RESOLUTION NO. 2015-71

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF HIALEAH CULTURAL HERITAGE, EDUCATION AND PERFORMING ARTS PARK MASTER PLAN, IN SUBSTANTIAL CONFORMITY WITH THE COPY ATTACHED AS "EXHIBIT 1"; AUTHORIZING ITS PRESENTATION TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND REQUESTING THAT THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MODIFY THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR THE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM ACCORDINGLY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in November 2004, Miami Dade County residents approved the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond (GOB) program;

WHEREAS, as a result, the City was awarded bond money over the past few years, for design and construction of the City's Cultural Heritage, Education and Performing Arts Park;

WHEREAS, the Administrative Rules of the Building Better Communities Program have been established and approved by the Board of County Commissioners;

WHEREAS, as a condition of the bond program, the City entered into an Interlocal agreement with Miami-Dade County for this specific project. This agreement specified, among other things, the terms and conditions under which the approved project would be administered and certain budget allocations;

WHEREAS, upon approval, of the City of Hialeah's Cultural Master Plan, the City of Hialeah will submit this plan to the Miami Dade County General Obligation Bond Citizen's Advisory Board for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the City determined that a Master Plan approach was the best course to capture all surplus funds allocated to specific park projects and this requires that the Miami Dade County Commission approve all changes; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the City of Hialeah Department of Parks and Recreation's Master Plan adopted by Resolution No. 2014-125 (November 7, 2014), does not cover the City of Hialeah Cultural Heritage, Educational and Performing Arts Park and the proposed plan does not conflict with the Master Plan adopted on November 7, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The recitals are hereby incorporate herein by reference, in their entirety, as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2: The Mayor and City Council of the City of Hialeah hereby approve and adopt the City of Hialeah's Cultural Heritage, Education and Performing Arts Park Master Plan, in substantial conformity with the copy attached as "Exhibit1".

Section 3: The Mayor and City Council of the City of Hialeah hereby request that the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners modify the project description for the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program accordingly.

Section 4: This resolution shall become effective as of December 1, 2014.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13 day of January, 2015.

Isis Garcia-Martinez
Council President

Attest:

Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk

Approved on this 23 day of JANUARY, 2014.

Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by a (5-0-2) vote with Council Members, Garcia-Martinez, Caragol, Casáls-Muñoz, Cue-Fuente, & Hernandez voting "Yes", and Council Vice President Gonzalez & Council Member Lozano absent.

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City of Hialeah

Cultural Heritage, Education and Performing Arts Park

Master Plan

Effective: December 1, 2014

Adopted by City of Hialeah, FL Resolution No.

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Hialeah, FL 33010

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Executive Summary

Over the past years, the City has received money for cultural improvements from the General Obligation Bond Program through Miami-Dade County. These improvements have included a re-design and re-construction of venues such as the Milander Center for the Performing Arts and the adjacent parking garages among other notable upgrades throughout the City.

The City of Hialeah originally came up with the idea for the Cultural, Heritage, Education and Performing Arts Park in 2012 and applied for monies within the GOB Program. As time went on and work commenced the City noticed that it could do more within the area of the park by updating the original scope with the addition of a walkway to a nearby park thus allowing it to expand the Cultural aspect and allow it to reach more of its constituents.

The purpose of this document is to plan for future development within the Cultural aspect, encourage standardized equipment and amenities, establish and maintain consistent standards address aesthetic values and prioritization of goals.

The master plan document will foster a comprehensive system by establishing standards for planning and developing amenities. This plan will also serve as a point of reference document.

INTRODUCTION

The Master Plan ("the Plan)" is a planning document for the use by the Department of Grants and Human Services in conjunction with the Department of Construction and Maintenance with the City of Hialeah. The Plan will evaluate the existing project and what the future plans to improve the cultural vibe of the City of Hialeah can be best described.

This plan will create a framework for future development. The goal of the plan is to continue building a consistent cultural system, thereby continuing to improve the overall quality of life of the citizens in the City of Hialeah and Miami Dade County.

Finally, the creation of this planning document provides the foundation for standardized consistent development. This will allow the city to become more identifiable and distinctive from other municipalities.

Original Scope

The original scope of the Cultural, Heritage, Education and Performing Arts Park was conceptually a park featuring among the following cultural aspects such as paved walking trails, historic murals, parking areas, monuments, benches for seating areas, site lighting, elevated stage with turf seating, lush landscaping and hardsçaping.

