

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

Block Club: Area I

Neighborhoods: Florence Villa, Beasley, Grant Park, Oak Park, Northview Hills, Galloway Heights, Northeast Community, and Highland Pines.

Boundaries: Hillsborough River (north); Tampa By-Pass Canal (south); Tampa By-Pass Canal (east); 40th Street (west).

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Need and Recommendation 1. Improvements for Williams Park Center/Playground:

The playground's back parking lot is on 43rd Street. Chelsea Avenue runs east and west. Williams Park activity center is located at 4362 E. Osborne Avenue.

Proper leveling to the track is needed because when it rains, the track is under water for several days. Resurfacing is needed to help water run-off into the retention pond.

Williams Park activity center needs to be expanded to accommodate other activities. Accordion dividers are currently being used to separate spaces for accommodating some activities.

There are three (3) schools in close proximity of the center. Computers are needed for after-school training and tutoring program. When exercise classes are in session, children do not have enough space for their inside activities, nor can game tables be used during this time.

- a. *Drainage system for Williams Park Playground/northwest quadrant.*
- b. *Expand Williams Park activity center by adding an office and an exercise room.*
- c. *Purchase computers and exercise equipment for Williams Park activity center.*
- d. *Install wrought iron fencing and gate on back parking lot of playground.*

- e. *Resurface Chelsea Avenue.*
- f. *Install traffic calming devices from 40th to 50th Streets, on Chelsea Avenue.*
- g. *Complete sidewalk repairs on Ashland Drive, John Bell Drive, Curtis and portions of Atwater.*

Response to c: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The computers will be installed by the end of 2006, but the exercise equipment will need to wait until the building is expanded.

Update to c: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The department is in the process of establishing the computer center.