Attorney discussed whether the City should consider an ordinance that would allow MFDV to operate on School Board properties. The School Board unconditionally prohibits the commercial MFDV from operating on their properties. The School Board has received valuable Federal grants to operate a food program that is strictly handled through an agreement between the School Board and a single vendor that operates School Board MFDV. No commercial enterprise is allowed to conflict with that arrangement, and the School Board also prohibits for-profit commercial businesses from operating on their properties.

HOA, COA, Churches and Private Schools

Periodically, members of the public or MFDV operators have inquired about operating MFDV in single-family developments, specifically with an HOA, or at condominium developments with COA, and at churches and private schools. MFDV have been known to already operate on private school and church properties around the City, and also in some HOAs. Most of the City's



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neighborhoods that have a HOA are zoned Planned Unit Development (PUD), and currently MFDV are only permitted in commercial PUD zoning districts, not residential PUD zoning districts. Condominium developments are located in either PUD zoning or multiple-family residential zoning districts, where MFDV are also not currently permitted. Most private schools and churches are in the residential zoning districts. The MFDV that currently, on occasion, operate on private school and church properties have not properly registered or paid the City Local Business Tax Receipt (LBTR) to operate at those particular private schools and churches locations. This is the same for MFDV that operate in HOA or COA. Importantly, those areas are in residential zones where MFDV are currently not allowed to operate. Therefore, the MFDV are actually not legally operating at those HOAs, COAs, private schools and churches.

Some HOAs, COAs, private schools and churches are located in residential zoning districts. In order for MFDV to legally operate in any residential zoning district, the Land Development Code (LDC) would have to be amended. The LDC could be amended to allow MFDV to operate in common areas owned by an HOA, COA, school or church. The site and location of the MFDV would need to be approved through the currently established process that is applicable to all other MFDV zoned locations. On an annual basis, the MFDV would be required to submit and pay for a City LBTR for each location that it operates in a residential zone. This is consistent with the requirement for any MFDV that operates at more than one location in the current authorized zoning districts (C-1, C-2, CS, CBD, I-1, certain portions of PUD).

City Parks and Recreational Facilities

The City Parks and Recreation Department, Special Events personnel, City Manager, Deputy Manager, Clerk's Office, Fire Marshal, City Attorney and City Senior Planner discussed options to create a special event program that would allow MFDV to operate at designated City parks and recreational facilities. The program would allow a properly authorized MFDV to apply to the Special Events department to operate at a City park or recreational facility. The Special Events department would process the MFDV request and work with Planning and Development, and the Clerk's office to ensure that the MFDV has completed all of the guidelines and requirements in order for the MFDV to lawfully operate at a park or recreational facility. For example, the MFDV would need to complete the required City application, obtain a LBTR for each location of operation, and pass all safety requirements and comply with the Special Events policies. The Special Events department would establish specified safe locations at each park and facility designated for MFDV operations. The Special Events policy would need to be revised to provide a detailed policy for this program. The Special Events division would manage the program in with assistance from the Clerk's office, Planning department and Fire Marshal.



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If Council approves the residential zoning change and this Special Events program then the City would also be allowed to host MFDV at City parks and recreational facilities. Any MFDV operating in the Special Events program would be held to the same qualifying requirements and safety criteria as any MFDV that applies to operate in the City under the current zoning platform.

Florida Statute §509.102 (mobile food dispensing vehicles; preemption) became effective on July 1, 2020. The Statute defines MFDV, and preempts to the State of Florida, regulation of MFDV licenses, registrations, permits, and fees. It further mandates that a local government may not require a separate license, registration, or permit as a condition for the operation of a MFDV within the local jurisdiction, and that a local governmental entity may not prohibit MFDV from operating within the entirety of the entity's jurisdiction. It also provides that the Statute may not be construed to affect a local governmental entity's authority to regulate the operation of MFDV other than the regulations described in subsection (2) of the Statute. The City Attorney and City Departments created a MFDV Application Packet, in place of the former Mobile Food Vending Permit Application Packet, in order to adapt to §509.102. On September 21, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2020-8145 to revise and amend the City's Code of Ordinances Chapters 12 and 34 in order to adapt, conform, and comply with the Florida Statute.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The City collects an annual local business tax for each MFDV operating at each individual approved location in the current authorized zones.

COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTED

Does the City Council wish to amend the Land Development Code to allow MFDV to operate in residential zoning districts, through an HOA/COA, school, and church, and/or on City public park property and recreational facilities?

If yes, should regulations address:

- Where MFDV can operate in residential PUD zoning,
- Where MFDV can operate in standard residential zoning,
- What conditions and regulations are needed to allow HOA,COA, Schools, and Churches to hire and allow MFDV on common property,
- Does Council wish to restrict the number of times that a HOA,COA, School, or Church can hire a MFDV or does Council want the entity to have unlimited opportunities,
- Whether the City should create a special events policy and program to allow MFDV to operate at certain City recreational facilities and parks,



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- Terms and conditions to allow authorized MFDV to participate and operate at City recreational facilities and parks,
- Under what conditions can MFDV be prohibited from participating at the parks and recreational facilities, as well as HOAs, COAs, schools and churches,
- Specific zones and locations where operation will be permitted,
- Times of use,
- Does Council want to institute a LBTR annual decal system that would require MFDV to place the City's annual decal in a visible location on the MFDV each year, and
- Other restrictions, authorizations and allowable operations.

ATTACHMENTS

None