



**CITY OF BELLE SLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date: June 6, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Workshop on Parks, Ramps and Open Space

Background: The City Council directed a workshop be held to discuss parks, open space and ramps in the City to be able to provide direction for operation, maintenance and funding for the recreational assets of the City. Of priority was the standardization of signage, review of the rules for certain areas such as Perkins Boat Ramp and Venetian Boat Ramp, as well as discuss the enforcement of the rules in these areas. The council should also discuss the function of Peninsular Park and the space at the intersection of Wallace and Matchett as these properties need to be added to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The Council should review the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive (Comp) Plan (1990) and the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) for the Comp Plan done in 2008. The EAR evaluates the performance of the elements of the Comp Plan since the previous EAR process. It will assess the success and shortcomings of the goals in the plan and recommends changes. I am providing this information because the last EAR was 2010 and it might be time to update some areas, even though the update for 2017 was recently done (such as adding Peninsular and Wallace to the inventory of recreational assets).

Wallace Property is still zoned R-2, therefore, Council should consider a zone change to open space.

I would also suggest you visit each of the parks/ramps listed to be familiar with what is there.

Fiscal Impact: Depending on the direction from the Council. Allocated for FY 2016/17 is \$38,000 for Perkins Ramp storm water management and \$180,000 for Gene Polk Park storm water management.

Attachments: Excerpt from 1990 Comprehensive Plan, EAR 2008, EAR 2010, Letter on Comp Plan update, Draft signage for Ramps and Parks.