

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.
MILLS POND PARK
2201 NW 9 AVE. FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33311**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Bill Schonlau	P	4	0
Bruce Qualey	P	4	0
Brucie Cummings	A	2	2
Darin Lentner	A	1	3
David Itskovich	P	3	1
Debby Eisinger	A	3	1
Dermot McQuarrie	A	3	1
James Jordan	A	2	2
Jo Ann Smith	A	3	1
Karen Polivka	P	4	0
Marianna Seiler	P	3	1
Marie Huntley (New)	P	1	0
Paul Davidson	P	4	0
Robert Payne	A	1	3
Roy Grimsland	P	3	1

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As of this date, there are 15 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum. It was noted that a quorum was met for the meeting.

Staff

Carl Williams, *Parks & Recreation Deputy Director*
Leona Osamor, *Administrative Assistant*

Roll Call

Vice-Chairman Karen Polivka called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Roll was called and all stood for the pledge of allegiance. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Bill Schonlau and seconded by Marianna Seiler, that the minutes of January 24, 2018 be approved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Department Update

Deputy Director Mr. Carl Williams took a moment to show the members of the board, the recently installed acoustic sound panels, tile carpets and freshly painted walls in the Mills Pond Administration Building.

Mr. Williams informed the board that within the next month or so the ADA ramp and bike trail will be completed at Snyder Park. Mr. Williams also informed the board that the zip line project is still moving forward and hopefully very soon the developer will be able to meet to discuss the project in further detail.

Mr. Williams informed the board that on March 10, 2018, the St. Patrick's Day Parades and Festival will be taking place and encouraged everyone to come out to the family fun day event.

The board was informed by Mr. Williams that George English Park playground is presently being upgraded within the next few weeks to include the removal of the sand areas and the installation of "port and play" surfacing around the new playground equipment.

Mr. Williams also informed the board that spring break has started and since the beaches have shown a significant increase with visiting patrons, the City has increased the amount of police officers patrolling the area.

The board was informed by Mr. Williams that the Parks and Recreation Department will be working over the next few months on the department's budget including new requests and/or modifications and will provide a brief overview prior to the scheduled joint meeting with the Budget Advisory Board on May 23, 2018.

5. Board Discussions

The board reviewed copies of the 2017 Florida Statutes on Weapons and Firearms and briefly discussed the difficulties as a Municipality in regulating the said statutes in which it contains.

Vice-chairman Karen Polivka inquired about the reason for the sidewalk construction currently taking place at the Mangurian Park and a brief discussion was made on the possible reasons but no confirmed updates on the project scope were available.

Vice-chairman Karen Polivka also inquired about whether anyone had a point of contact available within the Florida State Parks since a resident had been inquiring with her on any possible leads to address a current recurring issue being experienced. However, after a brief discussion and no information on a possible contact, Marianna Seiler made reference to "Florida Admin Code" as a means to look up current state statutes.

6. Board Comments

Vice-chairman Karen Polivka along with all other present board members at the meeting welcomed the newest member to the board Marie Huntley.

Marie Huntley introduced herself and provided a brief bio and also expressed her delight in being a part of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Marianna Seiler updated the board on the status of the bill on “Smoking in Public Parks” and stated that the bill has been placed on the Senate’s agenda for voting and will provide further updates as it becomes available.

Board member Roy Grimsland informed that board that in the City of Malibu California a recent law was passed banning restaurants from giving out plastic straws, stirrers and utensils.

6. Communications to the Commission

There were no communications to the Commission.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.