

CITY OF TAMPA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
COMMUNITY NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FY2006-2007
December 5, 2006

Block Club: Area IV

Neighborhoods: South Seminole Heights, Wellswood, Plaza Terrace, Riverside Heights, and Riverbend.

Boundaries: Hillsborough, Henry, Sligh Avenue (north); Columbus Drive (south); Florida Avenue (east); City Limits (west).

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Need and Recommendation 1. Epps Park , Rivershore Park, Lake Roberta, Henry & Ola Playground, and Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park/Blake Trail:

- a. *Epps Park – 2 dog stations, 3 signs, 2 receptacles and 2 benches.*
- b. **Rivershore Park – 4 dog stations, signs including “Beware of alligators”, “Do not enter”, 4 receptacles and 4 benches**
- c. **Lake Roberta – 2 dog stations, 1 sign and 2 receptacles**
- d. **Henry & Ola Playground – 3 dog stations and 2 receptacles**
- e. **Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park/Blake Trail – 3 dog stations, 1 sign, 3 receptacles and 4 benches**
- f. **Set up CDBG funds for cement benches - estimated cost is \$3,625.00 and for wood benches \$2,525.00.**

Response to a, b, c, d and e: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. Parks and Recreation Department will install the appropriate number of dog stations, signs, receptacles and benches before December 1, 2006.

Update to a, b, c, d and e: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. This will be completed by March 2007.

Response to f: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. Concrete benches are not in the Parks and Recreation Department standard, but wood benches are within the standard. The wood benches will be installed in FY07 if a need is determined.

Update to f: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. This will be completed by March 2007.

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Need and Recommendation 2. Community of Wellswood be considered for budget year 2007 for a park facility with a recreation center at the Mendenhall Playground at 4918 Mendenhall Drive, Tampa, Florida 33603.

The Mendenhall Playground, presently has an after-school program and a summer program for children. The facility is not adequate for its present use. There are portables and a covered shelter only. The children, primarily, play in the hot summer sun and when it rains and there is thunder and lightning, they have to run to a small covered shelter to be out of the elements. The lavatory facilities are small, dirty, and inadequate for the number of children attending. Even though the Little League has much of the land, there is still enough land that a recreational center could be built west of the basketball court.

It is our community's desire and commitment to better entertain and care for our children, so that they will grow to be better citizens, through keeping them actively involved in worthwhile activities and hope that we can be awarded a grant to make this commitment a reality.

Response: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The Parks and Recreation Department will evaluate the feasibility of constructing a playground activity center at the Wellswood Playground through the Parks and Recreation Master Plan which is being developed for FY07 and FY08.