



Parks Level of Service Study - Public Meeting One Comments Summary

Comments	Fences/ Gates	Security	Programming Conflicts	Pedestrian/ Bicycle Infrastructure	Age Appropriateness of Equipment	Lack of Facilities	Definition of Park	Park Hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Preservation and rehabilitation of Miami Police Benevolent Association (PBA) Park o Work with organizations such as Police Athletic League and Police Explorers in development of space o Propose a “Safety Town” that is oriented towards children. 								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Police presence in parks must be increased. o Better lighting in parks would increase access by allowing citizens to use parks after sunset. 		1						1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o What is the LOS green space calculation?? o Large scale Park use vs. mini parks. Are they calculated the same? o Impact fees Are important but we should not rely on them to target certain areas. We should not rely on developers to enact change in neighborhoods, this opens up the issue of corruption. 							1	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Concerns over security in parks, increase nighttime security presence in parks. o Consider access issues such as obstacles to walking or biking to parks. o Follow through on Master Plan recommendations for Grove Barnacle/pedestrian improvements. o Improve crosswalk conditions at intersection of McFarlane Road, Main Highway and Grand Ave. o Brickell – review DDA 2025 master plan (propose more parks) and identify Brickell Key formula for park space. o Begin a cooperative farming program in parks 		1		1				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o New Park, 1814 Brickell has play equipment that is not suitable for children of all ages 					1			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The city must integrate the county and other municipalities in future plans for parks. o Provide more furniture in parks, including moveable furniture. 						1		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Citizens want full use of parks and more amenities to attract organized sports to parks (locker rooms, shower facilities, etc.) 						1		



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Not enough bike trails o Improve diversity of playground equipment to address children of all ages. o There needs to be more community centers in the North Grove/Central Miami area. o Improve public access to water and increase walkways along the water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sidewalks to Marjory Stoneman Douglas Mini Park on SW 22nd Avenue are inadequate o Sidewalks on South Bayshore Drive in between Kennedy Park and Monty's are inadequate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o No summer camps available in Brickell/Downtown/Coconut Grove 				1	1	1		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Decrease barriers to parks such as "gates" and "fences" o Create neighborhood security programs similar to Washington DC o Increase patrol of police in parks o Baseball fields being taken over by schools. Fields in Little Havana are not available for citizens over the age of 16. 	1	1	1		1			



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o Increase enforcement for dog issues in parks.								
o Will there be funding increases to parks via an increase in impact fees? o There should be funding increases to parks to improve maintenance. o Are there plans to acquire more acres of parks in underserved areas of the city? o Are there plans to create a separate "Park" designation other than "Civic Space" in the Miami 21 Zoning Code? o Are there plans to increase the open space requirements for future developments? o Increase tree canopy in parks o Create more Native "Mini-Habitats" inside parks Enabling Urban Gardening in parks							1	
o Work with schools to allow access to parks/fields when school is not in session. o Work with MDT to develop land under the Metrorail into parks.								
o Fences provide security for residents.	1							



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o FPL power sub-station on SW 2nd Avenue should be closed and removed or covered with a park established above it. o Expand parks into Biscayne Bay 								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Increase citizen's sense of ownership of parks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fences restrict access to parks o Include informational signs to educate park visitors about historic origins of named parks. o Miami circle park should not include a dog park. 	1							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Lack of access due to park hours; most parks are only open from sunrise to sunset. This is inconvenient for people who work during the day. 								1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Lack of parks in the North West section of the City o Provide parks for ALL tax paying citizens. 								



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Charter schools in Little Havana Are being developed without playgrounds. the result is Charter schools using public parks for recreational purposes. this limits the residents' use and access of parks. o Why where no parks created from development Impact fees? 			1					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Remove barriers from parks such as gates and fences. o Make parks more accessible to modes of transportation other than cars. Improve connectivity so that pedestrians and cyclists can easily access parks as well. o Improve conditions along South Bay Shore Drive. o Remove Brickell waterfront parking along Brickell Bay Drive in between SW 14th Street and 15th Road, replace with linear waterfront park. 	1			1				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$2 million park funds have been used up. New funds need to be created by increasing impact fees. o Improve waterfront access and encourage recreational water sports. o Start a recycling program in parks. 								



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Public vs. private park use for citizens o Concerns over lack of access to parks due to special events or green space being used for temporary parking. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Prevent access to vehicles and improve proper maintenance. o Dog parks are needed in Downtown 			1					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The city should work with community organizations to enact change and empower citizens. 								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Money from impact fees should be divided into separate groups to ensure that more parkland is acquired (ex: money for land acquisition, money for maintenance, etc.) o Impact fees should not only be used in 3 acre or larger parcels. 								



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Parking lots in Downtown along Biscayne Boulevard need to be removed to create a linear park that connects Downtown to Bayfront Park. o Make the M-Path a more welcoming space. o Rethink parks, envision streets that can be used as parks. o Improve investment in parks from private development, with a special focus on Brickell Citi Centre. o Parks should not have barriers such as fences. 	1							

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Attention needs to be paid the Coconut Grove Master Plan's goal of linking the waterfront with parks, bikes and bay boat routes to create the Coconut Grove Waterfront Greenway. o The 2007 Masterplan of Coconut Grove needs to be updated o What are the future plans for the current site of the Convention Center and other commercial businesses occupying the marina? 				1				
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o We need a splash park in Kennedy Park, like Pinecrest Gardens! o Less dogs and more enforcement of pick up the poop and dogs on leashes! o Also playing fields and a community center in the Grove like Key Biscayne and Coral Gables. They are profit centers and offer programs for all age ranges Youth to Seniors! 						1		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Older parks need to be renovated and equipment needs to be updated o Parks need to be redesigned so that they are friendlier to children o Park maintenance needs to be improved 					1			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o We need more varied, beautiful neighborhood parks o We need better access to parks via safe, wide sidewalks, effective crosswalks, bike lanes, etc. 				1		1		



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o More park space must be acquired even if the parks are not large parcels. o Marks should be within walking distance of urban core o Parking should not be a requirement for parks or even available near parks as it would defeat the purpose of parks 				1				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Make efforts to address older and younger residents, especially in districts 1, 3, 4 and 5 and areas that are underserved. o Neighborhood parks should have a minimum requirement of equipment suited to 2-5 year olds so that children learn at an early age that being outside and exercising is important. o Play equipment should be shaded with canopies or trees to allow for protection from the elements. o Tree canopies should be increased inside parks, with a goal of 70% coverage in the next 5 years. 					1			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dogs should not be allowed in parks o Penalties for residents who don't pick up after their pets 								



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Playgrounds need to be fun, safe, shaded from the sun, and fenced. Increase in water activities in parks. o Riverwalk area along NW North River drive in between NW 2nd and NW 3rd Street is underutilized 					1	1		

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