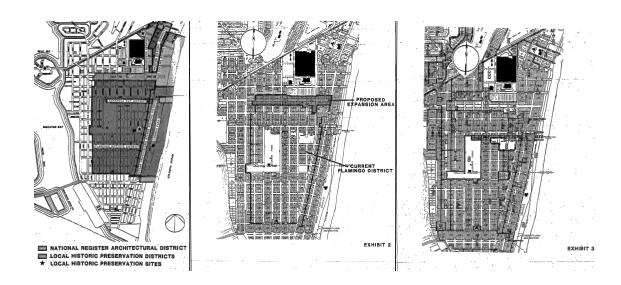
## SITE NAME: Flamingo Park

## A. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF SITE

Flamingo Park is located in the Flamingo Park Local Historic District and the NRHP-listed MBAD in Miami-Dade County, Florida. It is in Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Section 34 and Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Section 34 (Miami 1988 USGS Quadrangle). It is roughly bounded by 11<sup>th</sup> Street on the south; Meridian Avenue on the east; Michigan Avenue on the west with a portion extending to Alton Road; and Espanola Way on the north. Currently the park contains a football field, baseball field, tennis courts, a card room, shuffleboard courts, a swimming pool, basketball and handball courts, and maintenance buildings. Memorial Field is the portion of the park which extends to Alton Road. It contains the football field with bleachers, an announcer's box, and a running track. It is presently the stadium for Miami Beach Senior High.

Flamingo Park is one of the largest sports and recreation complexes in Miami Beach. It was originally a facility for guests of the Flamingo Hotel, Carl G. Fisher's luxury hotel which opened in 1921 on Biscayne Bay at 15<sup>th</sup> Street. In 1921, the property was used as a polo field. In 1925, it became the Flamingo Golf Course and covered the entire area from 11<sup>th</sup> Street to just south of 14<sup>th</sup> Street, and from Alton Road east to Meridian. The park was purchased from the Miami Ocean View Company in 1929 for \$300,000 by the City of Miami Beach. At that time there were also an open air theater and an arena (Singman 1978).



## B. DISCUSSION OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although there are no structures extant from the early 1920s period, Flamingo Park has been in use as a city park since 1929. The layout of the park features a historic north/south axis extending from Jefferson Avenue and an east/west axis extending from 13<sup>th</sup> Street which has been in place since before 1952. Flamingo Park is currently listed as a contributing resource to the *NRHP*-listed MBAD. It is also a contributing resource to the Flamingo Park Local Historic District.













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