



**Minutes**  
**Town of Lake Park, Florida**  
**Kelsey Park Master Plan**  
**Community Charrette**  
**Saturday, June 11, 2022 9:00 AM**  
**Town Hall Commission Chamber,**  
**535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, Florida 33403**

The Kelsey Park Master Plan Community Charrette was conducted on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The Commission attended.

Mr. Aaron Elswick, Senior Urban Designer with WGI presented to the audience (see Exhibit "A"). The meeting was open to questions. A member of the audience asked if ample parking would be added around the parks to accommodate the additional amenities. She asked if the amphitheater was a definite addition to the park. Mr. Elswick explained that at this point it was a possibility. He stated that the design was created to allow for that opportunity.

Commissioner Taylor explained that the green space was being taken over by concrete. She suggested moving the Pickleball courts to the downtown area to attract more people to the downtown. She felt that the park was not the right location for Pickleball.

A member of the audience asked questions regarding one of the proposed designs. Mr. Elswick explained that the section referenced was the existing playground.

A member of the audience asked if the Pickleball courts could be reduced to allow those that want to play to do so and still maintain more green space. Mr. Elswick stated that one of the options provided was to reduce the number of courts.

A member of the audience asked questions regarding the bioswales. Town Manager D'Agostino explained that the bioswales was working correctly and the pump was pushing the water out of the area. He would speak with the engineer to ensure that the bioswales was working properly.

Mayor O'Rourke thanked Mr. Elswick and members of the audience for attending.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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 Mayor Michael O'Rourke

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 Town Clerk, Vivian Mendez, MMC

Approved on this 3 of August, 2022





# KELSEY PARK MASTER PLAN

TOWN OF LAKE PARK • FL

COMMUNITY CHARRETTE



**01**

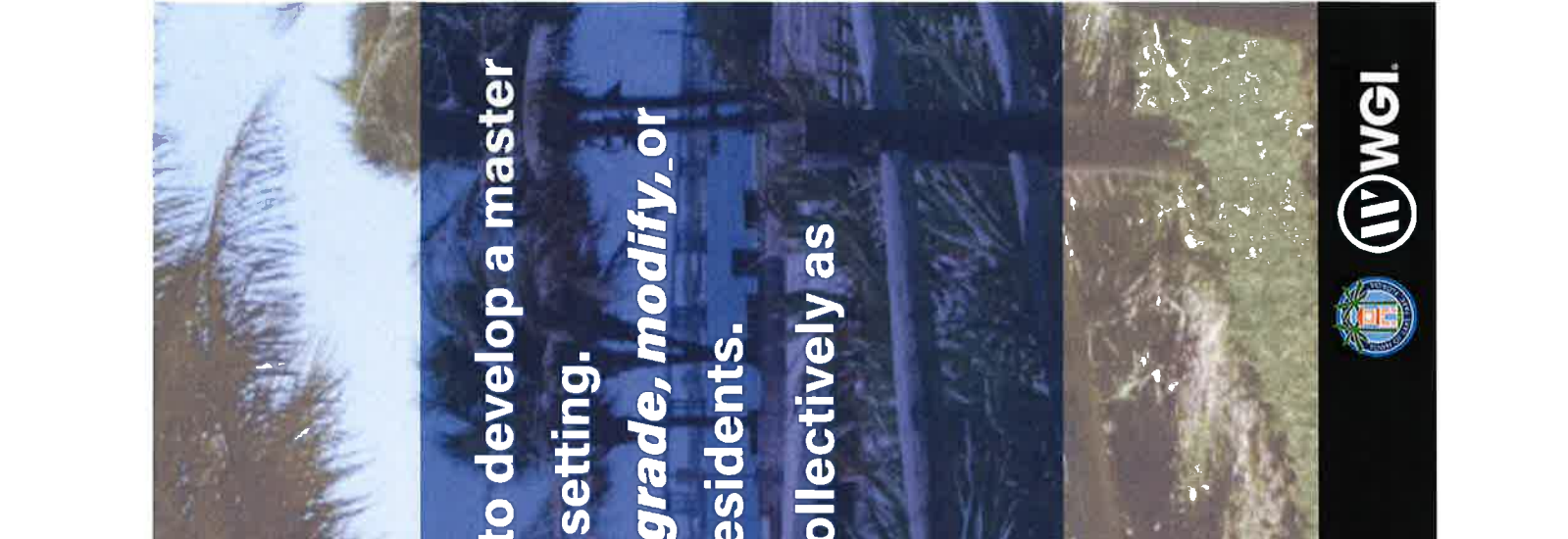
**PRESENTATION**

**02**

**EXERCISE 1 - VOTE ON PREFERRED CONCEPT**

**03**

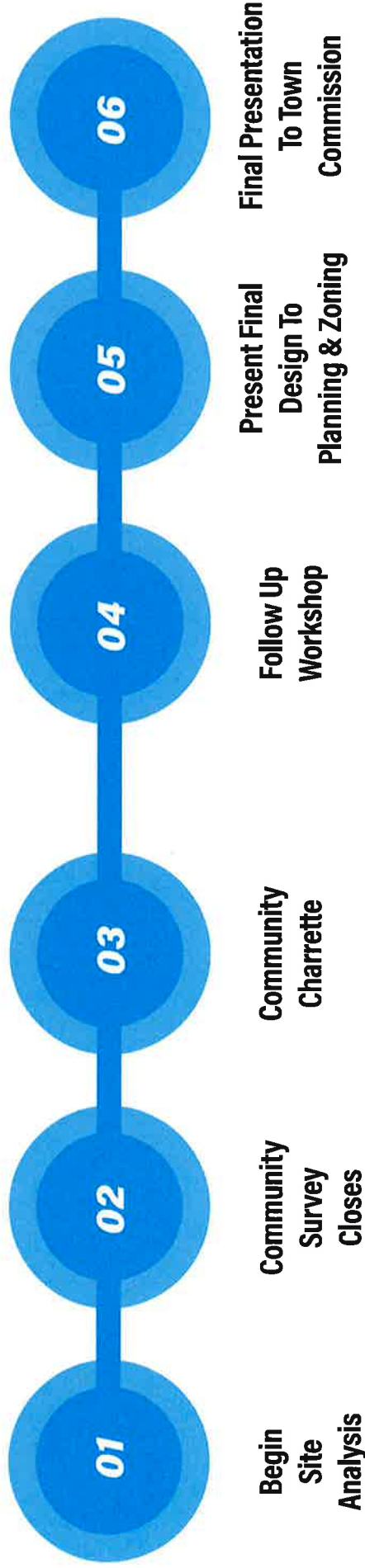
**EXERCISE 2 - VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY**

