

P&R: “THE BENEFITS ARE ENDLESS”

GOAL:

TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES AND OTHER PAST TIME INTERESTS.

Objective

To Provide Adequate Parks and Recreation Facilities to Meet Residents’ Needs and Expectations.

The Vision Connection:

The vision accords significant attention to the provision of quality recreational services to the residents of Palm Beach Gardens. The vision includes not only the maintenance and beautification of existing facilities, it places significant emphasis on acquiring additional park/recreation areas or funds from new development in the City. The vision of a district park rounds out the City’s goal of providing recreational and leisure opportunities for residents and adds immeasurably to the quality and quantity of City leisure services.

Strategies:

- Provide and maintain a sufficient level of parks and recreation facilities/programs for residents. A dual-measure of park acreage and facility standards shall be established as levels of service standards.
- Update the parks and recreation impact fee. This impact fee shall be obtained from all new development that creates additional demands on the City’s parks and recreational facilities and programs. The amount of the fee shall be appropriate to cover new development’s share of the cost of providing additional parks and recreation facilities to mitigate the impact of an expanded population.

- Continue to require parks/recreation dedication from new development. This requirement is in addition to the impact fee. The dedication shall be in the form of land, improvements, or funds, depending on the parks and recreational needs of the City. The dedication requirement shall focus on new, improved park areas, as opposed to raw land. Toward that end, a combination of land, improvements, or funds shall be encouraged as a dedication.
- Maintain parks and recreation facilities in a manner to ensure ongoing appropriate and safe conditions.
- Acquire and improve a district park within the City, to include passive and active recreational opportunities. Consistent with the “linkage” objectives, this park shall serve as a sports center gathering place and shall be accessible by pathways.
- Encourage the private sector to provide cultural amenities in the City. Cultural components such as an amphitheater or a sculpture garden, in addition to the “Art in Public Places” requirement, shall be sought from nonresidential projects in lieu of a park/recreation dedication and impact fee.

Palm Beach Gardens residents enjoy a variety of recreational activities offered by the City’s Parks & Recreation Department.

