



**Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Public Workshop on the Bert Bostrom Park
Green Infrastructure (GI) Project
Saturday, October 8, 2022 10:00 A.M.
Town Hall Commission Chamber,
535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, Florida 33403**

The Public Workshop on the Bert Bostrom Park Green Infrastructure Project was held on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Public Works Director Roberto Travieso welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. He introduced staff and the elected officials in the audience. He briefly explained the background pertaining to this project. He introduced the Town's consultants from Water Resource Management Associates (WRMA) as Michael Mercado and Raul Mercado.

Mr. Raul Mercado and Mr. Michael Mercado presented to the audience (see Exhibit).

Capital Projects Manager John Wille explained that the project was almost completely funded by a State of Florida grant. He explained that an environmental study was necessary before construction could begin. He stated that the study would take several months. He anticipates having full plans ready by the first of 2023. The project would need a contractor, which would go through the bid process, which takes several months. He anticipates the project to be ready for construction summer of 2023 with completion of the project by summer 2024.

Commissioner Michaud asked how they would handle maintenance of the property as well as the foot traffic after completion. Mr. Raul Mercado explained that the structure would be four-feet underground, so it would be out of sight. He explained that maintenance instructions would be provided to the Town.

Capital Project Manager Wille explained that the Town would have an opportunity to redesign the fields to allow more field play, such as soccer. Public Works Director Travieso explained that there are discussions to build a Community Center on the property, but it would not be over the structure. The Town would also have an opportunity to decide what uses are best for the fields.

Ms. Judith Thomas asked if the system would include a cleaning component. Public Works Director Travieso explained that the Town currently owns the Vacuum (Vac Con) Truck that would be used to maintain the system. Ms. Thomas asked how deep was the cleaning chambers. Mr. Michael Mercado stated that the field has a 12.3 foot pitch elevation to the 7th Street side and a 10 foot pitch elevation to the 6th Street side. The elevation changes are 2 feet between the two areas. He addressed the grading plan, stating that it would be restored to the existing condition. Ms. Thomas asked what the life expectancy of the system. Mr. Raul Mercado explained that in the first year the system would be cleared regularly to establish a base line. After the first full wet/dry season the system could be cleaned as determined by the base line. Ms. Thomas asked what was the first layer. Mr.

Michael Mercado explained that the chamber would be installed with line stone rock to a 18 inch foundation layer. Once the foundation layer were laid, the chambers are snapped into place, with stones installed around and above the chambers. There would be 12 inches of stones above the chamber. Ms. Thomas asked what was the estimated cost of the project. Capital Project Manager Wille explained that the grant received was for a little over \$11Million. The funds are to cover four projects within the Town. The Bert Bostrom portion would be a little over \$3Million. Ms. Thomas asked about the Environmental Assessment. Project Manager Wille explained that the Town was expected to do an Environmental Assessment and must be completed prior to construction.

Mr. Johnathan Marcela, President of JetSet Soccer Academy commended that it was his hope that the field would expand to allow many types of sports activities, such as soccer, Lacrosse, flag football, etc. He asked that they keep in mind that the summer camp soccer program was only one week and that the work could wait to begin after summer camp. Public Works Director Travieso stated that they would all work together to not disrupt the program and possible look for an alternative place during construction.

Commissioner Taylor thanked everyone for the presentation and was excited for the project.

Public Works Director Travieso thanked staff and WRMA for their efforts on this project. He explained that the information on this and other projects within the Town could be found on the Town's website. He encouraged everyone to participate in the street lighting survey on the Town's website.

Town Manager D'Agostino thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He explained that the Town was leading the State efforts in green infrastructure efforts to clean the water discharging into the intercostal. He explained that there would be a seawall initiative in the future to raise it several feet. He spoke of the Town receiving \$11Million so the cost would not fall on the Town's taxpayers. He thanked everyone again for attending and participating.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission and after a motion to adjourn by _____ and seconded by _____, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.

Mayor Michael O'Rourke

Town Clerk, Vivian Mendez, MMC

Town Seal

Approved on this _____ of _____, 2022