



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

Meeting Date: May 21, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Conceptual Plan for Wallace Field

Background: At the May 7, 2019 Council meeting, the Council discussed the Wallace Field Conceptual designs submitted to the City for approval by CCA. The City Manager met with representatives of the school and discussed the changes directed by the Council. The City Manager also discussed some of the issues that the neighbors had with the school. The school representatives were not aware of the problems, like softballs coming over the fence, and they will reach out to the neighbors to see what other concerns they have.

The designs be updated to include:

1. Moving the gate between CCA and the Field from the building to the middle of the wall.
2. Keep the restrooms. The City Manager requested that a third restroom (family) be added to the building and that a utility room be added behind the restrooms for storage of restroom cleaning supplies and the restroom plumbing.
3. Reduce the size of the building. The building footprint was not reduced; however, the storage area that was once on the right side of the building (across from the restroom entrances) was removed, but the overhang will remain. Also, the addition of the utility room behind the restroom is necessary so the building should remain the original size. If the Council directs the building be reduced in size then it will be done.
4. The community garden was removed. Additional landscaping will be included on the site plan.
5. Allow for parking on the field if it could not be established elsewhere. The staff looked at trying to put parking on Wallace Street between Matchett and

Randolph, but it is not feasible. If the location of the parking area is not acceptable to the Council, then it can be moved to the building location and the building placed elsewhere. The reason for the building being in its current location was for the possibility of running a sewer line to the closest public sewer and not needing a septic system.

6. Although not depicted on these conceptual plans, the City Engineer has investigated the possibility of underground storage and the Engineer believes that this is very doable. In fact the City Engineer maintains a similar system in other locations.
7. Benches, bat houses and fitness stations will remain.
8. Walking path will remain.
9. No dog area; however dogs will be allowed on-leash. Dog stations will be located in the park.

Staff Recommendation: The staff recommends approval of the update conceptual plans.

Suggested Motion: I move we approve the conceptual design for Wallace Field as discussed at tonight's meeting and direct the City Manager to work with the school staff in the drafting of a site plan.

Alternatives: Do not approve, but provide further guidance to staff on design..

Fiscal Impact: TBD. Part of the agreement is for CCA to develop the field at their expense.

Attachments: Design concepts 1 to 6