

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
PARKS, RECREATION AND BEACHES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
100 N. ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY HALL – 1st FLOOR CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022 – 6:30 P.M**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Alex Collazo	A	4	2
Brucie Cummings	P	3	3
Caleb Gunter, Chair	P	6	0
Carey Villeneuve	P	4	2
Charlie Leikauf	P	6	0
Deborah Rosenbaum, Vice Chair	P	6	0
Greg Martin	P	4	2
Jo Ann Smith	P	5	1
Marianna Seiler	P	5	1
Mary Peloquin	A	5	1
Tangerean Moore	P	5	1
Zillah Tarkoe	P	1	0

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As of this date, there are 12 appointed members to the Board, which means 7 would constitute a quorum. A quorum was present.

Staff

Carl Williams, *Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation*

Stephanie McClary, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

Patricia Saint Vil-Joseph, *Assistant City Attorney*

Others

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

Approval of the February 23, 2022, and March 23, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Deborah Rosenbaum and seconded by Charlie Leikauf, to approve the February 23, 2022, and March 23, 2022, meeting minutes. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 10-0.

Chair Gunter welcomed new Board member Zillah Tarkoe. Ms. Tarkoe introduced herself.

Chair Gunter was notified the meeting minutes required separate motions.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum withdrew her original motion.

Amended Motion was made by Deborah Rosenbaum and seconded by Charlie Leikauf, to approve the February 23, 2022, meeting minutes. In a roll call vote, the

motion passed unanimously 10-0.

Amended Motion was made by Deborah Rosenbaum and seconded by Charlie Leikauf, to approve the March 23, 2022, meeting minutes.

Motion made by Carey Villeneuve to amend the minutes to reflect there was no March 23, 2022, meeting held therefore Board members should not be marked absent. There was no second.

Assistant City Attorney Saint Vil-Joseph confirmed a quorum was not present at the March 23, 2022, meeting. She noted no business was conducted and only department updates were shared.

Mr. Leikauf stated a meeting did occur, but no business was conducted due to lack of quorum.

Mr. Villeneuve withdrew his motion.

Assistant City Attorney Saint Vil-Joseph advised the Board that conducting a meeting without a quorum is not ideal. She stated she would have to discuss the notion of counting absences for non-quorum meetings with the City Attorney.

Chair Gunter asked, pending review, if they are able to approve the minutes as they currently stand.

Assistant City Attorney Saint Vil-Joseph responded they would have to vote on it. She noted they could table the item until they receive the City Attorney's advice.

A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Leikauf withdrew his second to the motion to approve the March 23, 2022, minutes.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum withdrew her motion to approve the March 23, 2022, minutes.

Chair Gunter confirmed approval of the March 23, 2022, minutes would be tabled until a future meeting.

1. **Department Update**

Carl Williams, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, shared details of the Great American Beach Party to be held on May 28, 2022.

Ms. Smith noted she is in charge of volunteers, and they need more.

Mr. Williams continued by providing an update on Mills Pond Park fields being renovated with synthetic turf. Work should be completed by October. He also shared they are close to receipt of the temporary certificate of occupancy for the Aquatic

Center. He noted the ribbon cutting will likely be held the first week of June.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum asked when there will be access to the water.

Mr. Williams replied that a limited number of programs would be able to begin the day after the ribbon cutting.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum said there are currently not enough lifeguards to support opening the facility on a full-time basis. She noted there was enough time to hire lifeguards and asked what the issue is.

Mr. Williams acknowledged challenges with hiring staff. He noted they have experienced a lifeguard shortage in the City the last few years. He confirmed the full-time lifeguards that were reassigned to community pools will be returning to work at the Aquatic Center. He reminded the Board the aquatic center will still be an active construction site, affecting the ability to open full-time.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum said she heard rumors that the Hall of Fame wants to infringe upon the footprint of the Aquatic Center. She noted the taxpayers paid for the renovation.

Mr. Williams responded the Hall of Fame did indicate they wanted additional space, but they have been advised to stay within the original parameters.

Ms. Cummings asked about the hotel built on the water.

Mr. Williams continued updates by announcing the upcoming Jazz Brunch and Akasha Urhobo Day events, both occurring on May 1, 2022. He noted the May 25, 2022, Board meeting is a combined budget meeting. He clarified the meeting is informational and the Board has no speaking roles.