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- The Town of Lake Park and WGI are working together to develop a master plan that will **activate the urban and waterfront park setting.**
  - There is an opportunity to introduce **new uses and upgrade, modify, or relocate existing uses** to reflect the desires of Town residents.
  - The two existing parks will be **combined** and known collectively as **“Kelsey Park.”**
  - Respond to **climate change and sea level rise.**

**WE ARE  
HERE TODAY**



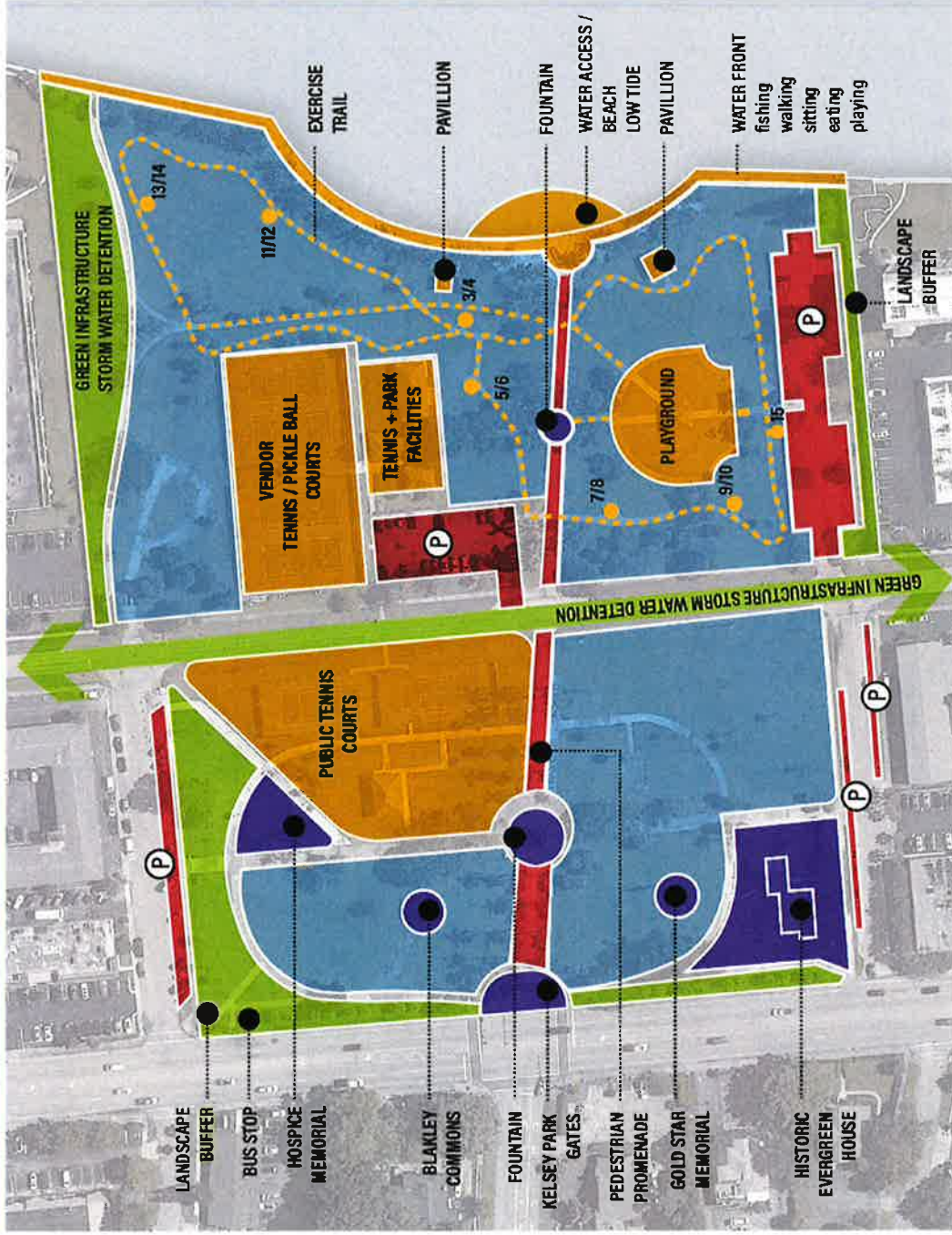
