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One of Miami’s Most Historic Parks is Set to Receive a Complete Makeover

---Southeast Overtown/Park West CRA sponsored Project will be largest Park Renovation and Construction in the History of Overtown Community---

(Miami, FL)--- Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado, Southeast Overtown/Park West CRA Chairman Richard P. Dunn, Omni CRA Chairman Marc D. Sarnoff, and Midtown CRA Chairman Francis Suarez will joined CRA Executive Director Pieter Bockweg, Miami-Dade Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, City of Miami Capital Improvement Projects Director Alice Bravo, and members of the Homeland Defense Neighborhood Improvement Bond board for the groundbreaking of a massive makeover of Overtown’s historic Gibson Park.

“Generations of Overtown residents have grown up with Gibson Park at the heart of our community,” says SEOPW Chairman Dunn. “Obviously, over 50 years of use have taken a toll on the park. This CRA sponsored project ensures that current and future Overtown residents will be able to enjoy a beautiful multi-use park for generations to come,” adds Chairman Dunn.

“The residents of Overtown deserve an upgraded and beautified Gibson Park. I commend the SEOPW CRA for moving forward with this project that will improve the quality of life for Overtown Residents,” says Mayor Regalado.

Project Facts

Scope: Demolition of existing park facilities including Recreation Building, play-courts, pool and utility building. Provide new sports field with artificial turf, upgraded sports lighting, 1,000 seat covered bleachers and press box. Build new aquatic center with new pool, restrooms, showers, lockers and pump building. Construct a new 6,600 sq. ft. recreation building with administrative and fitness spaces; a new open picnic area with pavilions, play areas and other park amenities. A new covered walkway will connect the recreation building to the existing library. In addition to improvements to NW 12th Street to include the landscape and drop-off area. The project is to meet LEED Silver standards.

Design-Builder: Recreational Design & Construction

Expected Completion Date: Early Spring 2012

Project Cost: \$9,645,278

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