



AGENDA
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2024
5:00 PM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
204 ASH STREET
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. PRESENTATION**
 - 4.1 COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD (CRAAB) - LOTS C AND D OPEN SPACE RECOMMENDATIONS - CRAAB Chair Lisa Finklestein will present Lots C and D open space recommendations.**
- 5. DISCUSSION - DIRECTION - ACTION ITEMS**
 - 5.1 CONSIDER CRAAB PARKING LOTS C AND D OPEN SPACE RECOMMENDATIONS - The City Commission will discuss the CRAAB Parking Lots C and D recommendations.**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

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CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM
City of Fernandina Beach



SUBJECT: Presentation
Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board - Lots C and D Open Space
Recommendations

ITEM TYPE: Presentation

REQUESTED ACTION:

SYNOPSIS: The City Commission, at their October 17, 2023, CRA Executive Board meeting, requested CRAAB recommendations for Lots C and D open space. last CRA Executive board meeting

FISCAL IMPACT: Fiscal impact will be based upon City Commission direction.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS: N/A

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION(S): At the pleasure of the City Commission.

Kim Briley, Deputy City Clerk

Charles George, Interim City Manager

Caroline Best

Date: December 20, 2023

Submitted By: Caroline Best, City Clerk

COMMISSION ACTION:

PARK Plan A - Lots C&D

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PARK Plan A - Lots C&D

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LANDSCAPE PLAN

- **Priority is shade, low cost, low maintenance.**

- A successful park is one that is well used.
 - Destinations within the park encourage use.
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① RIVERWALK

- Riverwalk to run the entire length of the public waterfront.
 - Currently interrupted by Atlantic Seafood building and Simmons property.
 - Riverwalk connects everything to Centre St.
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② Existing TREE

- Existing tree west of building retained.
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③ BOAT RAMP PLAZA

- Open space next to boat ramp for bike racks and ???
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④ ATLANTIC SEAFOOD

- Moves south, opening Ash St. view corridor.
 - New location allows Lots C&D Riverwalk to connect to rest of Riverwalk.
 - Design and footprint of the building to be determined.
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⑤ Floodwall OPENINGS

- Allows for connecting walkways between the parking lot and Riverwalk.
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⑥ OVERLOOK

- Overlooks the river.
 - A destination that provides a reason to walk south on the Riverwalk.
 - Provides excellent views of river, sunsets, shrimp boats.
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⑦ PETANQUE COURTS

- 16 courts allows for annual & other tournaments.
 - Used daily Oct - May
 - Can be seating area for larger concerts.
 - Can be used for special events. Vendors set up booths on courts.
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⑧ LOOP WALKWAY

- Provides alternative to retracing steps on Riverwalk.
 - 8' wide coquina concrete walkway.
 - Shade trees to be determined (possibly Phoenix Sylvestris palms).
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⑨ Loop Walkway
DESTINATIONS

- Destinations add interest and encourage use.
 - 9A: Temporary Public Art space.
 - 9B: Main Entrance with iconic landscape element.
 - 9C: To be determined.
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⑩ VEHICLE ENTRY

- Entrance for maintenance, event set up, Shrimpfest parking.
 - Grass pavers at entrance double as landscape island.
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⑪ FENCE

- Controls access to the park, providing security.

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| ⑫ Entrance PERGOLA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Identifies and defines Main Entrance to park.- Vine covered for shade.- Not a vehicle entrance. |
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| ⑬ Multi-Purpose
PAVILION with STAGE | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rentable for Concerts, Birthday Parties, Weddings, Receptions, Group Picnics, Reunions, Meetings, Yoga, Special Events.- Open Air with water, electricity, roll-up blinds for weather protection.- 32' x 36' plus surrounding deck. (Central Park pavilion is 20' x 20')- Elevated 21" to prevent flooding and to make the stage more functional.- Located away from parking makes use more pleasant.- Vehicle accessible.- To be designed by an Architect.
- STAGE is both Open Air and Covered.- Inside Seating for small concerts - seats 120 + performers- Lawn Seating for larger concerts.- Sound projects toward mill, not toward residences. |
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| ⑭ SEATING PLAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Next to Multi-Purpose Pavilion - they work together.- Great views of river and Marina.- Overlooks lawn activities.- Shaded with palms.- Comfortable seating and game tables.- Direct walkway to Main Entrance and parking. |
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| ⑮ Marsh GAZEBO | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Small, intimate, over-marsh picnic & wedding gazebo.- Wedding ceremonies with receptions at Multi-Purpose Pavilion.- Views of Marina boats and river.- Access walk and gazebo oriented away from mill view. |
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| ⑯ LAWN | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Seating area for larger concerts.- 14,000 sq. ft. is space for 1,200 people
(Sounds On Centre = 10,000 sq. ft. - used by 800 people)- Frisbee, dog running, pickup sports games. etc.- Shrimpfest parking.- Can be used for special events - vendors set up booths on lawn. |
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| ⑰ Children's PLAY AREA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Small play area.- Located away from parking lot.- Landscape Structures' "Global Motion" spinner. ADA accessible. |
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⑱ RESTROOMS	- Close to Multi-Purpose Pavilion, Play Area, Parking Lot - Similar to Egan's Creek Park, Simmons Rd. Park restrooms. - Includes drinking fountains.
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⑲ POLLINATOR GARDEN	- 3 Bs: Birds, Bees, Butterflies.
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⑳ TREE GROVE & GROUP PICNIC SPOT	- Set within a grove of Bald Cypress or Slash Pine trees. - 20 foot long Picnic Table for group picnics in wooded, shaded setting. - Location minimally blocks view of river from street. - Similar to St. Simon's popular waterfront park group picnic tables.
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㉑ HISTORY TIMELINE	- Information plaques provide FB and island history milestones. - Plaques mounted on top of floodwall for easy reading. - CRA guidelines call for history and culture information like this.
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9A) Alternate: SHRIMP BOAT DISPLAY	- Retired shrimp boat. - Elevated "dock" viewing platform with gangway ADA ramp - Tall hedge provides separation from Petanque courts. - Informational graphics depicting Fernandina shrimping history. - CRA guidelines call for history and culture information like this. - Privately financed. No cost to City. - Volunteers to provide maintenance.
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BENCHES TRASH CONTANERS BIKE RACKS STREET LIGHTS WALKWAY LIGHTS TREE UPLIGHTING FESTOON LIGHTING ELECTRIC OUTLETS SIGNAGE WIFI	- Locations to be determined.
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PARK Plan A - Lots C&D

Special Event Booths

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REASONS TO PROCEED with Lot C&D Open Space Improvements:

- Floodwall / Riverwalk mostly complete - why not proceed with the open space in C&D?
- Significant improvement to C&D for relatively low cost.
- Coincides with Fernandina Beach's 200th Anniversary.
- Upgrades this CRA "blighted area" - part of CRA's purpose.
- 20+ years in the making.
- Builds momentum for other waterfront open space and shoreline resiliency projects.
- Lot C&D open space doesn't require completion of Lot A or Lot B open space.
- C&D now rezoned to Recreation so open space improvements are appropriate there.
- CRAAB unanimous in recommending to move forward with the C&D Park Plan.

