

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

GOAL

THE TOWN SHALL PRESERVE, PROTECT AND ENHANCE PROVIDE RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING AND WELL-MAINTAINED OPEN SPACE THAT SUPPORT A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE FOR TOWN RESIDENTS.

~~ENSURE THE PROVISION OF LOW-INTENSITY RECREATIONAL USES, WHILE PRESERVING, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH.~~

OBJECTIVE 1

Public access shall be maintained to all recreational facilities, including “recreational and commercial working waterfronts” as defined in Section 342.07, Florida Statutes under the jurisdiction of the Town of Palm Beach.

POLICY 1.1

The Town of Palm Beach shall ~~identify~~ continue to provide ~~inadequate~~ acceptable access to its recreational facilities ~~within one year of the adoption of this Comprehensive Plan.~~

POLICY 1.2

The Town of Palm Beach shall continue to implement corrective measures ~~on~~ to all access points if identified as inadequate.

POLICY 1.3

The Town will, as needed, inspect public access points at public facilities located within the Town, but not under the Town's jurisdiction, to identify any impediments to access. The Town will notify respective governing agencies of identified impediments within three (3) months of their identification.

POLICY 1.4

Pursuant to F.S. 163.3177 and 163.3178, the Town shall devise regulatory incentives and criteria that encourage the preservation of “recreational and commercial working waterfronts” as defined in Section 342.07, F.S.

OBJECTIVE 2

In providing recreational programming and amenities, the Town will ensure the continued mutual relationship between ~~it~~ the Town and public and private sector ventures.

POLICY 2.1

The Town will ~~offer regulatory assistance to~~ continue to serve the public through contracting with ~~protect~~ private sector recreational providers ~~which do not employ membership, employment, or usage policies that~~ do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, or marital status. ~~The Town will schedule, as needed, a staff workshop targeted at identifying and resolving private sector recreational issues.~~

POLICY 2.2

The Town recognizes the importance of the present informal mutual use agreement for the public and private school sites. The Town shall continue to maintain formal agreements with the Palm Beach County School Board and the Palm Beach Day Academy to ensure continued agreed upon joint use.

POLICY 2.3

The Town shall periodically review recreational programming at the Mandel Recreation Center.

OBJECTIVE 3

The Town will continue to maintain its system of parks and recreational facilities to meet the needs of the current and future resident population.

POLICY 3.1

The Town of Palm Beach adopts a minimum recreation standard of six (6) acres per one thousand population. Acreage to be used in calculations to meet this standard shall include all public parks and recreation facilities in the Town, the Lake Worth Casino, and 50% of land associated with school facilities and private cultural facilities open to the public.

POLICY 3.2

Through the use of adequate operating budgets and proper management techniques, the Town will preserve and maintain existing parks and recreational facilities. The Town will review its operating budgets and management techniques as needed to ensure continued high-level performance.

POLICY 3.3

~~The Town shall require a~~All acquisitions of, and physical improvements to, park and recreation facilities costing greater than \$25,000 each, included in this Element, ~~shall to be~~ scheduled in the Capital Improvements Element of this Comprehensive Plan. Capital items shall be prioritized and included on an as needed basis.

POLICY 3.4

The Town of Palm Beach shall review ~~with~~ its park and recreational facilities for deficiency identification as needed.

POLICY 3.54

~~The Town of Palm Beach shall develop a master plan for maintaining, improving or redeveloping Seaview Park and Recreation Center.~~ (Completed)

POLICY 3.65

The Town of ~~Palm Beach~~ shall prioritize potential future improvements to Town parks and recreational facilities.

OBJECTIVE 4

The Town shall continue to protect ~~l~~lands designated as open space ~~will be protected to remain functionally intact~~, as provided in ~~this~~ the subject Element and the Coastal Management/Conservation Element ~~and will remain functionally intact~~.

POLICY 4.1

Article 6, Section 21, of the Town's Zoning Ordinance, which requires that buffering be provided between parking lots and non-compatible adjacent uses (e.g. residential adjoining commercial), shall be maintained or strengthened during the Town's periodic update of its land development regulations. (Regulatory, provided in Zoning Code, Chapter 134)

POLICY 4.2

Article 4 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance provides, through its PUD provisions, for additional building height in exchange for decreased impervious ground coverage. This provision shall be maintained in the Town's land development regulations. (Regulatory – within the Zoning Code, Chapter 134)

POLICY 4.31

The Town shall continue to maintain written agreements with the State of Florida Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Audubon Society that ensure the designation of the 39-acre natural islands for conservation use.

POLICY 4.2

The Town shall continue to provide landscape maintenance through either Town staff or contracted vendors to ensure high quality grounds for all Town parks and recreational facilities.

Policy 4.3

The Town shall prepare a Parks Guidebook that provides a complete list of active and passive parks and public open space within one (1) year of adoption of the subject comprehensive plan update.

Policy 4.4

The Town shall continue to participate in the Florida Clean Marina Program for the Town Marina.