Updated Scope

The updated plans now call for a walkway to combine the original site with that of Timothy Artman Park, which is a current City of Hialeah Park with cultural features and this would create a mega-cultural aspect to the Northwest area of the City of Hialeah. The parks would combine with a walkway and additional features would be included in both areas to add to the cultural vibe of the project.

Why is this plan necessary?

The Plan has been developed in order to be able to map out the needs and wants of the City of Hialeah moving forward with their cultural aspirations. The plan provides a conceptual framework and guide for the system consistent with capital improvement projects.

The goals of the plan are:

- Promote master site planning for this park and categorize it in terms of its development, infrastructure and amenities.
- Define specific facility goals and objectives that will be translated into facility plans.

The Grants & Human Services Department in conjunction with the Construction & Maintenance Department is striving to continue to create a state-of-the-art cultural park. This document has been created to serve as a functional report for operations, levels of service, and goals and objectives from 2014 to future years.

Master Plan Development Process

Cultural Heritage, Education and Performing Arts Park

Currently the City is in development of the Cultural Heritage, Education and Performing Arts Park, located on the southeast corner of West 18 Avenue and West 76 Street and southwest corner of West 17 Avenue and West 76 Street. The project description is a park that offers multicultural educational and performing arts opportunities and activates to children and adults in our community. Among the original facility specifications were paved walking trails, historic murals and monuments among others items.

Changes to Original Scope

The original request for GOB monies budgeted for this project was $1,200,000 and was awarded to the City in 2013. The cost of the land came in higher than originally expected, thus now the City is requesting to add surplus funds from other Cultural Projects in which the City had been already awarded GOB monies in order to expand the Cultural Heritage, Education and Performing Arts Park to include more land and more amenities for constituents of both the City and Miami-Dade County.

Changes that can be attained with additional funds include:

- A walkway from the original park location to join it with additional park space that the City already owns called Timothy Artman Park, located at 1550 West 76 Street. Artman park is currently a L-Shaped park that features walking paths and a small grassy amphitheater among other cultural aspects.
- There would be more murals and monuments along the walking path adjoining the two parks as well as the possibility of some additional parking and more benches for seating of the residents.

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

The funds for the aforementioned upgrades to the Cultural Heritage, Education and Performing Arts Park would be coming from previous funds that were approved by the Board of County Commissioners in previous years and set aside for the Cultural Projects (Surplus funds) within the City of Hialeah. The City currently has projects that have come in under budget, thus would like to request the surplus funds be transferred to Project No. 332.1-77224 – Cultural Heritage, Education and Performing Arts Park. They were:

Project	GOB Project #	Amount Allocated	Amount Remaining
Hialeah H.S. Parking Garage and Infrastructure	332-70406	$5,000,000.00	$440,032.00
Milander Center for the Performing Arts Parking Garage & Infrastructure	332-76591	$3,800,000.00	$600,454.00
Milander Center Parking Garage & Infrastructure	332-76591	$1,300,000.00*	$1,300,000.00*
Totals Monies Available			$2,340,486.00