**APRIL 18    MAY 16    MAY 21    JUNE 11    AUGUST 8    AUGUST 17**



**PROJECT SCHEDULE AND NEXT STEPS**



# Work Completed To Date...



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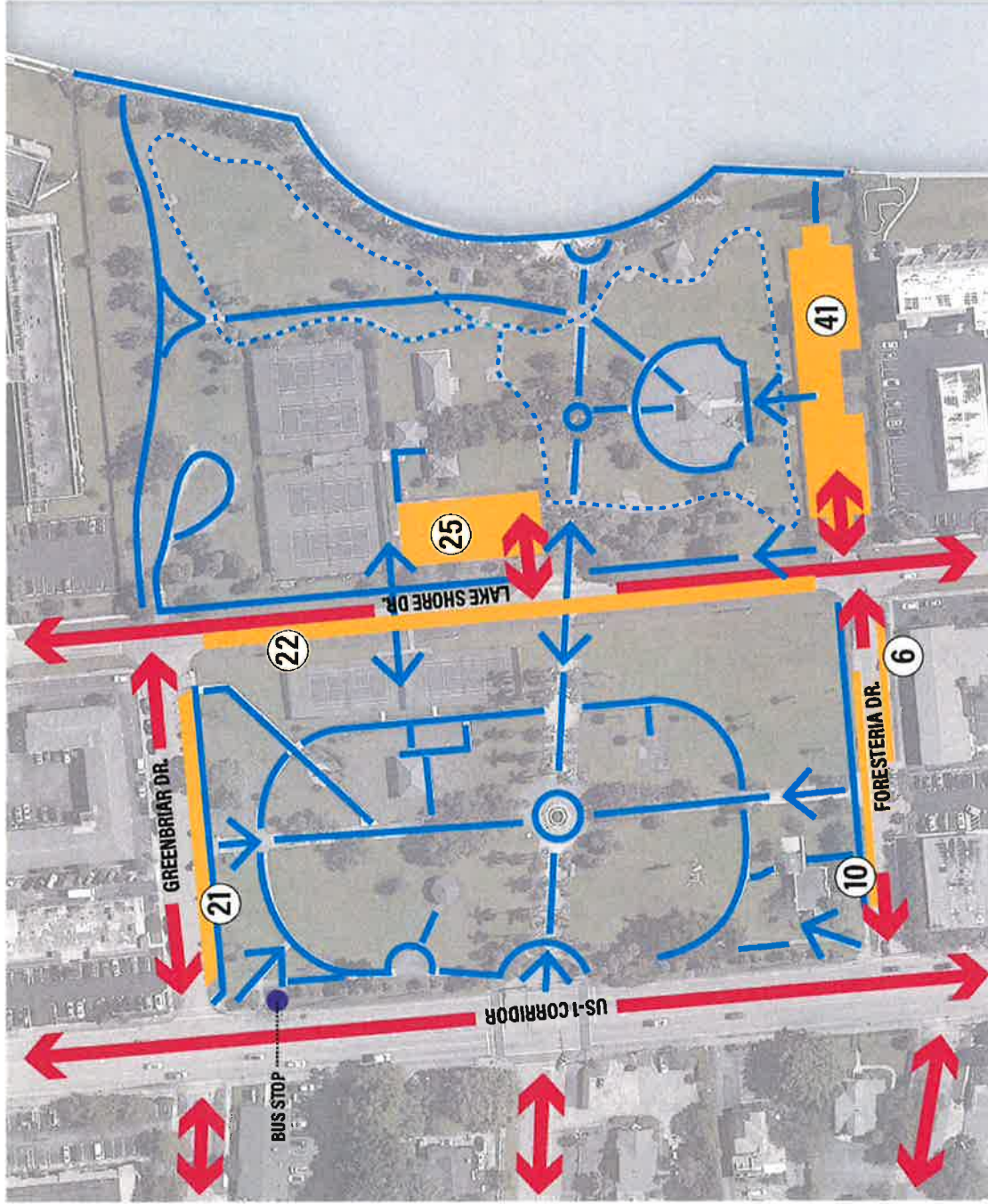
- MEMORIALS
- GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE
- PASSIVE RECREATION
- ACTIVE RECREATION
- ACCESS & CIRCULATION
- P PARKING

## ## EXERCISE EQUIPMENT STATION, TYP.

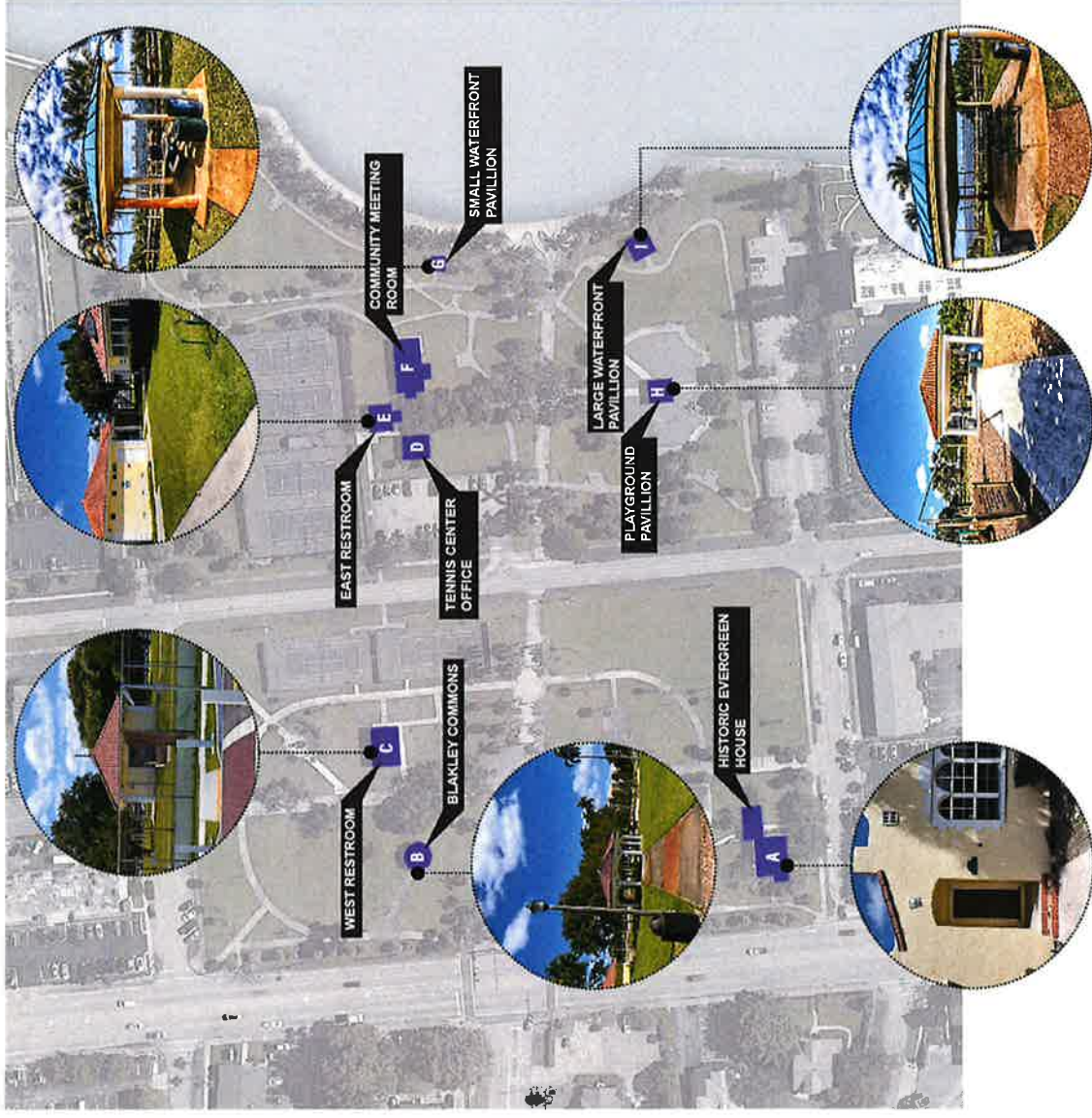
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6. half knee bench
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11. vault bar
12. push-up
13. bench leg raise
14. bench dip
15. leg stretch



