

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
PARKS, RECREATION AND BEACHES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
100 N. ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY HALL – 1st FLOOR CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Alex Collazo	P	5	2
Brucie Cummings	P	4	3
Caleb Gunter, Chair	P	7	0
Carey Villeneuve	P	5	2
Charlie Leikauf	P	7	0
Deborah Rosenbaum, Vice Chair	A	6	1
Greg Martin	P	5	2
Jo Ann Smith	A	5	2
Marianna Seiler	P	6	1
Mary Peloquin	A	5	2
Tangerean Moore	P	6	1
Zillah Tarkoe	P	2	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*
 Enrique Sanchez, *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.*

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gunter led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the April 27, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Marianna Seiler and seconded by Charlie Leikauf, to approve the April 27, 2022, meeting minutes.

Chair Gunter clarified that on Page 2, under the amended motion, he asked a question and did not make a statement about Board attendance.

Amended Motion was made by Caleb Gunter and seconded by Charlie Leikauf, to amend the minutes. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously 9-0.

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, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Additionally, he noted a Media Day will be held on June 6, 2022, at the Aquatic with the Mayor, City officials, City staff, and head coaches. The formal opening is scheduled to be held on June 20, 2022, pending the partial Certificate of Occupancy.

Ms. Seiler noted she visited the facility is amazing.

In response to Ms. Cummings' question about cost, Mr. Williams noted the Center cost approximately \$40 million.

Ms. Tarkoe asked for an update on hiring lifeguards.

Mr. Williams replied they increased the lifeguard pool of applicants by increasing the pay rate but noted a few more lifeguards are still needed. He shared details about the lifeguard classes.

2. **Lighting Project – George English Tennis Center - Approval**

Enrique Sanchez, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, presented on the project. He asked for approval of \$60,000 for tennis court lighting and \$165,000 to upgrade the softball lights. He confirmed the lights are shielded, dimmable, and certified with a 10-year warranty. The vendor is an established manufacturer, and they created a custom visor and provided photometrics to prove no spillage. Mr. Sanchez described the light brightness.

In response to Mr. Villeneuve's question, Mr. Sanchez clarified the request is to release the \$60,000 that is already budgeted.

Assistant City Attorney Saint Vil-Joseph asked about the 2020A bond series and previously allocated funding. She asked if the \$100,000 for George English lighting was increased.

Mr. Sanchez replied that \$100,000 was approved for general George English lighting and an additional \$325,000 is for athletic field and court lighting upgrades. He noted they are asking for \$225,000 of the allocated \$325,000. He confirmed the overall allocation for George English has not changed.

A discussion ensued about lighting timers, fixtures, and adjustments.

Mr. Sanchez stated the public hearing will be held at the June or July Commission meeting. Following the Commission meeting, the budget amendment would be approved, and they would issue the work order. He said an eight (8) week lead time is needed for materials. He anticipates the athletic field lights project would begin the end of summer or beginning of fall.

Motion was made by Greg Martin and seconded by Marianna Seiler, to approve the George English Tennis Center lighting project. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously 9-0.

3. Park Bond Joint Use Park - Approval

Mr. Williams provided background on the item and referred to the packet, which contain updated information. He noted the Commission weighed in on the item, but it is being brought back to the Board for formal motion for approval. He stated funding allocated for Sunrise Middle was more than what was budgeted for.

In response to Ms. Moore's question about where the additional funding came from, Mr. Williams replied that some funding came from Commissioner Sorenson.

Mr. Sanchez provided additional background and Commission decisions.

Assistant City Attorney Saint Vil-Joseph confirmed Commission approved an additional \$1.875 million shortfall in order to fund all twelve (12) projects.

Mr. Williams clarified the Board is approving the plan.

Chair Gunter expressed concern about approving the new budget and all additional funding will come out of Park Bond.

Mr. Sanchez responded that it will be coming out of Park Bond. He noted the Commission saw the value of having four (4) new sites.

