

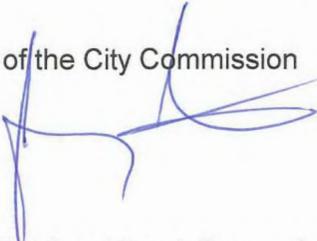


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NO. LTC # *426-2014*

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager 

DATE: December 17, 2014

SUBJECT: Flamingo Park Memorial Football Field and Track Recognized in the 2014 Winter Edition, FRPA Journal – Facilities Showcase Issue

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform you of our recent success in having the Flamingo Park Memorial Football Field and Track be recognized as a showcase facility in the 2014 Winter Edition of the Florida Recreation and Park Association (FRPA) Journal. Entry submissions began this past summer, and after a review by a panel of judges from the many entries from all over the state, the City of Miami Beach Flamingo Park Memorial Football Field and Track was given a feature spotlight. The feature includes architectural, design, amenity, programming and community benefit information, as well as a photo spread.

As stated in the magazine, the facility showcase “highlights outstanding facilities built around the state by agencies creating outstanding public spaces”. We are proud to have received this special recognition and are committed to providing our Miami Beach residents and guests with quality recreational facilities that focus on the health, enjoyment and well-being of people of all ages and abilities. Should you have additional questions, please contact John Rebar at (305) 673-7730.

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c: J. Mark Taxis, Assistant City Manager
John Rebar, Parks & Recreation Director
Elizabeth Valera, Parks & Recreation Deputy Director

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Lee County Parks & Recreation

Director Dave Harner, CPRP
Project North Fort Myers Recreation Center
Cost \$9 million
Size 33,000 sq. ft.
Architect Parker, Mudgett/Smith Architects Inc., Fort Myers
Contractor Chris-Tel Construction, Fort Myers

Lee County Parks & Recreation built the North Fort Myers Recreation Center to replace a smaller building, providing this area with some much-needed additional recreation space. The facility serves as a location for Lee Memorial Hospital's SHARE Club Senior program, which offers recreational, wellness and educational programs for adults over 50. In addition, the University of Florida Extension Services hosts many programs at the facility, and the North Fort Myers Rotary Club has provided free concerts there as well as free memberships to the center for area youths.

The new recreation center is a crown jewel in the community park. It features multipurpose rooms for meetings and various programs, and offers a fitness center, a game room and a gymnasium with multipurpose basketball and volleyball courts built to high-level traveling tournament standards. The concrete, masonry and steel structure can serve as a Lee County emergency shelter as well.

Funding for construction of the North Fort Myers Recreation Center came from impact fees for new construction. Since the facility opened in October 2013 it has quickly become the most used recreation building in the county.



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G1 – The new recreation center complements the other amenities of North Fort Myers Community Park, which include baseball and football fields, shuffleboards courts, a playground, a pavilion and a disc golf course.

G2 – Multipurpose rooms like this one can be used for a variety of programming, including offerings from the University of Florida extension services and Lee Memorial's SHARE Club senior program.

G3 – The 33,000 square foot facility is constructed of concrete, masonry and steel so that it can serve as an emergency shelter for Lee County residents.

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City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department

Director John Rebar
Project Flamingo Park Memorial Football Field and Track
Cost \$2.4 million
Size 26,000 sq. ft.
Architect/Engineer Stantec Consulting Services Inc., Coral Gables
Contractor CSR Heavy Construction, Deerfield Beach

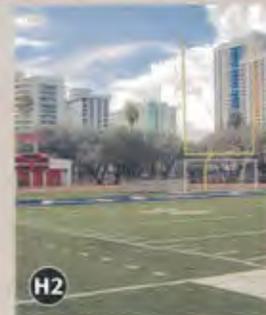
After several years of heavy use, the Flamingo Park Memorial Football Field and Track was in poor condition. It suffered from cracked and uneven track lanes, dips and holes on the grass field, drainage problems, an old lighting system and inaccessibility issues. With \$2.4 million in renovations, the facility field and track have become world-class facilities. Funding for the improvements came from resort and development taxes and parks and recreation bonds.

The Parks and Recreation Department collaborated with area residents, neighborhood organizations and other City departments during the planning and renovation process. The new facility, opened in September 2013, features a renovated bleacher building that meets ADA standards. Other changes include updated seating, a press box with a state-of-the-art public address system, restrooms and a concession stand. The installation of artificial turf and field drainage has allowed the field to accommodate both football and soccer games, and the surface of the eight-lane running track can withstand bicycles and rollerblades. There is also an updated sports lighting system.

Players from recreational programs, high schools, civic leagues and charitable teams keep the field and track busy 12 months a year.



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H1 – Flamingo Park Memorial Football Field and Track has become a world-class facility thanks to a \$2.4 million renovation.

H2 – A new artificial turf surface and improved field drainage has enabled the field to handle both football and soccer games.

H3 – Thanks to the resilient surface, runners, bicyclists and rollerbladers can all use the new eight-lane track.