

CITY OF TAMPA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
COMMUNITY NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FY2007-2008
December 12, 2007

Block Club: Area V

Neighborhoods: Parkview, Courier City/Oscawana, North Hyde Park, Old Hyde Park, Historic Hyde Park, New Suburb Beautiful, Bayshore Gardens, and Palma Ceia Park.

Boundaries: Interstate-275 (north); Bayshore Blvd. (south) Florida Avenue (east); MacDill Avenue (west).

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Need and Recommendation 4. Commemorative Historic Plaque

Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Association requests that this committee purchase a historical plaque commemorating the centennial of Palma Ceia Springs Park, known today as Fred Ball Park. It is located at 2627 Bayshore Boulevard and bordered by Rubideaux Street and Ysebella Avenue, next door to the Tampa Garden Center. The centennial celebration was held on April 23, 2006, with over seven hundred people in attendance. Mayor Iorio, Councilman John Dingfelder, Hillsborough County Commissioner Kathy Castor, Sam Gibbons and Tampa Historian Leland Hawes were guest speakers. Many people who grew up in Tampa shared their memories of swimming in Palma Ceia Springs. The centennial was video taped by TBCN and was shown on Channel 15.

This historical marker would provide information about the centennial and historical information about Palma Ceia Springs, also known as Fred Ball Park. This beautiful park is an important part of Tampa's history that needs to be shared with all future generations. At this point in time, there is no information available at the park explaining the significance it has in Tampa's history. The park has many visitors every day and is the site of many weddings each year. We would like to leave a plaque that would educate everyone who visits the park about the importance it has as a part of Tampa's history.

Response: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. This request should be addressed through the Historical Society and the Hillsborough County Historical Council for possible consideration of historical markers. Citizens may contact Hillsborough County (813) 272-5920, 601 East Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33601.