

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
PARKS, RECREATION AND BEACHES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
100 N. ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY HALL - 8th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Alex Collazo	P	7	3
Ruchel Coetzee	P	1	0
Caleb Gunter, Chair	P	10	0
Deborah Rosenbaum, Vice Chair	P	8	2
Charlie Leikauf	P	10	0
Mary Peloquin	P	8	2
Marianna Seiler	P	9	1
Zillah Tarkoe	P	5	0
Tangerean Moore	P	8	2
Brett Patterson	P	2	0
Idan Eckstein	A	1	1
Joy Oglesby	P	2	0

Oct 2021 - Sept 2022

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*
Laura Voet, *Aquatics Complex Manager*

Others

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gunter led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the August 24, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Deborah Rosenbaum and seconded by Charlie Leikauf, to approve the minutes, as amended. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously 9-0.

1. Department Update

Carl Williams, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, shared details on the upcoming Halloween events. He further described the drive-through event at Oswald Park. He announced Jazz Brunch will be held on November 6th. He reviewed the upcoming Light Up Series events. The menorah lighting celebration will be held at

The Loop on December 18th.

2. Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center Update

Ms. Laura Voet, Facility Manager, introduced Mr. Greg Jennings, Project Manager, and Kevin Curry, who served as the Project Superintendent.

Mr. Jennings reviewed the project goals, project design, progress aeriels and images since April 2021. Ms. Voet noted the dive tower is the new international standard and accommodates four (4) sports.

Mr. Jennings continued by reviewing the Concession Building (Building "B") and the building now includes an observation deck.

Ms. Voet showed the Locker Room Building, training pool, competition pool, grandstand, parking, entrance, and the June 6 Media Day.

Mr. Jennings summarized the 2022 project schedule, including the South Building project schedule. He provided an update on the locker delay and noted they anticipate receiving the lockers in late November.

Ms. Voet showed images from the September 12, 2022, Opening Day. She acknowledged the lifeguard staffing challenges. She noted collegiate team training camps will begin in December and they are exploring the opportunity of hosting an international water polo exhibition. She stated the goal is to host a ribbon cutting on January 27, 2023.

Mr. Collazo asked about the chillers. Ms. Voet responded that they performed as anticipated and explained ideal water temperatures.

Mr. Leikauf asked about the budget. Mr. Jennings said the change orders fell within budget.

Ms. Peloquin asked about the bike racks. Ms. Voet replied that they are still identifying the best location for the bike racks due to ongoing construction.

3. Department Overview Presentation

Mr. Williams introduced and noted he provides an update every 1-2 years when new members join the Board.

He reviewed the Parks Division organizational chart, Club 55+, Fit Fort Lauderdale, Aquatic Center, and Pickleball. A brief discussion ensued about Snyder Park. Mr. Williams continued by reviewing the cemeteries, special events, facilities, sanitation, and parks maintenance. He displayed a matrix of facilities, sites, and staffing.

Mr. Carey Villeneuve thanked the Board since his last Board meeting was cancelled

due to the hurricane. He encouraged activation of rooftops and eradication of iguanas.

Ms. Tarkoe asked about employee retention. Mr. Williams acknowledge hiring challenges and discussed employee retention strategy and incentives.

Mrs. Seiler asked for an update on War Memorial. Mr. Williams replied there should be a ribbon cutting in the first quarter of 2023. He added, based on the agreement, the City has the right to host eight (8) events at the facility. Mr. Williams said he will request an update from the facility for January 2023. A brief discussion ensued about a tour of the facility.

Mr. Patterson asked about parking at War Memorial. Mr. Williams acknowledged parking is a concern and there have been conversations about a parking garage.

Mr. Williams added they will be hosting tennis socials this year at the Tennis Center. A brief discussion ensued about the delay in instructor payments.

Mrs. Seiler inquired about indoor basketball at the Holiday Park gym. Mr. Williams said there are air-conditioning issues in the gym, but it will reopen to adults and youth when the air-conditioning is fixed.

Chair Gunter stated the next meeting will be held Wednesday, December 7th.

4. **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Marianna Seiler and seconded by Deborah Rosenbaum, to adjourn the meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously 9-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

[Minutes prepared by TBaclawski, Prototype-Inc.]