Ms. Seiler noted the Commission already approved it.

A discussion ensued about the funding and approving the plan.

Assistant City Attorney Saint Vil-Joseph summarized the decision before the Board and noted the Board can send a recommendation to the Commission about how the money should be allocated.

A discussion ensued about Park Bond money.

Assistant City Attorney Saint Vil-Joseph recommended that Staff prepare an accounting of what was approved by the Commission.

The discussion continued about plan approval.

Motion was made by Carey Villeneuve and seconded by Alex Collazo, to approve the plan as presented.

Mr. Moore noted when the plan was originally presented, there was a shortfall on all projects that wanted to be funded.

A discussion ensued about public access to the various parks.

Mr. Villeneuve withdrew his motion.

Mr. Collazo commended the Commission on their compromise and accommodations.

Mr. Villeneuve reiterated that his motion was to approve the plan as presented.

Ms. Seiler asked if they could move to approve the joint use plan, as presented, based on the Commission's reallocation of the park bond.

Amended motion made by Marianna Seiler and seconded by Tangerean Moore, to approve the joint use parks project, subject to the acknowledgment that the Commission reallocated the parks bond money. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously 9-0.

Ms. Cummings expressed her concern that only \$30 million was allocated to begin with to purchase land. She noted the parks are not theirs and they are just entering into partnerships with school districts for park usage.

4. **Beach Community Center Rooftop Park – Approval**

Mr. Williams referred to information included in the packet. He noted the rendering was the latest design and they are seeking Board comments and approval.

Mr. Villeneuve supports a rooftop park.

Ms. Cummings noted there is a lot of open green space with no shade. Mr. Williams there are shade elements.

A discussion ensued about the location and the design.

Motion made by Carey Villeneuve and seconded by Marianna Seiler, to approve the Beach Community Center Rooftop Park. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously 9-0.

5. **Holiday Park – Update**

Mr. Williams referred to the Holiday Park rendering, noted the conceptual plan was shared with the neighborhood, and asked for approval.

Mr. Villeneuve noted he saw a different rendering at the VPSA meetings. He asked about the additional pickleball courts.

Mr. Williams replied that the additional pickleball courts are contingent on a decision by the YMCA project.

A discussion ensued about the conceptual rendering.

Mr. Williams clarified this is an update and approval is not needed.

A discussed ensued about parking.

Mr. Villeneuve provided the following feedback:

- Under 4: Create a dynamic fitness area (challenge course), rather than something similar to the Kiwanis fitness area
- Under 2 & 3: The splashpad needs to be large with fencing and located in the same area as the playground
- The parking garage rooftop should be activated if not cost prohibitive
- Sell property where Starz Gymnastics and bridge is located and reinvest into Holiday Park
- Create an earthen mound or a topographical feature in area southwest by Number 9
- Create open air rooftop park on War Memorial expansion; Have food, drink, and a kids play area
- Iguana-proof fencing around the foliage
- Add eight (8) more pickleball courts

Ms. Seiler said the train and plan needs to remain.

Ms. Tarkoe recommended digitizing the reservation process at the Tennis Center.

Motion made by Marianna Seiler to approve the item, but it was withdrawn because it was an update and not a voting item.

6. City Survey

Mr. Williams referred to the City survey results located in the packet. He noted a survey was not completed last year.

A brief discussion ensued about traffic lights and flow.

Mr. Leikauf expressed concern that only 717 surveys were returned.

Mr. Williams replied it was still statistically valid since there was equal representation from each district.

7. Communications to the Commission

Motion made by Alex Collazo and seconded by Tangerean Moore, to thank the City Commission for honoring the original master plan and adding four new parks.

Mr. Villeneuve said he is going to text his Commissioner and thank them individually.

Mr. Collazo withdrew his motion.

6. Adjournment

Motion was made by Charlie Leikauf and seconded by Tangerean Moore, to adjourn the meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously 9-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

[Minutes prepared by TBaclawski, Prototype-Inc.]