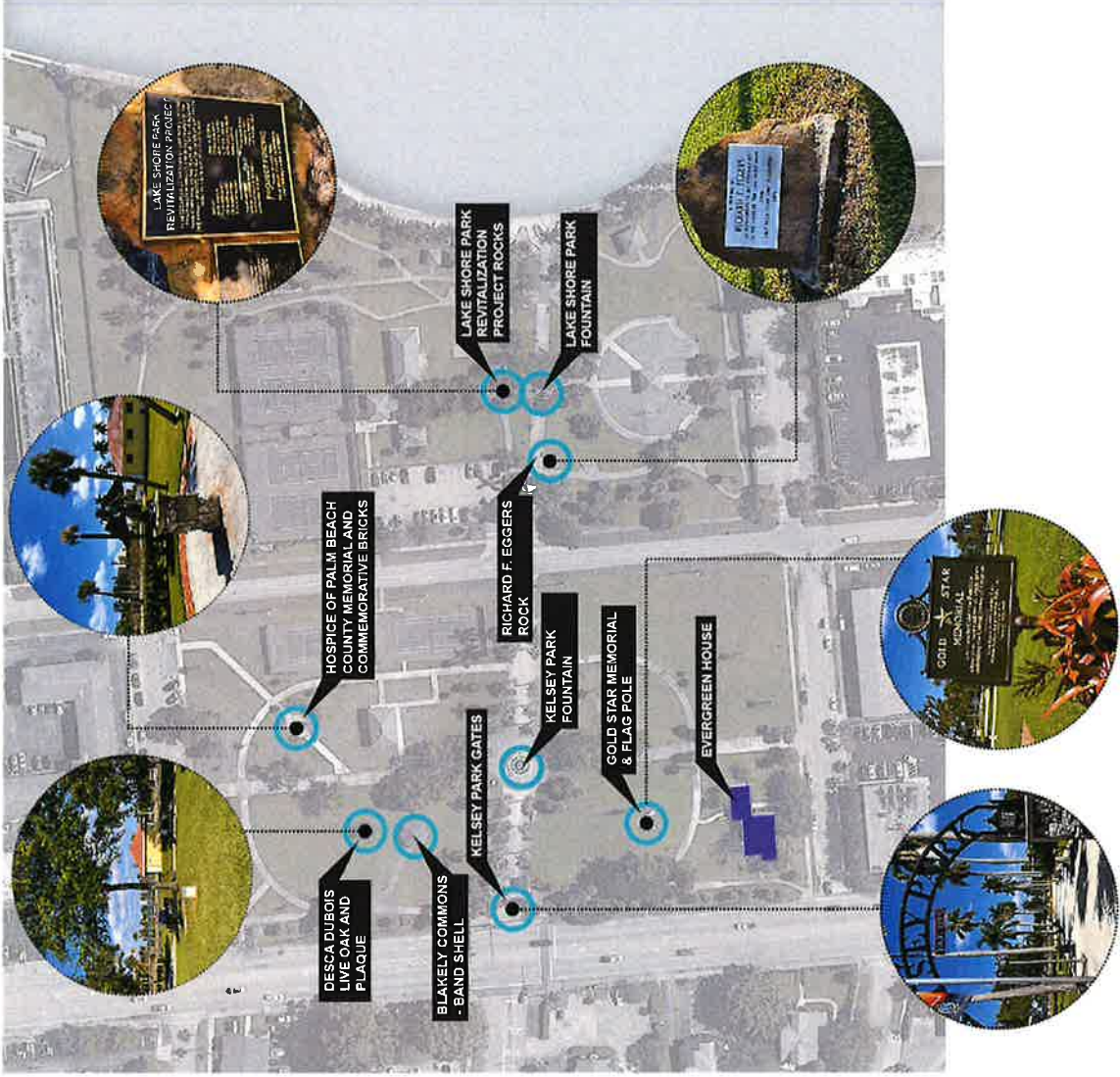
**EXISTING PROGRAM**

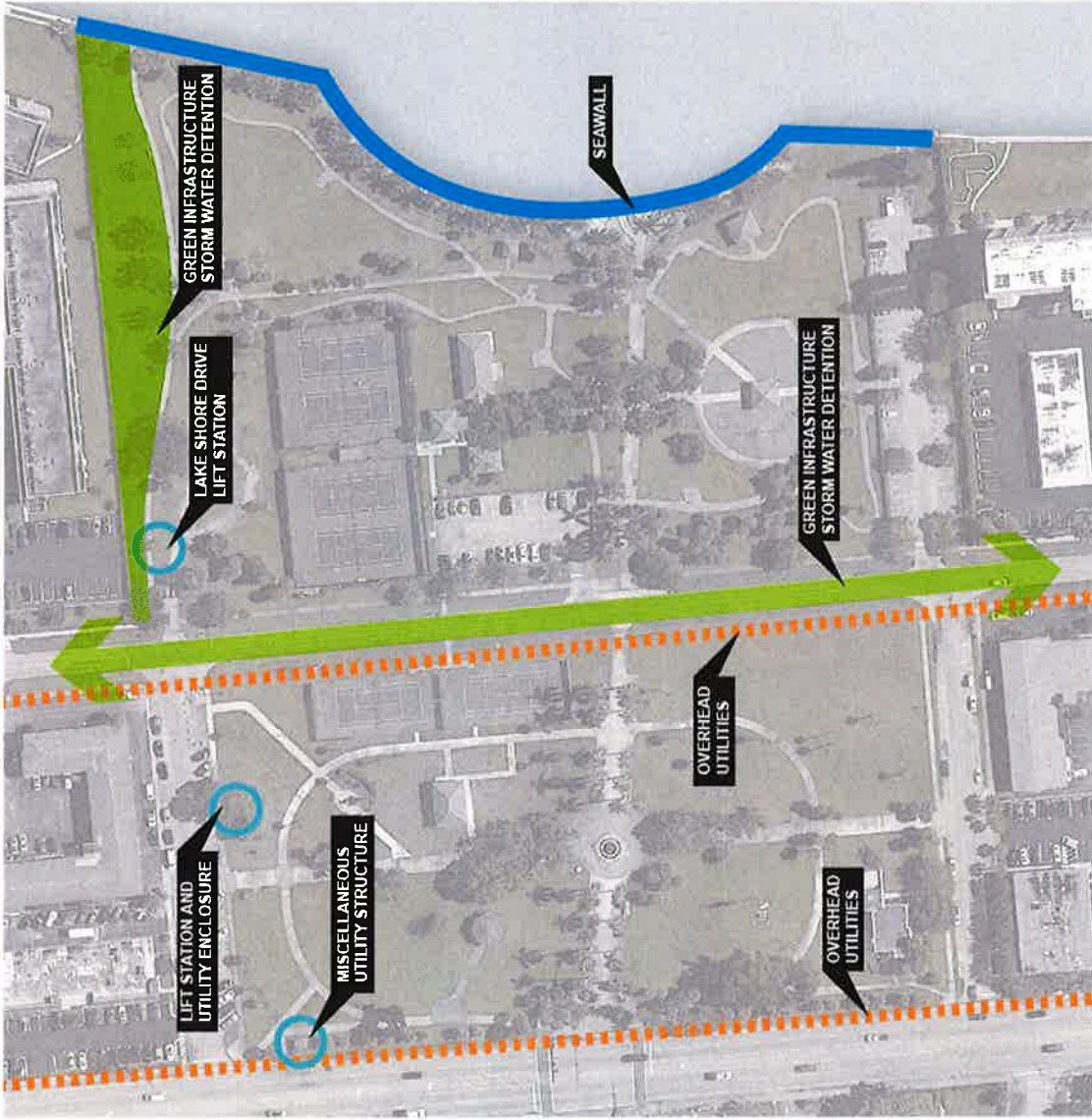
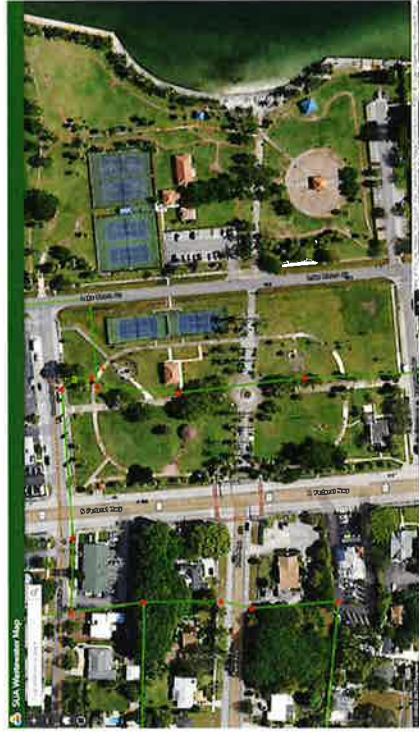


- LEGEND**
- VEHICLE CIRCULATION
  - PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE
  - PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
  - EXERCISE TRAIL
  - NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES
  - PARKING









**EXISTING UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

# SURVEY RESULTS

OPEN FOR A 3 WEEK PERIOD

- Church outreach
- Private and public schools

**288 survey results (English/Spanish/Creole)**



## Current Issues or Deficiencies

- Large number of homeless at night
- Lack children's amenities
- Need better water access
- More shade, its too hot
- Not enough community events
- Dark at night



*"We used to go to Kelsey Park much more often when there was still playground equipment there for the kids. We would visit more often if those amenities were restored."*

## Desires for the Future Park

- Playground and splash pad
- More shade trees
- More community events
- Improve water access
- More arts and culture elements
- Improve safety

## *What will be put in the park in the future to make it special for Lake Park and its community?*

"Mini Amphitheater for musical performances."

