

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
PARKS, RECREATION AND BEACHES BOARD MEETING
100 N. ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY HALL – 1st FLOOR CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022 – 6:30 P.M**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Alex Collazo	P	4	0
Brucie Cummings	A	2	2
Caleb Gunter, Chair	P	4	0
Carey Villeneuve	P	3	1
Charlie Leikauf	P	4	0
Darren Heitner	A	2	2
Deborah Rosenbaum, Vice Chair	P	4	0
Greg Martin	P	3	1
Jo Ann Smith	P	3	1
Marianna Seiler	P	4	0
Mary Peloquin	P	4	0
Steffi Paskow	A	2	2
Tangerean Moore	P	3	1

Oct 2021 - Sept 2022

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

Staff

Carl Williams, *Deputy Director Parks and Recreation*
Stephanie McClary, *Senior Administrative Assistant*
Laura Voet, *Aquatic Center Manger*
Thomas Green, *Project Manager*

Others

Carla Blair, *Recording Secretary, Prototype Inc.*

Approval of the January 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Marianna Seiler and seconded by Alex Collazo, to approve the January 26, 2022, meeting minutes. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0. Carey Villeneuve abstained.

1. Department Update

Carl Williams, Deputy Director Parks and Recreation, shared a departmental video called Connect with Us. Which highlighted all the things the department does, including the larger parks and recreational agencies. He stated he will provide a departmental overview at a future meeting.

He noted the St. Patrick's Day route will be made available within the next few

days.

Mr. Williams showed a Spotlight video of beach maintenance employee Bobby Williams. He shared that Mr. Williams is a highlight of the department.

2. **Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex Update**

Mr. Williams was joined by Laura Voet, Aquatic Center Manager, and Thomas Green, Project Manager to present an update on the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex Update.

Ms. Voet provided the historical background and timeline of the project. She reviewed the project design slides with the diver tower, two new buildings, and new pools. She highlighted the construction and dewatering of the dive tower. She noted a major milestone was reached on July 1 when the last piece of the dive tower was set.

She reviewed the December 2021, January 2022, and February 2022 project images and construction updates. and the following project schedule:

- Complete Pool Plaster / Fill Pools – February 2022
- Pool Equipment Startup – March 2022
- Complete Pool Decks – March 2022
- Temporary Certificate of Occupancy – March 2022
- Final Completion – April 2022

Mr. Green noted he is also working with the Community Redevelopment Agency. He shared the following project schedule:

- Complete Pool Plaster / Fill Pools – February 2022
- Pool Equipment Startup – March 2022
- Complete Pool Decks – March 2022
- Temporary Certificate of Occupancy – March 2022
- Final Completion – April 2022

He reviewed the South Building project image and following project schedule:

- Project Start – June 2021
- Start Dry-In Building – February 2022
- Start Interior Buildout – March 2022
- Project Complete – December 2022

He shared the Parks & Recreation Operations schedule:

- March 2022 - Entry Building Move In; Filtration System & Equipment Training
- April 2022 - Facility Maintenance; Emergency Action Plan Training; Lifeguard Staffing

- Opening - Site Utilization Plan Requirements
- Programs & Events
- ISHOF Museum Project
- Ribbon Cutting

He noted the first swim in the pool is not yet known.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum asked if there is a small score board for the training pool.

Ms. Voet responded that there is not a separate score board for training pool but a portable score board is available. She noted the main scoreboard can be split. The main scoreboard will use the Omega timing system. The portable score board is a ten-lane board. She noted it was a valuable investment.

Mr. Collazo asked if geothermal is the same as solar.

Ms. Voet described the geothermal process.

Mr. Green answered a question about the project budget and component and workmanship warranties.

Mr. Martin asked if they have secured any national or international events yet.

Ms. Voet noted they have begun to receive event requests. She said some of the larger events are part of a bidding process that will need to be considered.

Mr. Villeneuve asked about parking and a greener footprint on the peninsula.

Mr. Green responded yes about a parking garage but no to removing the surface parking. He noted he could not speak to parking specifics at this point. He shared there is consideration for green space.

Ms. Voet said there is a green promenade for recreational activities and events.

Mr. Villeneuve inquired whether that will be a privately-owned event space or publicly accessible.

Ms. Voet replied that her understanding is the outside spaces are publicly accessible.

3. Board Comments

Chair Gunter opened the floor for Board comments. He asked Mr. Williams about the hours of the dog park on the beach.

Mr. Williams said they looked into the hours and believe they can open it up every day for a few hours in the morning and a few hours in the evening. It would allow

time increased access and still time for staff to clean the area.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum confirmed it is located between Tower 17 and Tower 20.

Discussion ensued about the dog park hours, access, and the impact of turtle season.

Mr. Collazo asked about permits.

Mr. Williams confirmed they stopped issuing permits a few years ago.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum reminded the Board to wear green shirts to next month's meeting to take a group picture.

4. **Communications to the Commission**

None.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

[Minutes prepared by TBaclawski, Prototype Inc.]