

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

**Cumulative Attendance**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Alex Collazo	A	4	1
Brucie Cummings	A	2	3
Caleb Gunter, Chair	P	5	0
Carey Villeneuve	A	3	2
Charlie Leikauf	P	5	0
Darren Heitner	A	2	3
Deborah Rosenbaum, Vice Chair	P	5	0
Greg Martin	A	3	2
Jo Ann Smith	A	4	1
Marianna Seiler	A	4	1
Mary Peloquin	P	5	0
Steffi Paskow	A	2	3
Tangerean Moore	P	4	1

**Oct 2021 - Sept 2022**

As of this date, there are 13 appointed members to the Board, which means 7 would constitute a quorum. Chair Gunter acknowledged a quorum was not yet present.

**Staff**

Carl Williams, *Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation*  
Stephanie McClary, *Senior Administrative Assistant*  
Luisa Agathon, *Senior Assistant to the City Manager*

**Others**

Carla Blair, *Recording Secretary, Prototype-Inc.*

**Approval of the February 23, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

Chair Gunter stated they would defer the approval of the February 23 minutes.

**1. Department Update**

Carl Williams, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, shared details of the upcoming Finally Friday event on April 1 at Provident Park. The CRA-sponsored event will be held from 6:00 until 10:00 PM and include entertainment and vendors.

He provided an update on the continuing series of Jazz Brunch which is held every first Sunday of the Monday from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM in Esplanade Park. The next one will be held on April 3.

He shared the next Sips, Sounds, & Splats will be held on March 27 from 2:00 until 6:00 PM at the South Side Cultural Arts Center. The event will include entertainment, music, and art.

He provided an update on bond projects. He noted they were actively engaging users at the tennis centers to provide feedback about the facilities to the program manager. He noted there was 3.5M allocated to the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center and ideas for improvement include: sub-irrigation for the courts, expansion of the courts lighting, restrooms, and redevelopment of the facility. He invited the public to provide feedback about the Center.

He reviewed lighting projects, the synthetic turf field project, and timelines.

He noted a recent conversation about Sunrise Middle School and school funds associated with the bond. He shared the Committee deferred the item until April 13 in order to review other options. He said the next discussion would be on April 19.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum said a member of the Board should attend that meeting.

Chair Gunter confirmed that he would check his calendar.

Mr. Leikauf clarified whether the meeting was for additional funds.

Mr. Williams responded yes and offered that the Committee did not want to decide at the recent meeting. He shared they were interested in exploring additional ways to continue the funding.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum stated the Commissioners and Mayor were unanimous in their belief that Sunrise Middle School should receive the entire funding.

Mr. Williams added there would be a sculpture unveiling on April 20 at 1:00 PM.

Ms. Peloquin noted the George English pickleball court was not approved because it was wrapped up in the joint use decision. She contacted a City Commissioner to express dissatisfaction that item was considered as part of the larger decision.

Mr. Williams responded that he would look into it.

Ms. Peloquin asked about the aquatic center and whether the Hall of Fame requested additional space that would impact the pool deck. She asked who the boss was of that piece of land.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum replied that it was Brent Ruttmiller.

Mr. Williams responded that the City owns the property, and the City Commission makes final decisions. He noted that until the City Commission advised otherwise, the Hall of Fame would remain within the established parameters.

Mr. Leikauf asked about the Greenway Park controversy and whether the City would consider buying the property from the developer.

Mr. Williams responded that he did not have the answer but could find out.

Luisa Agathon, Assistant to the City Manager, noted the City had inquired about the purchasing the property but the owner is not interested in selling.

Chair Gunter asked about North Beach properties.

Ms. Agathon replied that they are acquiring on a property on Seabreeze. She noted the process the City had to follow to acquire property.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum asked about the location of the property.

Ms. Agathon did not know the exact address but shared it was currently being utilized as a construction site for an area hotel.

A brief discussion ensued about the location.

Ms. Agathon noted that this the only site the City is currently looking at on the beach.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum said she would speak with City staff after the meeting about some ideas and vacant properties and lots.

Ms. Agathon welcomed ideas from the Board about available properties.

Chair Gunter confirmed the additional two items on the agenda require a quorum to vote.

A brief discussion ensued about the absence of the other Board members.

Chair Gunter asked about the timeline for Bayview.

Mr. Williams replied the lighting project would commence in approximately three to five weeks.

Mr. Leikauf told the audience it had been many years since they had experienced not having a quorum. He apologized to the audience. He spoke briefly on Holiday Park.

A member of the public asked if Board members could vote by phone.

Mr. Leikauf responded they cannot.

Mr. Williams noted Stephanie McClary, Senior Administrative Assistant, stepped out of the room to call absent Board members.

2. **Park Designation**

Tabled until next meeting.

3. **Holiday Park Baseball Dedication to Bill Joyner**

Tabled until next meeting.

4. **Board Comments**

There were no Board comments.

5. **Communications to the Commission**

There were no communications to the Commission.

6. **Adjournment**

Chair Gunter confirmed they could not conduct any further business. He confirmed the items would be included on a future agenda.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum noted if there was a Special Meeting held, the meeting would be noticed for the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

[Minutes prepared by TBaclawski, Prototype-Inc.]