"Small amphitheater would be interesting. Pickleball courts needed."

"Kayak or paddle board launch. Splash pad for kids."

"Public seating overlooking the intracoastal."

"Shade for a picnic area on the water would be nice."

"More leisure activities for children. Splash parks, playgrounds, classes, etc."

"We have a beautiful waterfront community, it'd be great to make that the center of our town. Everyone loves the water, let's leverage it & attract people to lake park!"

"Perhaps more arts & crafts festivals. Certainly a weekly green market would be well received."

"Weekly green market in winter/spring months, bike rentals, concerts in the park."



# WORKSHOP RESULTS

**MAY 21st**

- Visual Preference Survey
- P.A.R.K. Exercise
- Drawing Charrette



# TOP CHOICES

- Arts & Crafts and Farmers Market
- Picnic Gazebos
- Community Events and Gathering Areas
- Formal Amphitheater or Performance Space
- Informal Outdoor and Group Fitness
- Splash Pad
- Food Truck Court
- Picnic Area with BBQ Grills

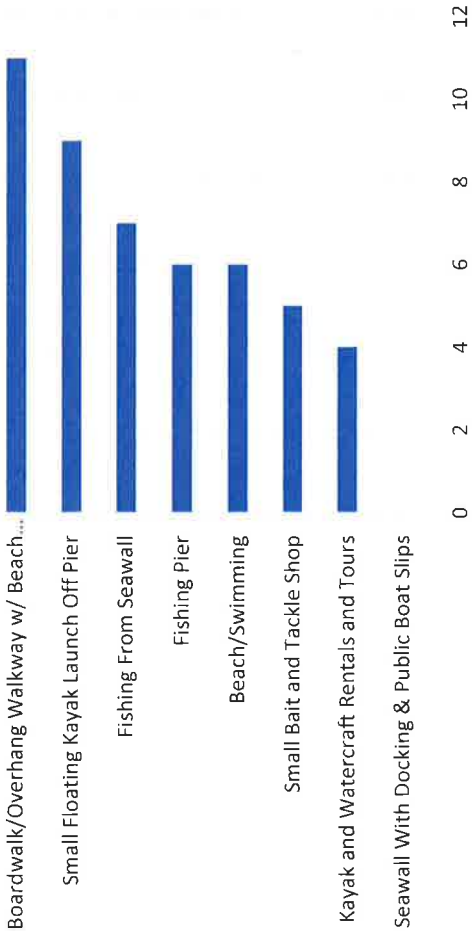
**PROGRAM 1/2**  
PICK UP TO 8 TOTAL ON PROGRAM BOARDS

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# TOP CHOICES

- Boardwalk/Overhang Walkway with Beach Access
- Small Floating Kayak Launch off Pier
- Fishing from Seawall
- Fishing Pier

## WATER-BASED PROGRAMMING



# WATER-BASED PROGRAM

PICK UP TO 4

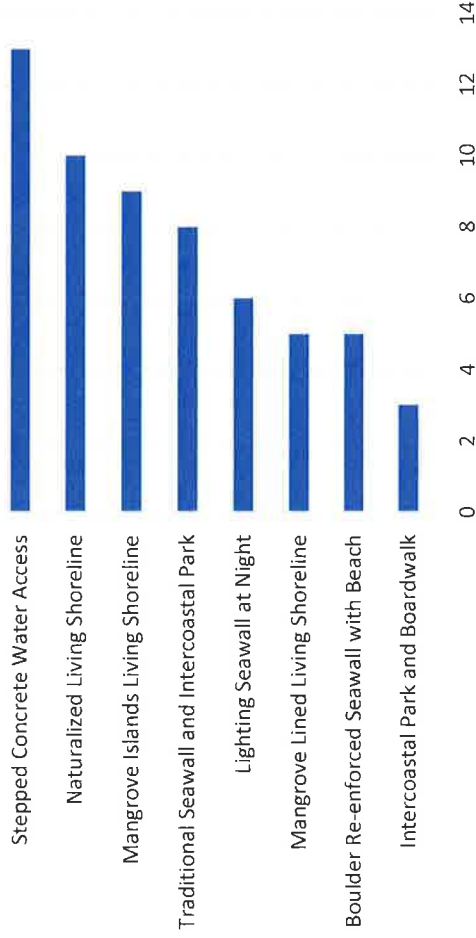




# TOP CHOICES

- Stepped Concrete Water Access
- Naturalized Living Shoreline
- Mangrove Islands Living Shoreline
- Traditional Seawall + Intercoastal Park

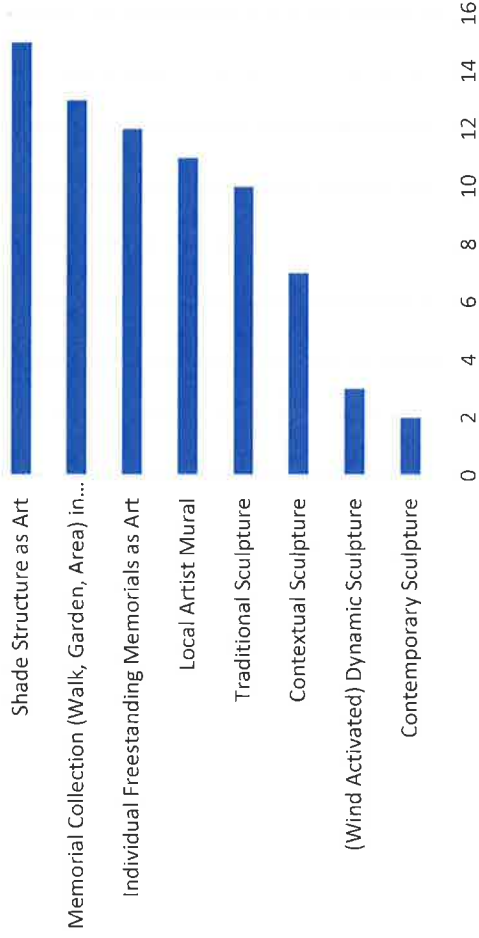
## SEAWALL



# TOP CHOICES

- Shade Structure as Art
- Local Artist Mural
- Traditional Sculpture
- Memorial Options About Equal

