

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL – 8TH FLOOR
100 N. ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Alex Collazo	A	3	1
Brucie Cummings	P	4	0
Caleb Gunter	P	3	1
Carey Villeneuve	P	4	0
Charlie Leikauf	P	4	0
Deborah Rosenbaum (<i>New</i>)	P	1	0
Gale Butler (<i>New</i>)	P	1	0
Jo Ann Smith	P	4	0
Karen Polivka	A	3	1
Marianna Seiler	A	2	2
Martha G. Steinkamp	P	3	1
Mary Peloquin	P	4	0
Robert Payne	P	2	2
Tangerean Moore	A	1	3

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As of this date, there are 14 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Phil Thornburg, *Parks & Recreation Director*

Carl Williams, *Parks & Recreation Deputy Director*

Donald Morris, *CRA Manager*

Thomas Green, *CRA Senior Project Manager*

Leona Osamor, *Grants Administrator*

Jody Weymouth, *Crime Prevention Detective/Fort Lauderdale PD*

Roll Call

Deputy Chairperson Caleb Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Jo Ann Smith and seconded by Brucie Cummings, that the minutes of January 22, 2020 be approved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Department Updates

Deputy Director Carl Williams informed the board that the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival along with the soft opening of the new soccer stadium at Lockhart will take place on March 14, 2020.

Mr. Williams also informed the board that during the month of March, the new Playbook will be released for distribution.

The board was informed by Mr. Williams that although the additional \$1,228,000 in parks bond funding for Tunnel Top Park was not brought before the board that it was approved by the City Commission.

2. Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center (FLAC) Renovations

Donald Morris, CRA Manager and Thomas Green, Senior Project Manager made a brief presentation on the added scope of work which included the 27-meter dive tower, amenity deck and new restroom facility building for the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center project.

Motion was made by JoAnn Smith and seconded by Deborah Rosenbaum in support of the estimated \$7 million-dollar project cost to finish this iconic park. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed in favor with eight Yes's and two No's.

Brucie Cummings – Yes
Caleb Gunter – Yes
Charlie Leikauf – Yes
Deborah Rosenbaum – Yes
Gale Butler – Yes
Jo Ann Smith – Yes
Mary Peloquin – Yes
Robert Payne - Yes

Carey Villeneuve - No
Martha G. Steinkamp - No

3. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Crime Prevention Detective with the City's Police Department Mrs. Jody Weymouth made a presentation to the board on CPTED, which included discussions on natural surveillance, natural access control, territorial reinforcement and maintenance. Mrs. Weymouth also shared information and examples of many pros and cons, statistical reports and recommendations as it relates to current and future parks within the City of Fort Lauderdale.

4. Board Comments

Board member Brucie Cummings shared her interest in having the City of Fort Lauderdale pursue the acquisition of the Whiddon property located off David Blvd and

SW 9th Ave. to serve as a natural preserve.

Board member Jo Ann Smith informed the board that the “One Stop Shop” appeared on a list at a recently held meeting as a possible location of the new Federal Courthouse. Members of the board briefly discussed the topic and a motion was subsequently made.

5. Communications to the Commission

Motion was made by JoAnn Smith and seconded by Carey Villeneuve for the City Commission to remove the “One Stop Shop” from the list of possible site locations to house the Federal Courthouse and allow the location to remain as a park site. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.