

Charlie Leighton Park Amended 01/14/2025

Category Concurrency
Project Number 2151B
Location Charlie Leighton Park
District 5

Project Limits Charlie Leighton Park

Related Projects N/A
Lead Dept/Division Parks and Recreation
Year Project Initiated 2018

Project Life Cycle 50 Years

Resilience Requirements ☒ 2040 Vulnerability ☒ 2070 Vulnerability ☒ 2100 Vulnerability



DESCRIPTION

The final site plan for the park has been completed and is now ready for bidding. The comprehensive park plan includes several significant enhancements: increased boat ramp and vehicle parking spaces, reconfigured parking to improve traffic flow, additional dockage featuring a floating dock, designated picnicking areas, pedestrian pathways along the waterfront with connectivity under the bridge, an expanded crew/rowing leased area, open green space, a gazebo, and various other improvements. This project will also include the replacement of the Charlie Leighton Park boat ramp.

BACKGROUND

Charlie Leighton Park spans approximately 5.1 acres and is located on the waterfront in Palm City. This valuable and entirely "active acreage" property serves as a popular launch site for local boaters. The park lies within the Palm City Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) area and incorporates improvements outlined in the CRA Plan. In 2019, public input was gathered through community meetings and surveys to identify future needs, leading to the creation of a conceptual master site plan. Renovations to the Palm City Community Center, which complements this project, have already been completed.

PROJECT ORIGATION

Infrastructure Needs

JUSTIFICATION

This project is in line with Goal 1 – Maintain and Improve Facilities, Objective 1.1 - Maintain and improve existing facilities, Objective 1.8 - Upgrade convenience and customer service amenities to existing facilities; Goal 3-Continue to improve Program and Service Delivery, Objective 3.1-Explore opportunities to increase recreational opportunities based on demand and trend.

Expenditures	Total	To Date		Funded					Unfunded
				FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30-FY34
Design	99,400	99,400		0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	3,245,836	0		1,500,000	1,745,836	0	0	0	0
Expenditure Total	3,345,236	99,400		1,500,000	1,745,836	0	0	0	0
Revenues	Total	To Date	Carryover						FY30-FY34
				FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	
Ad Valorem	286,198	0	286,198	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parks MSTU	500,000	0	500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
TIF	99,400	99,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impact Fees	2,459,638	0	2,179,666	279,972	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue Total	3,345,236	99,400	2,965,864	279,972	0	0	0	0	0
Total Unfunded									0

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

Operating Budget expected to increase to maintain upgraded facilities and expected level of service. Amount to be determined.