

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL – 8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
100 N. ANDREWS AVENUE  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312**

**Cumulative Attendance**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Alex Collazo	P	2	0
Amber Van Buren	A	0	2
Brucie Cummings	P	2	0
Caleb Gunter	A	1	1
Carey Villeneuve	P	2	0
Charlie Leikauf	P	2	0
Jo Ann Smith	P	2	0
Karen Polivka	P	2	0
Marianna Seiler	A	1	1
Martha G. Steinkamp	A	1	1
Mary Peloquin	P	2	0
Michael Flowers Jr.	A	1	1
Robert Payne	A	1	1
Roy Grimsland	A	1	1
Tangerean Moore	A	1	1

**Oct 2019 - Sept 2020**

As of this date, there are 15 appointed members to the Board, which means 9 would constitute a quorum.

**Staff**

Phil Thornburg, *Parks & Recreation Director*

Carl Williams, *Parks & Recreation Deputy Director*

**Roll Call**

Chairperson Karen Polivka called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Roll was called, and all stood for the pledge of allegiance. It was determined that a quorum was **not** present.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was determined that since a quorum was **not** present, the approval of minutes for meeting held on October 23, 2019 be deferred to the next meeting scheduled on January 22, 2020.

**1. Department Updates**

Deputy Director Carl Williams informed the board about the upcoming special events and programs throughout the City as follows:

- a. Light up Sistrunk – December 6, 2019 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm
- b. Light Up Carter – December 14, 2019 from 3:00pm – 7:00pm
- c. Winter Camps at Bass, Croissant and Riverland Park
- d. Kwanzaa Ujamaa – December 28, 2019 from 1:00pm – 6:00pm
- e. Downtown Countdown – December 31, 2019 from 4:30pm – 1:00am
- f. Fit Fort Lauderdale 5K - January 11, 2020 from 8:30am
- g. MLK Holiday Celebration – January 20, 2020 from 8:00am – 2:30pm

**2. Park Renaming – Las Olas Oceanside Park**

Director of Parks and Recreation Phil Thornburg made a brief presentation to the board and provided the members of the board with some background information surrounding the proposed park site renaming of Oceanside Park to “*Las Olas Oceanside Park*”. Mr. Thornburg explained that with the recent improvements made to the site, official park signage will be made and installed once the name is approved by the City Commission. All members present at the meeting were in full support of the proposed naming to “*Las Olas Oceanside Park*”.

**3. Coontie Hatchee and Hortt Park**

Mr. Thornburg made a presentation to the board and explained the current situation being faced by the Parks and Recreation Department and the City as it relates to the playgrounds at Coontie Hatchee Park and Hortt Park. The members of the board were provided with background information and design images of the proposed playground replacements. Mr. Thornburg further explained that due to the severity of the repairs needed, the decision was made to have both playground projects expedited. All members present at the meeting were in full support of the proposed playground replacements at Coontie Hatchee Park and Hortt Park.

**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 7:40 PM.