

Notes from the June 14, 2005 Parking Lot Construction Meeting to finalize the parking lot design plan

Two main issues had to be discussed and finalized:

- The re-construction and or design of the existing landscaped island and flag pole arrangement in front of the historic concession stand building.
- Tree removal and re-planting specified in the parking lot design plan.

In response to any changes taking place on the “flag pole island” it was explained that the plans were in error and were never to have shown the removal and paving of the “flag pole island.” That feature will be left as is and new paving will surround it.

The tree removal issue is more complex. The existing tree pits that currently hold the trees must be moved several feet seaward to accommodate the design of the parking lot. The entry/exit roadway that will be constructed will force the removal and reconstruction of the existing tree pits. The entire parking lot construction is designed to use only the existing parking lot footprint and not any land outside of that area.

The trees, not native or endangered, will be removed. There has been a landscaper’s opinion that the trees are “sick” and would not survive the trauma of replanting. (We will ask that they be replanted at a separate location on the park)

Trees that will be replanted are: 14ft Strangler Figs; 14ft Green Buttonwoods; 14ft Gumbo limbos and 16ft Coconut Palms.

The parking lot will include 12 handicapped spaces, the parking lot minimum of HC spaces is 9 and the parking lot will have 2 baby stroller parking spaces.

There are discussions that would add the paving of the intersection at the Rickenbacker Causeway and Virginia Beach Drive to the parking lot construction project – removing it from the Sanitary Sewer project. This would keep the project from potentially having a “patch work” appearance by having one contractor do all of the paving from the intersection and throughout the park and parking lot.

REQUESTS:

The Trust is seeking copies of the written clearance from DERM and FDEP giving their approval to the light fixtures to be used on the park.

We are also requesting in the writing the decision being made by the contractors to change the depth of the French Drain storm water drainage system to 15ft from the original depth of 20ft.

The contractors have agreed to work in coordination with the Trust during the Trust office move to VKBP and the construction of the Trust office by shifting construction and demolition schedules to accommodate our needs.

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