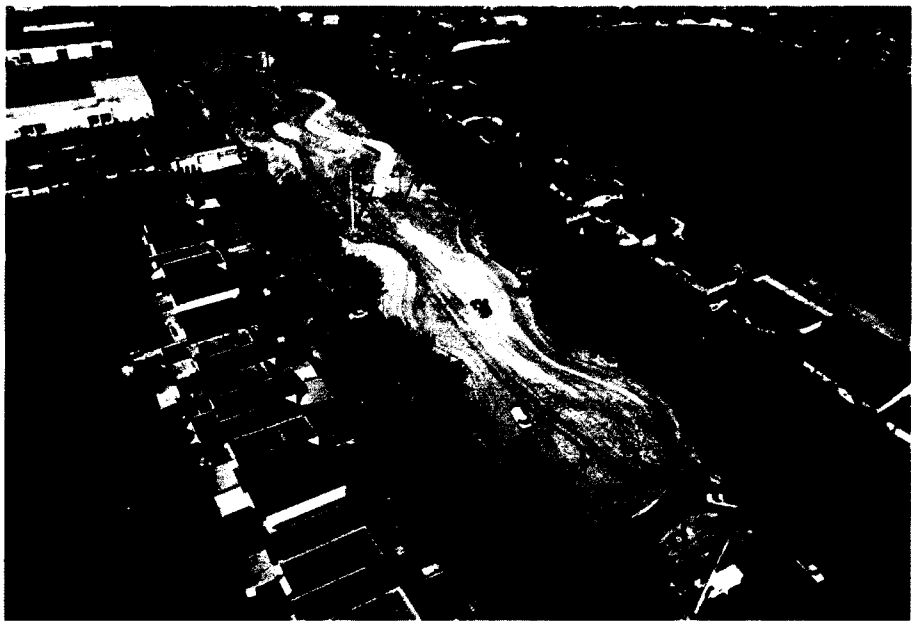
PURPOSE OF PLAN

The purpose of the plan is for future development, encourage standardized equipment and amenities, and establish consistent aesthetics and prioritization of goals. As of the 2010 census, Hialeah has a population of 224,669. Hialeah is the sixth-largest city in the state, and is a major municipality within Greater Miami. Planning for growth through the preservation of open space is an essential component of smart growth principles.

The plan will continue our comprehensive cultural park system through the variation of amenities. The plan will also serve as the point of reference document officiating the city's intent to maximize its cultural parks system and thereby serving as the certified planning document for purposes of grant applications.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Cultural Heritage, Education and Performing Arts Park