Mr. Williams said they will be requesting funding for expanding and enhancing median maintenance with the addition of three staff members, including a Landscape Inspector and Urban Designer positions. The second request is for additional part-time salary in order to offer a more competitive rate for several positions including Recreation Clerk Worker, Recreation Maintenance Worker, Custodian, Lifeguard I and Lifeguard II. The third request is for three additional positions for the Aquatic Center.

Ms. Cummings asked the about the base salary for lifeguards.

Mr. Williams responded it is \$17.49 per hour but lifeguards at surrounding centers are making \$18-\$20 per hour. He said the same is true for the clerk and counselor positions.

He stated the last request pertains to the cemetery, including a capital outlay and staffing positions.

Ms. Cummings asked about erecting a canopy over the Las Olas Beach Park.

Mr. Williams responded that they looked into it but the visibility to the stage would be compromised. He said they are still researching viable solutions.

Ms. Cummings recommended three or four triangles to create shade.

Mr. Martin commended the Department for keeping the beach in great shape.

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

Mr. Williams said within the backup materials is a request to rename one of the fields at Holiday Park.

Chair Gunter said he received all positive feedback about Mr. Joyner and his contributions. He opened public comments.

Mr. Leikauf spoke on Mr. Joyner's contributions. He supports naming the field after Mr. Joyner.

Resident Bob Arrington spoke in support of honoring Mr. Joyner.

Resident John Wilkes said Mr. Joyner provided the opportunity for many young to play baseball. He supports the renaming effort.

Grant Conness said Mr. Joyner was his first coach and served as a positive role model. He supports honoring Mr. Joyner's legacy.

Mr. Leikauf noted Mr. Joyner was a firm believer in recreational baseball.

Motion was made by Deborah Rosenbaum and seconded by Jo Ann Smith, to rename the field the City of Fort Lauderdale Bill Joyner Baseball Field. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously 10-0.

3. **Board Comments**

Ms. Smith asked about seeing a presentation with updates on the Huizenga Park.

Mr. Williams will follow up with information on the project.

Ms. Seiler noted she receives a lot of comments about a gathering that takes place three times a week in the park across from Sunshine Cathedral. Mr. Williams will look into it.

A brief discussion ensued about a small piece of property located on Citrus Isles. Mr.

Williams will send out the address.

In response to Ms. Cummings' inquiry about the Widden property, Mr. Leikauf said they don't want to subdivide the property.

Mr. Martin suggested a long-term perspective on purchasing hardscaped properties, letting the lease run out, then turning it into a park.

Mr. Villeneuve agreed with Mr. Martin's suggestion.

Mr. Williams noted he can invite Collier's to attend a future meeting for a conversation.

Mr. Villeneuve asked if the Board would have an opportunity for feedback on the Holiday Park plan that AECOM is working on.

Mr. Williams replied that the way the bond was written, those four projects would be determined by Commission directly.

Mr. Villeneuve stated they are an advisory board who receives feedback from the community continuously and are able to provide valuable feedback to the plan.

Mr. Williams said the Board can share comments when it goes to Commission.

Mr. Villeneuve reiterated they could provide feedback before it is set in stone. He requested AECOM present to the Board and solicit feedback prior to going to Commission.

Mr. Williams acknowledged he will advise AECOM.

Ms. Cummings asked why the Board would not provide feedback on the four signature projects.

Mr. Williams responded with the timeline when public input was solicited for the project.

Ms. Seiler agreed she would like the Board to see the presentation.

In response to Mr. Leikfauf's question, Mr. Williams responded that DC Alexander has been tabled. He said he will provide an update at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum suggested some of the DC Alexander funding were reallocated to FLAC.

5. Communications to the Commission

None.

6. Adjournment

Assistant City Attorney Saint Vil-Joseph stated she consulted with the Senior City Attorney and confirmed the absences from a non-quorum meeting are counted. Additionally, when there is no quorum, try to seek quorum and then adjourn meeting and schedule the next meeting if no quorum is present. She noted, because a meeting was held on March 23, 2022, and a set of meeting minutes is part of the record, they need to be approved, denied, or amended to comply with Sunshine Law. She confirmed the March 23, 2022, was not an illegal meeting as there was no City business conducted.

Motion was made by Deborah Rosenbaum and seconded by Charlie Leikauf, to approve the March 23, 2022, meeting minutes. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously 10-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

[Minutes prepared by TBaclawski, Prototype-Inc.]