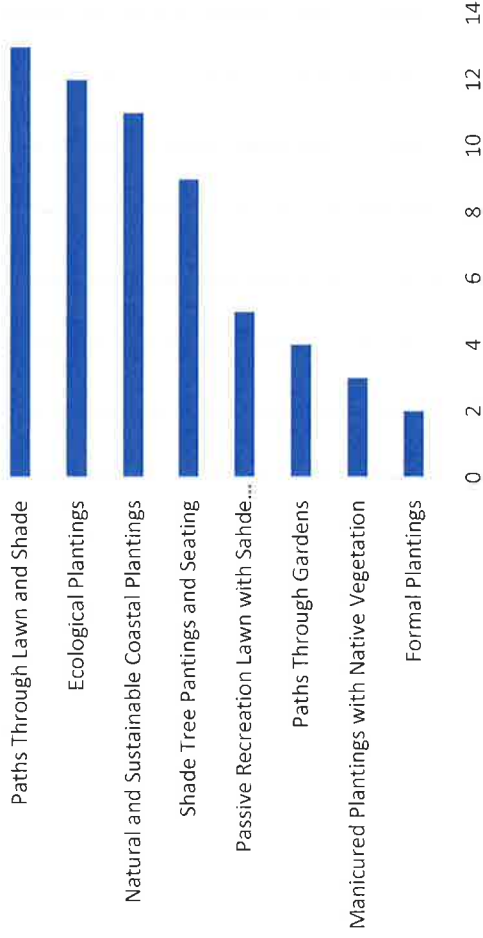
## ART & MEMORIALS



## TOP CHOICES

- Natural/Sustainable > Manicured
- Shade Incorporated > Shade Perimeter
- Ecological Plantings > Formal Plantings
- Paths Through Lawns > Paths Through Gardens

### PLANTING FEEL



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PICK ONE PER ROW

Sustainable Landscaping with Native Vegetation

Manicured Lawn with Shade Perimeter

Ecological Plantings

Paths Through Lawn and Shade

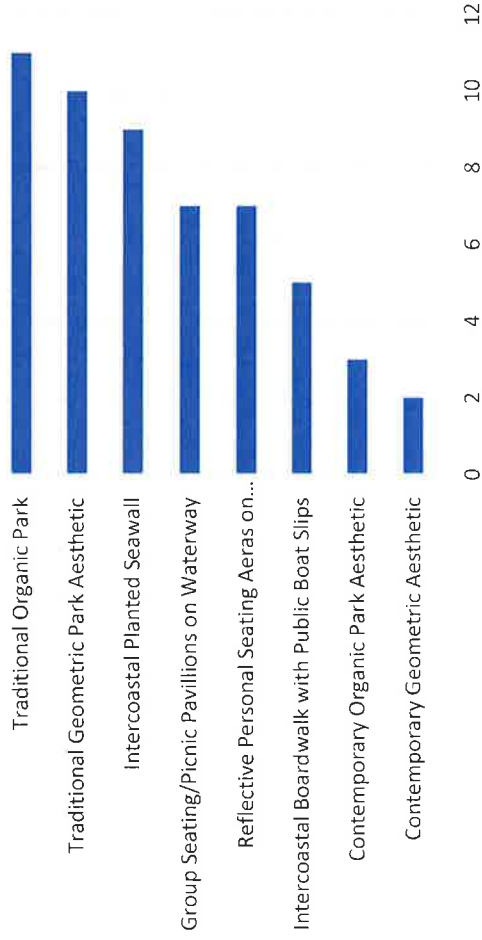
Paths Through Gardens

Formal Plantings

# TOP CHOICES

- Traditional Geometric > Contemporary Organic Layout
- Traditional Organic > Contemporary Geometric Aesthetic
- Single Seating and Group Seating Equal
- Planted Seawall > Boardwalk with Boat Slips

## PARK LAYOUT & FEEL



### PARK LAYOUT AND FEEL

PICK ONE PER ROW

Contemporary Organic Park Aesthetic

Contemporary Geometric Aesthetic

Traditional Organic Park

Traditional Geometric Park Aesthetic

Intercoastal Planted Seawall

Group Seating/Picnic Pavilions on Waterway

Reflective Personal Seating Aeras on Waterway

Intercoastal Boardwalk with Public Boat Slips

Contemporary Organic Park Aesthetic

Contemporary Geometric Aesthetic

# P

## **PRESERVE**

*Greenery*  
*Small-town Feel*  
*Exercise Paths*  
*Shade*  
*Walking Paths*  
*Water Access*

# A

## **ADD**

*Shade*  
*Seating*  
*Art*  
*Community Events*  
*Color*

# R

## **REMOVE**

*Homeless*  
*Noise (Pickleball Courts)*  
*Light Spillage onto  
Condos*  
*Private Clubs (no public  
access in a public park)*

