

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.
SOUTH SIDE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
700 SOUTH ANDREWS AVE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33316**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Amber Van Buren	P	2	1
Bruce Quailey	P	3	0
Brucie Cummings	P	2	1
Caleb Gunter <i>(Newly Appointed)</i>	P	1	0
Charlie Leikauf	P	3	0
Debby Eisinger	A	2	1
Jo Ann Smith	P	3	0
Karen Polivka	P	2	0
Marianna Seiler	A	2	1
Marie Huntley	P	1	2
Martha G. Steinkamp	A	2	1
Michael Flowers Jr.	P	2	1
Robert Payne	A	2	1
Roy Grimsland	P	3	0

Oct 2018 - Sept 2019

As of this date, there are 14 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*

Public Attendee

Owen Cylke

Roll Call

Vice-Chair Karen Polivka called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Roy Grimsland and seconded by Jo Ann Smith, that the minutes of December 5, 2018 be approved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Department Update

Deputy Director Carl Williams informed the board that after the completion of the Ice-Skating Rink event at Huizenga Plaza in partnership with the Florida Panthers, the recorded attendance was slightly below two thousand skaters.

Carl Williams informed the board that the new Playbooks should be distributed towards the end of February 2019.

The board was informed by Carl Williams that the Noon Tunes Free Concert Series Event at Huizenga Plaza will commence on February 6, 2019.

Carl Williams informed the board that on February 23, 2019 the Sistrunk Festival and Parade is scheduled to take place along Sistrunk Blvd.

Carl Williams also informed the board that the field conversions of the multipurpose field at Holiday Park will commence in March 2019.

The board was informed by Carl Williams that the Snyder Park bike trail was now open and there has also been some successful disc golf tournaments at the park. Mr. Williams further stated that the City is also currently working on identifying a suitable vendor for the zipline course. Mr. Williams also informed the board that the City also intends to eventually add a cricket field at Snyder Park.

2. Parks Bond Update

Parks and Recreation Director Phil Thornburg informed the board that the Parks Bond special elections will be taking place on March 12, 2019. Mr. Thornburg stated that there were two action committees formed to aide in the parks bond agenda, one of which was a City hired marketing firm and the other a political action committee. Mr. Thornburg confirmed that he has attended about ten HOA meetings thus far and currently have a dozen or more set to attend up until the month of March. The board was also encouraged by Mr. Thornburg to help spread the word and inform others about the Parks Bond.

3. LauderTrail Update

Vice-chair Karen Polivka updated the board on the progress made thus far on the LauderTrail Working Group. Mrs. Polivka stated that the working group was established for a period of two years and was created to develop a seven-mile pedestrian and bicycle trail connecting various local and regional destinations within the City of Fort Lauderdale. Mrs. Polivka stated that currently the members consist of neighbors representing each of the four city districts with board member Caleb Gunter representing the first district. Mrs. Polivka further stated that there was also a member from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board which she currently represents and also includes a member from the Planning and Zoning Board. Members of the working

group also include City staff from various City departments.

4. **Board Comments**

There were no board comments.

5. **Communications to the Commission**

There were no communications to the Commission.

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.