

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.
HORTT PARK
1700 SW 14 COURT
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Alex Collazo	P	3	0
Amber Van Buren	A	0	3
Brucie Cummings	P	3	0
Caleb Gunter	P	2	1
Carey Villeneuve	P	3	0
Charlie Leikauf	P	3	0
Jo Ann Smith	P	3	0
Karen Polivka	P	3	0
Marianna Seiler	P	2	1
Martha G. Steinkamp	P	2	1
Mary Peloquin	P	3	0
Robert Payne	A	1	2
Tangerean Moore	A	1	2

Oct 2019 - Sept 2020

As of this date, there are 13 appointed members to the Board, which means 7 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Carl Williams, *Parks & Recreation Deputy Director*
 Kimberly Mosley, *Assistant City Attorney*
 Christine Fanchi, *Engineering Design Manager*
 Ingrid Kindbom, *Assistant Structural Innovation Manager*
 Leona Osamor, *Grants Administrator*

Public Attendees

Kristin Thompson
 Jay Shechtman
 Richard Campicew
 Scott S.
 April Kirk
 Steve Buckley

Roll Call

Chairperson Karen Polivka called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. 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 Marianna Seiler and seconded by Charlie Leikauf, that the minutes of October 23, 2019 be approved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Marianna Seiler and seconded by Mary Peloquin, that the minutes of December 4, 2019 be approved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Department Updates

Deputy Director Carl Williams informed the board that the Martin Luther King parade was a huge success and invited everyone to come out to the upcoming Sistrunk Parade and Festival on February 22, 2020 from 9:00am – 10:00pm.

Mr. Williams informed the board that the next “Playbook”, which highlights all the upcoming events and various programming being offered throughout the city is scheduled to be distributed by mail towards the end of March.

The board was also informed by Mr. Williams that the field turf project at Holiday Park is now ready for close-out and a final walk-thru is scheduled to take place during the week of January 27, 2020.

Mr. Williams informed the board that all lighting has been installed in the Riverland Park lighting project and the City is currently waiting on them to be energized by the Florida Power and Light.

2. Tunnel Top Plaza

Engineering Design Manager with the Public Works Department, Christine Fanchi made a presentation before the board on the Tunnel Top Plaza project that included discussions on the tunnel extension, reconstruction of the north side ventilation building, raising of the Las Olas Boulevard and SE 6th Avenue, sitework and the contingency allowance.

Motion was made by JoAnn Smith and seconded by Charlie Leikauf in support of the estimated \$10.6 million-dollar project cost with the understanding that less focus should be placed on the ventilation and the project must include landscaping and trees. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

3. LauderTrail Presentation

Chairman of the LauderTrail Working Group, Jay Shechtman made a presentation before the board on the progress of the LauderTrail project, which was initiated for the purposes of developing a continuous and comprehensive network of connected

urban trail facilities for practical and recreational use while promoting a healthy lifestyle. Mr. Shechtman stated that the working group has thus far identified regional destinations, local destinations, as-the-crow-flies connections and potential routes for connecting destinations. In addition, Mr. Shechtman confirmed that the working group has identified a proposed LauderTrail route also called the “core route”. The board was informed that one of the next steps for the working group includes combining the efforts with the Mockingbird Trail and the Old Dillard Trail.

Motion was made by Caleb Gunter and seconded by Alex Collazo in support of the City’s proposed \$5 million-dollar funding for the LauderTrail/Linear Trail project that encourages the connectivity of our City parks. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

4. Park Renaming – Las Olas Oceanside Park

In follow-up to the board’s meeting held on December 4, 2019, the members of the board discussed the proposed park site renaming of Oceanside Park to “*Las Olas Oceanside Park*”.

Motion was made by Carey Villeneuve and seconded by Caleb Gunter in support of the City’s proposed park renaming of the Oceanside Park to “*Las Olas Oceanside Park*”. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

5. Joint Use Parks Initiative Update

Board member Martha G. Steinkamp provided an update on the status of the Joint Use Parks Initiative and informed the board that the first step would involve a preliminary inventory of resources followed by site visits with the school principals and staff and lastly to decide on what types of programming can be incorporated at the various facilities.

6. Board Comments

Board member JoAnn Smith inquired as to whether the City had a policy in place as it relates to the replanting of trees. Mrs. Smith informed the board that it was brought to her attention by some neighborhood residents that a company that was hired to replant trees throughout the city was replanting them using palm trees. Mrs. Smith stated further that the neighbors are quite upset by this decision as they do not want these types of trees in their neighborhood.

7. Public Comments

Mr. Richard Campicew, an avid pickleball player at Holiday Park stated that he wanted to get some clarification on whether the six pickleball courts would be removed with the construction project currently underway by the Florida Panthers at Holiday Park. Mr. Carl Williams assured him that the pickleball courts would not be removed but would inquire further on the staging details of the project to determine the proximity to the courts and if there would be any negative impacts.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.