

**MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
PARKS, RECREATION AND BEACHES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
528 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET  
FIRE STATION – ADMINISTRATION FLOOR  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance**

| <b>Board Members</b>            | <b>Attendance</b> | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Alex Collazo                    | P                 | 5              | 1             |
| Ruchel Coetzee                  | A                 | 4              | 2             |
| Caleb Gunter, Chair             | P                 | 6              | 0             |
| Deborah Rosenbaum, Vice Chair   | A                 | 3              | 3             |
| Charlie Leikauf                 | P                 | 6              | 0             |
| Mary Peloquin                   | A                 | 4              | 2             |
| Marianna Seiler                 | P                 | 5              | 1             |
| Zillah Tarkoe                   | P                 | 6              | 0             |
| Tangerean Moore                 | P                 | 5              | 1             |
| Brett Patterson                 | A                 | 5              | 1             |
| Idan Eckstein                   | P                 | 5              | 1             |
| Joy Oglesby [arrived 6:42 P.M.] | P                 | 4              | 2             |
| Barbara Magill                  | P                 | 4              | 0             |
| Ronald Goff                     | A                 | 1              | 1             |

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As of this date, there are 14 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 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.

Chair Gunter noted Vice-Chair Rosenbaum is absent from tonight’s meeting due to the loss of an immediate family member. The Board discussed making personal contributions to send her flowers.

**Approval of the March 22, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

**Motion** was made by Marianna Seiler and seconded by Idan Eckstein, to approve the minutes. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously 8-0.

1. **Department Update**

Carl Williams, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, discussed the City's response to the flooding. He added, beginning tomorrow, the Red Cross will begin a process for distributing gift cards. He announced the upcoming Air Show, Jazz Brunch on May 7, and Carter Park Jams on May 19.

Mr. Collazo asked about the wrap up of the Tortuga Fest. Mr. Williams replied that the flash flooding occurred right before and there is quite a bit of wrap up work. Discussion ensued about the event and impact of the natural disaster. Mr. Williams explained the process for post-show assessment and billing for damages.

Ms. Seiler asked about the plans for the property on 9<sup>th</sup> and Davie. Mr. Leikauf said that other buyers are purchasing properties in the area. Ms. Seiler noted a no trespassing sign and gate are on the property now.

Ms. Oglesby joined the meeting.

2. **Budget Presentation**

Mr. Williams began the presentation by providing an overview of the Department, which includes the following: Parks Operations; Marine Facilities; Facilities Maintenance; Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center; Recreation (Youth, Teen, Adult, and Senior Programs); Special Events; and Cemeteries. He noted Sanitation is no longer included as it is a contracted service, managed by Public Works.

He stated the FY23 Adopted Budget is \$67,186,093 (includes Sanitation). The FLAC Budget is \$2,452,047 and the Cemetery Budget: \$5,575,692. He continued by reviewing the FY24 Decision Package General Fund and summarized the Part-Time Salary Increase and Special Event Enhancements. He noted they are proposing base pay increase for the part-time Recreation Clerk and Recreation Worker positions. The Special Event Enhancements would be spent on improvements to sound, stage and lighting, catering, inflatables, and equipment rentals, in addition to providing for larger entertainment and expanding children's activities.

Ms. Magill asked if the City owns sound and lighting or whether it is rented. Mr. Williams confirmed they rent it and they determine the costs of staffing and insurance for owned equipment makes renting the better option. He confirmed they own the show mobile.

Mr. Williams continued by reviewing the FY 24 Decision Package – Cemetery Fund. The enhancements include: Dual Rear Wheel 4-door Trailer & 1 Lawn Maintenance Trailer; Administration Office Restroom Renovation at Lauderdale Memorial; Maintenance Workshop Restroom Renovation at Sunset Memorial Gardens and Lauderdale Memorial Park; Impact Window Installation at Lauderdale

Memorial Park; and Improvements to the maintenance compound at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Discussion ensued about part-time salary increases and summer youth hiring. He noted a competitive rate is approximately \$15/hr.

Chair Gunter asked about the budget in relation to establishing new parks. Mr. Williams said the bond program is strictly for acquisition. He added the master plan is a 5-10 year plan.

Ms. Magill asked about fencing in equipment for kids to keep them separate from dogs. Mr. Williams said they do not want to get into the process of fencing things in. Discussion ensued about designated dog areas, fencing, and enforcement.

Ms. Seiler asked for an update on edits discussed at the previous meeting. Mr. Williams confirmed next steps. Chair Gunter added that Legal will need to review as well.

Discussion ensued about upcoming meeting dates, location, and attendance. Mr. Williams will provide further details about the May 21 joint meeting. He noted City Hall is still out of commission. Discussion continued about the attendance policy.

Mr. Collazo spoke about Sunrise Middle School and noted the renderings have not been completed. He wanted to go on the record to encourage movement on the renderings and the project. He suggested a communication to the City Commission to establish a deadline for the renderings. Mr. Williams would not suggest a communication to the City Commission but agreed to follow up with AECOM.

Chair Gunter added asked for a project update to be added to a future meeting agenda. Mr. Williams said they can but noted they are billed each time they come out so he wants to ensure they can provide substantial updates.

Discussion ensued about joint use parks. Mr. Williams reiterated he will reach out to AECOM for updates and timeline. Ms. Seiler said they would like monthly status updates.

Chair Gunter asked about the funding and status update for Lockhart Stadium. Mr. Williams said the project is now being led by the District I Commissioner. He noted the property will still be developed but funding as shifted a bit. Ms. Seiler stated they are going to mediation.

Mr. Williams stated Tunnel Top is delayed but should be done near the end of the summer. Discussion ensued about the project and funding sources.

### **3. Adjournment**

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**Motion** was made by Alex Collazo and seconded by Barbara Magill, to adjourn the meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously 9-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

[Minutes prepared by TBaclawski, Prototype-Inc.]