

**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, AUGUST 23, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Alex Collazo	P	6	1
Ruchel Coetzee	A	4	3
Caleb Gunter, Chair	P	7	0
Deborah Rosenbaum, Vice Chair	P	4	3
Charlie Leikauf	P	7	0
Mary Peloquin	P	5	2
Marianna Seiler	P	6	1
Zillah Tarkoe	P	7	0
Tangerean Moore	A	5	2
Joy Oglesby	P	5	2
Idan Eckstein	P	6	1
Barbara Magill	P	5	0

**Oct 2022 - Sept 2023**

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 SaintVil-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 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Collazo clarified an item on Page 2 and noted they have not been received nor completed the preliminary renderings from Enrique Sanchez.

**Motion** was made by Deborah Rosenbaum and seconded by Alex Collazo, to approve the minutes, as amended. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously 10-0.

**1. Department Update**

Carl Williams, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, mentioned the Pre-Labor

Day event on September 3. He noted the first Sunday of every month is Jazz Brunch. The last Carter Park Jams will be held on September 15 and the Championship Swim Meet will be held on September 29.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum expressed concerns about the pool paint pitting, rusted handrails, and warm water fountains.

Mr. Williams said he will look into the items, particularly the water fountains. He said they are aware of the pool deck issues and they will be addressed.

Ms. Peloquin said she heard a new structure may be built in Holiday Park. Additionally, she heard a heliport may be built on top of the parking garage. Mr. Williams said he has not heard anything.

Ms. Peloquin asked about the design for Lockhart Park. Mr. Williams acknowledged the signature projects do not necessarily go through the Board. He said he will inquire about the rendering to share with the Board. Discussion ensued about Lockhart Park.

Ms. Magill expressed concern about the beach volleyball courts net and cable maintenance. Mr. Williams confirmed he will look into it.

Ms. Seiler said she heard the usage rules at the Pickleball courts are not being followed the same at all the parks. Mr. Williams said the users need to police it themselves.

Mr. Leikauf asked for an update on Tunnel Top. Mr. Williams said the last update he received was it would be completed near the end of the summer. Ms. Seiler heard the last week of November.

Ms. Tarkoe asked about the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center management. Mr. Williams said the purpose of the RFP was to see what management opportunities were out there. He noted the facility remains open to the public and there is no reduction in use or court time. He said the process has not yet been completed but it will go before the City Commission if there is a desire to move in a specific direction.

Mr. Leikauf noted police officers are now at the beach on ATVs.

Ms. Oglesby asked if there is still a police officer on the park on Riverland. Mr. Leikauf said that is correct, but they are still looking at an officer to live there.

**2. Discussion of 2024 Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant Application in the Amount of \$200,000 to Osswald Park**

Mr. Williams stated they are moving forward with the bond and application for the

grant to leverage some funding for Osswald Park. He noted no formal vote is required from the Board.

Chair Gunter asked what the \$200,000 funding would be for. Mr. Williams said it would be for outdoor improvements and upgrades to the park.

### 3. **Proposed Revision to Parks & Recreation Rules Discussion**

Mr. Williams said they incorporated both staff and Board feedback and wanted to review for additional comments.

Assistant City Attorney SaintVil-Joseph noted the Section 2.2 rule is very controversial and recommended the Board appeal the entire rule. She mentioned recent litigation and there was a ruling against the City that said the rule is unconstitutional.

Discussion ensued about the rule. Mr. Williams said they use 2.2 for some trespass letters for charter vessels at George English.

Ms. Oglesby said she would be in favor of deleting the second part of 2.2 where social services are defined. Ms. Seiler recommended retitling it “uses” instead of social services.

Assistant City Attorney SaintVil-Joseph asked for clarification for the recommended edit. Ms. Oglesby clarified “parks shall not be used for business or other purposes, unless authorized.”

Assistant City Attorney SaintVil-Joseph summarized the title will be changed to “uses” and the second paragraph will be deleted. She further clarified the language will now read: “Parks shall be used for recreation, relaxation, ornament, light, and air for the general public. Parks shall not be used for business or other purposes unless authorized, pursuant a written agreement with the City or a City-issued permit.”

The Board recommended the following additional edits:

- Delete Section 7.4 (m) Add comma after go carts
- Section 7.4 (m) Add comma after moped
- Section 7.4 (m) Add ‘ vehicles’ after motorized so it states ‘motorized vehicles
- Section 2.2 Patricia recommendation to remove the rule because it potentially violates 1st amendment rights
- Section 2.2 Board suggestion is to keep 2.2 but delete 2nd paragraph
- Section 2.2 Parks shall be used for recreation and relaxation. Parks shall not be used for business or other purpose unless authorized pursuant to a written agreement with city or pursuant to a city-issues permit

- Section 4.1 (b) Board suggest removing the added 'are'
- Section 5.7 Board suggest removing Mopeds and ATV and put motorized vehicle
- Section 5.7 and 5.8 to be combined
- Section 4.1 (c2) Eliminating the restriction due to permitting system that is no longer in use anymore dog beach, removing the time and keeping the days. Board recommends removing altogether because board was looking for the dog park, and land not available, and wanted a location, why restrictions and the restrictions was in place because it was an old permit system. The permit is no longer in effective or monitoring, the rule is moved. Let public recreate with dogs at all times and designated as canine beach. Location stays the same to remove the dates and times, no regulation needed to only remove C2 under 4.1 c #2 only remove 4.1c2 (no times no dates)
- Add Section 4.1c 1 the location of where they can put the dog (north of Sunrise Blvd/Tower 16).

Assistant City Attorney SaintVil-Joseph said the goal would be to vote at the next meeting on the edited rules so they can be presented to the City Commission.

Mr. Collazo asked the of status of both the DC Alexander Park and the AECOM presentation. Mr. Williams said that AECOM are willing to come to a meeting but there is an associated cost. He added they will continue to send summaries. Mr. Williams stated DC Alexander Park is on schedule as far as he knows.

Ms. Peloquin asked if the Native American statute is going to stay in its location. Mr. Williams replied yes.

Vice Chair Rosenbaum thanked the Board for the beautiful orchid.

#### 4. **Adjournment**

**Motion** was made by Charlie Leikauf and seconded by Alex Collazo, to adjourn the meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously 11-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

[Minutes prepared by TBaclawski, Prototype-Inc.]