

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
PARKS, RECREATION AND BEACHES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
100 N. ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY HALL – 1st FLOOR COMMISSION CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Alex Collazo	P	2	0
Ruchel Coetzee	A	1	1
Caleb Gunter, Chair	P	2	0
Deborah Rosenbaum, Vice Chair	P	2	0
Charlie Leikauf	P	2	0
Mary Peloquin	A	1	1
Marianna Seiler	A	0	0
Zillah Tarkoe	P	2	0
Tangerean Moore	P	2	0
Brett Patterson	P	2	0
Idan Eckstein	P	1	1
Joy Oglesby	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*
Stephanie McClary, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

Others

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gunter led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the October 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes

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

1. Department Update

Carl Williams, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, noted the next light-up event is on the menorah ceremony on December 18th. He shared details of the New Year's Eve Celebration and the 29th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration. He noted the pickleball courts at George English Park should be completed by the end of the month. He confirmed the upcoming pickleball tournament at Sunrise Middle School.

Ms. Moore noted there was nothing for toddlers at the light-up events. Mr. Williams said there were bounce houses, but they can look at adding activities for younger kids at future events.

Mr. Collazo asked about the beach concert. Mr. Williams said vendors are required to clean up or they have to pay.

Chair Gunter said thank you to the City for their great response after the last storm. Mr. Williams replied that he would share the feedback with the team.

2. **Cooley's Landing Land and Water Conservation Grant Program**

Mr. Williams stated the item comes before the Board procedurally.

Chair Gunter asked if it is the federal grant with the 50/50 match and bond money will be used.

Mr. Williams said they are applying to get funding to add elements to Cooley's Landing. He noted construction costs are high.

Mr. Collazo if they are considering raising the grade at Cooley's Landing. Mr. Williams said he would look into it.

Mr. Williams said they are seeking \$1.1 million in funding, and he was just making the Board aware.

Public Comments

Chair Gunter opened public comments.

Beverly Chambers, member of the Historic Dorsey River Homeowners Association and she noted their President, Dr. Pamela Beasley, was recently elected as a new City Commissioner. She stated she was there to discuss Little Lincoln Park and there has been little attention paid to the park with the previous Commissioner. She requested the following for the park: restroom, better picnic tables, shading, and better benches. Additionally, she noted concerns about parking and boulders around the perimeter. She spoke about ministering that occurs in the park on Sundays. She asked if money could be allocated to the park. She displayed pictures of the park.

Ms. Oglesby asked Mr. Williams to speak to funding.

Mr. Eckstein recognized the public in attendance.

Mr. Williams noted \$262,000 of the \$200 million bond dollars were allocated for Lincoln Park for playground servicing, lighting, and ADA improvements.

Mr. Collazo asked about the plans for the property acquired next to the park. Mr.

Williams replied there weren't any plans to date. Mr. Williams general funds could be utilized for some of the item such as tables and benches. He described the features and parking at Lincoln Park and stated stones are placed around the perimeter at Little Lincoln Park.

Chair Gunter asked if the stones were placed to prevent parking on the swale. Mr. Williams said yes.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum said they need to find money since the park is being used. She supports the requested items.

Ms. Oglesby asked about modular restrooms. Mr. Williams said there is a need to have a restroom at the park.

Mr. Patterson suggested prioritizing the requested items. He noted bathrooms appear to be a priority. Mr. Williams described the use of general funds.

A brief discussion ensued about funding.

Mr. Williams noted a more thorough conversation with the Homeowners Association on the needs would be a next step to itemize a list.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum agreed they need to meet with the Homeowners Association to figure out needs.

Chair Gunter said it needs to be budgeted and go through the Bond Manager.

Mr. Collazo told Ms. Chambers the Homeowners Association should work closely with their Commissioner to budget for big ticket items like the bathroom.

Mr. Williams said he could work on a cost estimate to present to the Board.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum said they should work on the picnic tables and benches now.

Mr. Eckstein asked about Ms. Moore's comment about the property purchase in January 2012. Mr. Williams said they acquired a handful of properties but there needs to be further planning and approvals.

Ms. Chambers said she will bring it up to the Homeowners Association and the follow up with Mr. Williams.

Mr. Eckstein suggested adding public comment as a standing agenda item.

3. **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Deborah Rosenbaum and seconded by Tangerean Moore, to

adjourn the meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously 9-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

[Minutes prepared by TBaclawski, Prototype-Inc.