# K

## **KEEP OUT**

*Loiterers*  
*Loud Noises*  
*Commercialization*

## Drawing Charrette Working Groups



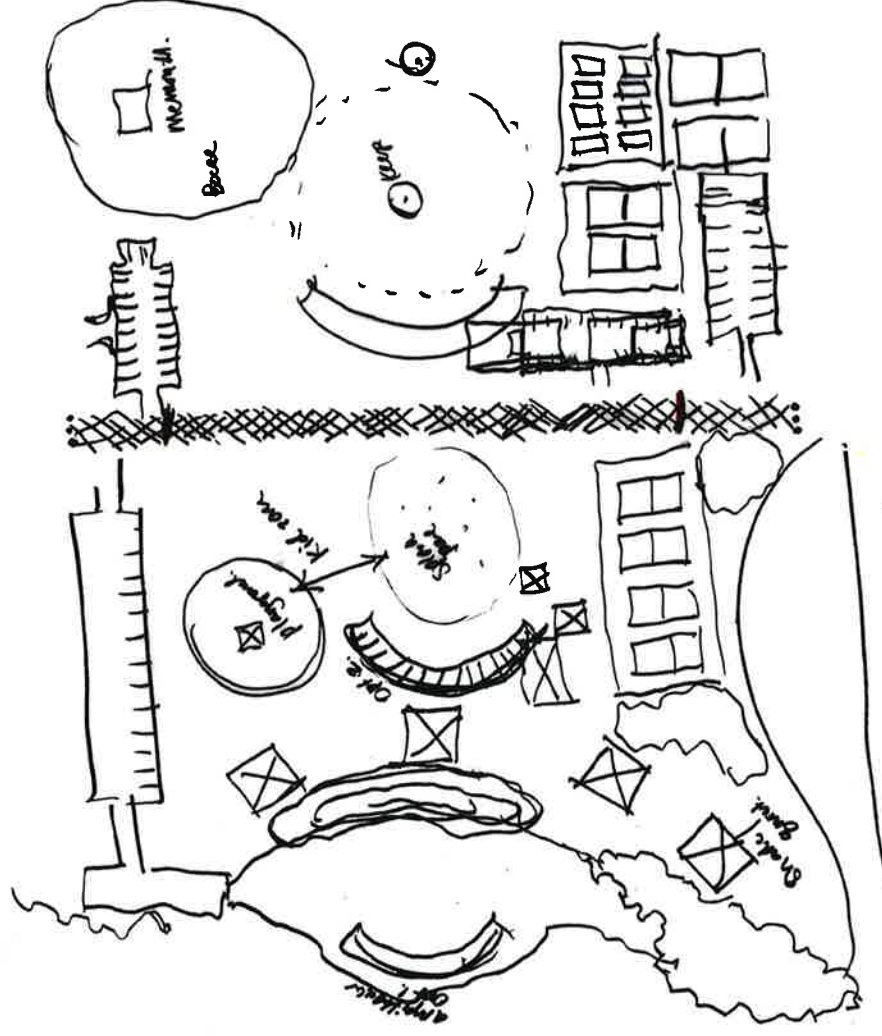
**WORKSHOP SUMMARY - DRAWING CHARRETTE**



## Drawings

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- Three working groups were formed
- A planner/designer lead each group
- The public interacted with the group to design and lay out the future Kelsey Park
- The three drawings were later refined into the two conceptual plans for the park we are voting on today.



# CRAFTING THE FINAL PLAN

- Reviewing Concept 1 and Concept 2
  - Voting on Preferred Concept
- Voting on Specific Elements of the Site Plan





# 1



- 1 New Pickleball Courts
- 2 Market/Event Space
- 3 Accent Pavement
- 4 Replanted Main Axis
- 5 Blakely Commons Band Shell
- 6 Great Lawn
- 7 Memorial Gardens
- 8 Chess Court
- 9 Bocce Court
- 10 Kayak Dock
- 11 Shade Structure
- 12 Fitness Trail
- 13 Splash Pad
- 14 Artistic Shade Structure
- 15 Beach
- 16 Stepped Sea Wall
- 17 Adult Swings
- 18 Living Shoreline
- 19 Sunrise Plaza
- 20 Fishing Platform
- 21 Strolling Gardens
- 22 Bioswale (Existing)
- 23 Lake Shore Dr. (Close for Events)
- 24 Lift Station (Existing)
- 25 Rain Garden

**Legend**

- Existing Canopy Tree
- Existing Palm Tree
- Proposed Canopy Tree
- Proposed Flowering Tree
- Proposed Palm Tree
- Memorial
- Fitness Station



**UWGWGI.**

**CONCEPT 1**

# 2



- 1 Relocated Historic Houses
- 2 Re-stripped Pickleball Courts
- 3 Amphitheater / Band Stand
- 4 Decorative Pavement
- 5 Replanted Main Axis
- 6 Great Lawn
- 7 Memorial Gardens
- 8 Chess Court
- 9 Splash Pad
- 10 Kayak Dock
- 11 Artistic Shade Structure
- 12 Fitness Trail
- 13 Living Shoreline
- 14 Waterfront Plaza
- 15 Boardwalk
- 16 Sunrise Plaza / Palm Court
- 17 Strolling Gardens
- 18 Bioswale (Existing)
- 19 Re-stripped Tennis Courts
- 20 Additional Parking
- 21 Lift Station (Existing)
- 22 Rain Garden

**Legend**

- Existing Canopy Tree
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- Proposed Canopy Tree
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## CONCEPT 2

# Discussion on 1 vs 2



**CONCEPT 1 VS CONCEPT 2**



## Voting on Specific Elements.

1. New Pickleball Courts vs Relocated Houses
2. Splash Pad location
3. Water Access and Seawall
4. Formal vs Winding Strolling Gardens
5. Sunset Plaza Shade Structure vs Palm Court
6. Tree Lined Entrance - Palms vs Flowing Shade Trees
7. More Parking vs More Open Space



**REFINING THE FINAL PLAN**



# EXERCISE 2

- Visual Preference Survey
  - Dot Voting
- Planners at Each Station to Answer Questions



## EXERCISE 2

- Seating
- Lighting
- Shade
- Landscape
- Seawall Materials
- Amenities

Instructions  
for Boards

## ART & MEMORIALS

PICK YOUR FAVORITES



Either or  
Example