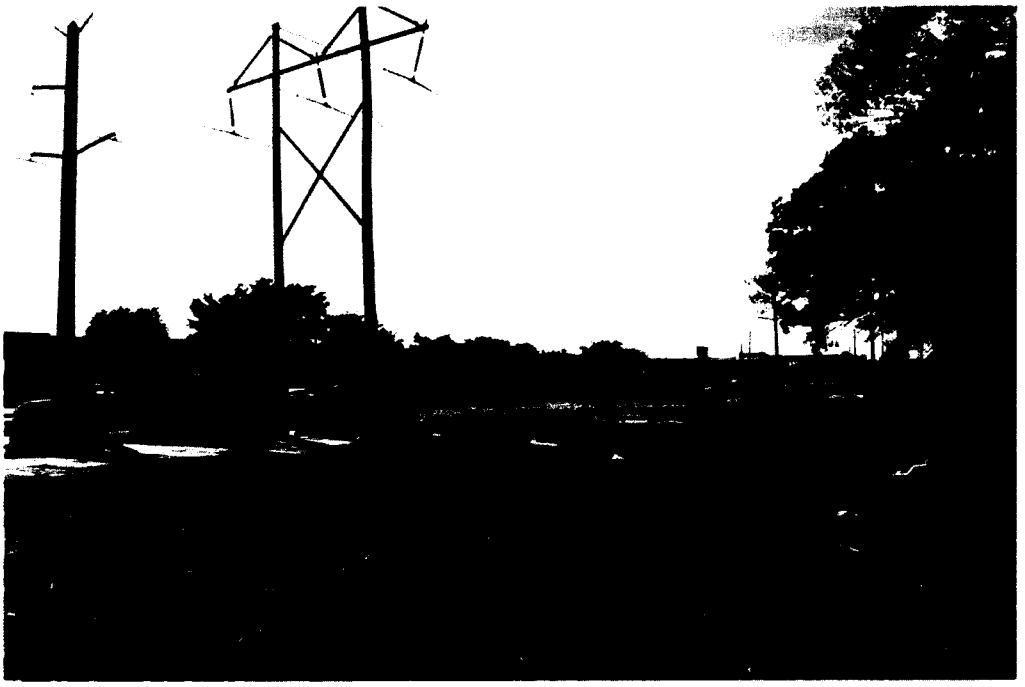


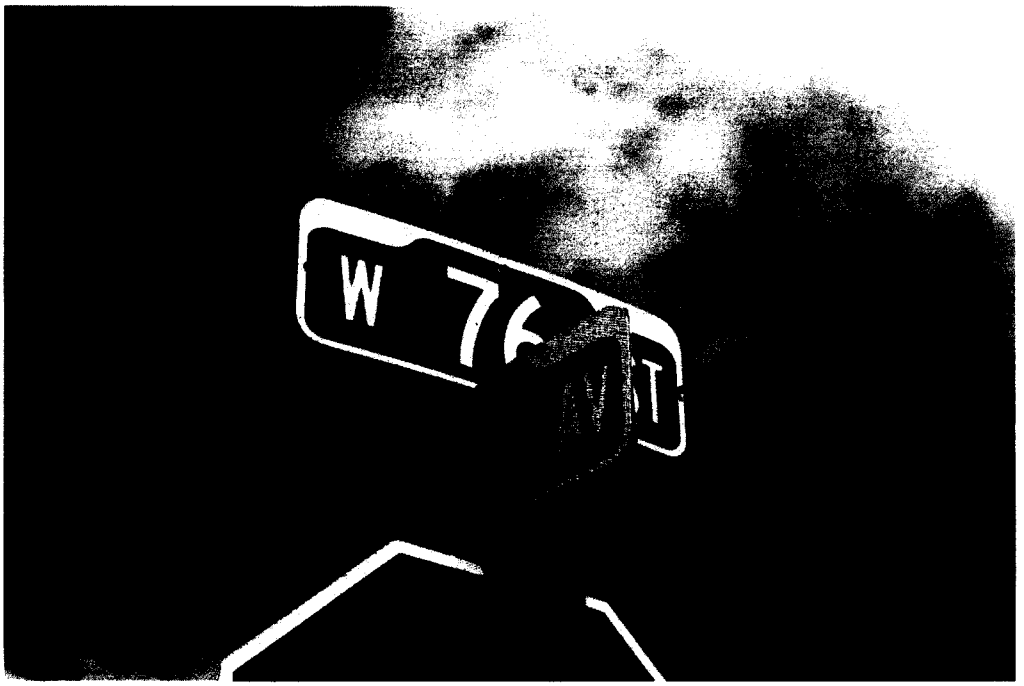
Aerial Photos Courtesy of Aerial Photography, Inc.

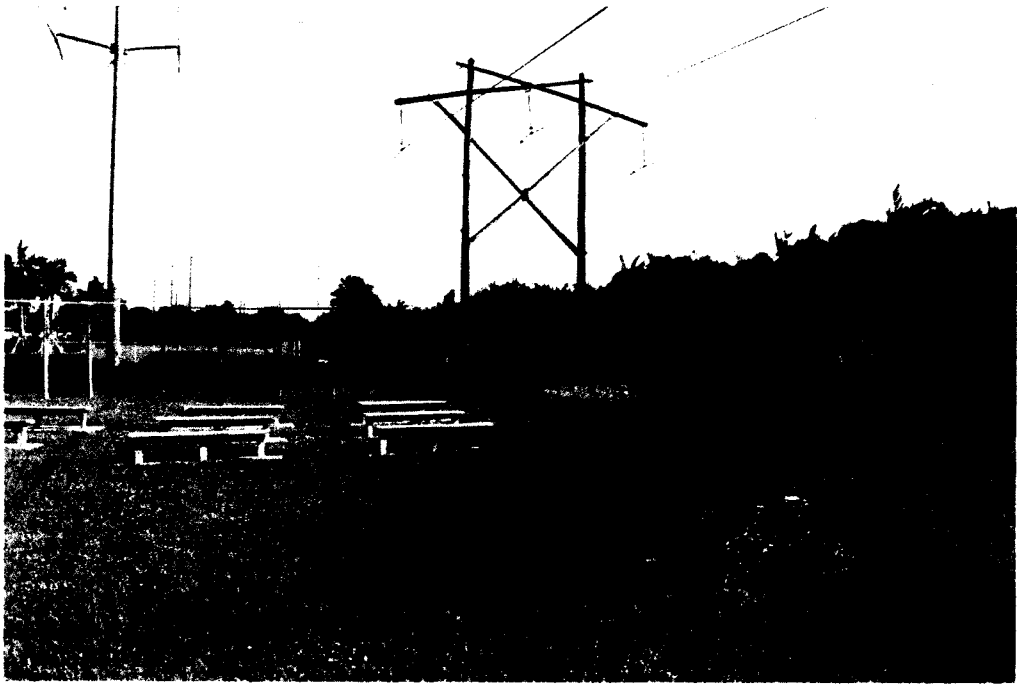
PRESENT DAY PHOTOS

Cultural Heritage, Education and Performing Arts Park

Presently the land has been cleared and construction is on-going at the site.





With the additional money, the City would look to encompass an additional space that is already a park and combine the two locations into one larger cultural space. Both areas are located on West 76th Street and between West 15th Avenue and West 18th Avenue. The would be connected through a walkway.

Pictures of the existing Timothy Artman Park, which would be combined, with the Cultural Park under this plan to make a larger Cultural Space. Current park already included an outdoor amphitheater as picture below with benches.