



**Vice Mayor Robert C. Welsh, Jr.
Park Frequently Asked Questions
(FAQ)**

The City has received the following questions in reference to the proposed Vice Mayor Robert C. Welsh Jr. Park project.

Question

What was the selection process for the naming of the park?

Response

The City of South Miami Commission named this park after Vice Mayor Bob Welsh in March, 2021. Vice Mayor Welsh was a passionate advocate for natural spaces and had a long history of making our city a more beautiful place with the planting of countless trees. He was a champion of this project and was involved from its early start until his passing.

Question

Can you please send or post more information on the playground? What kind of flooring? Is there a shade structure?

Response

Presently, we're only determining whether or not area residents desire a playground structure. Similar to other playground improvements in the City, staff would recommend funding for poured-in-place safety surfacing and a playground shade structure, if natural shade is unavailable.

Playground design, overall size, play types, activity panels, target users (2-5 years or 5-12 years), etc. will be considered at a later date.

Question

About the fence along the canal, does it go down to the grass, or is there spacing?

Response

Yes, that's the plan. A commercial fence system will be proposed with the intent to keep all park users safe, especially small children. It's our goal to prevent small children from accessing the canal as well as the ingress of large male spiny-tailed iguanas and gators from entering the park.



Question

Where will visitors park their cars?

Response

Limited parking will be available along SW 66th Ave. and 74th Ter. of the park's right-of-way.

Question

What safety measures on the street -- speed bumps/traffic calming devices -- or sidewalks can be put in place to ensure safety of additional pedestrian traffic?

Response

From a design perspective, two (2) 90 degree corners are about the best traffic calming there is, but staff has walked and tried parking around that corner so we understand.

The addition of a sidewalk would certainly promote safety and encourage pedestrian traffic in the area, including to and from the proposed park. That could be challenging long term if it's on the park side and vehicles park on it, which defeats the intended purpose and adds undue stress on it. In addition, a sidewalk on the park side may encourage parking across the street. Another option may be to construct a sidewalk across the street in the public right-of-way.

This is something we will have to explore further at a later date as no sidewalk, traffic calming devices and/or traffic study plan(s) are scheduled for this area - yet. However, if there is a need it can be added to the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) plan. We can also look into adding this item/task to our citywide traffic study plan.

Question

What will be the hours of operation at this park?

Response

Sunrise to sunset, seven (7) days a week.

Question

Will there be lighting at the park?

Response

No. Similar to other citywide small/pocket neighborhood parks, (*i.e. Dison, Jean Willis, Brewer, All America, Van Smith*) lighting is not being considered at Ludlam Glades Park at the moment. In addition, the City's Parks and Recreation Department is taking steps toward protecting night skies at small/pocket neighborhood parks and installing outdoor lighting only where needed,



for instance, security purposes.

Question

How much will it cost to develop the park?

Response

It depends on the final design features and amenities at the park. A probable estimate/cost will be determined after final design construction and specification plans are completed. In the interim, the Parks and Recreation Department has recommended at least \$100,000 in capital spending each year for the next five (5) fiscal years.
