

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
PARKS, RECREATION AND BEACHES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
528 NW 2nd STREET
FIRE STATION – ADMINISTRATION FLOOR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative Attendance

| Board Members | Attendance | Present | Absent |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Alex Collazo | P | 4 | 1 |
| Ruchel Coetzee | P | 5 | 0 |
| Caleb Gunter, Chair | P | 4 | 1 |
| Mary Peloquin | P | 4 | 1 |
| Charlie Leikauf | P | 5 | 0 |
| Tangerean Moore | P | 3 | 2 |
| Zillah Tarkoe | P | 5 | 0 |
| Idan Eckstein | P | 4 | 1 |
| Joy Oglesby | A | 3 | 2 |
| Marta Reczko | P | 2 | 0 |
| Barbara Magill | P | 3 | 2 |

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As of this date, there are 11 appointed members to the Board, which means 6 would constitute a quorum. A quorum was present.

Staff

Enrique Sanchez – *Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation*
Amy Jean-Baptiste – *Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation*
Patricia SaintVil-Joseph – *Assistant City Attorney*
Leana Suarez – *Senior Administrative Assistant*

Others

Karen Cruitt, *Recording Secretary, Prototype-Inc.*

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gunter led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the February 28, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Mary Peloquin and seconded by Ruchel Coetzee, to approve the February 28, 2024, meeting minutes, with approved changes. In a voice vote, the motion passed 10-0.

Ms. Coetzee noted two misspellings of her last name on Page 2.

1. Department Update (Enrique Sanchez)

Mr. Sanchez introduced the new Deputy Director, Amy Jean-Baptiste, and provided

an overview of her background. Ms. Jean-Baptiste noted her excited to join the leadership team. She provided an update on the following: Spring Egg Hunts; Jazz Brunch; Viernes Musicales; and Carter Park Jamz.

2. Bond Update (Enrique Sanchez)

Mr. Sanchez began his presentation on the bond update and reviewed Tunnel Top Park, including installation timeline of the conch public art, cost of the project, timeline, and name change to Tunnel Top Plaza.

He continued the presentation and provided an update on DC Alexander Park, including \$11M total project cost, June/July 2024 project completion date, and landscaping, hardscaping, and shade plan.

He reviewed the Park Bond Projects, which include 3 completed projects; 18 partial completions; 4 projects in construction; 5 resurfacing projects in process; 18 projects in design.

Discussion ensued about Holiday Park, parking, Carter Park, Lockhart Park, proposed director for the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center.

Mr. Sanchez provided an update on 5 projects in bidding stage including: Warfield Park; Florence C. Hardy Park; Annie Beck Park; Bass Park; and Mills Pond Park.

Discussion ensued about budgets, contractors, and future projects. Mr. Sanchez noted there are currently over 65 additional park bond projects with improvements originally identified as part of the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan. He added the design for some projects will be completed through future task orders with AECOM or alternative design firms.

Ms. Reczko recommended engaging architecture students and artists. She expressed disappointment with the design of Tunnel Top Park.

3. Update to Park Rules and Regulations (Patricia SaintVil-Joseph)

Ms. SaintVil-Joseph stated she reviewed the City and County codes, ADA, and Florida Statutes and provided additional edits so they are compliant. She reviewed her proposed edits in Sections 4.1 and 4.9, ensuring consistency with Florida statutes.

Motion was made by Charlie Leikauf and seconded by Ruchel Coetzee, to approve Section 4.1, as revised. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 10-0.

Motion was made by Charlie Leikauf and seconded by Mary Peloquin, to approve Section 4.9, as revised.

Ms. Magill suggested 10x10 shade tents should not be illegal. Discussion ensued. Mr. Sanchez referenced prohibition of canopies outlined Section 7.4.

In a roll call vote, the motion passed 10-0.

Ms. SaintVil-Joseph confirmed the recommended park rules and regulations updates will be presented to the City Commission in late April or early May.

4. New Business (Caleb Gunter)

A brief discussion ensued about Spring Break.

Ms. Magill asked if Tortuga will section off a part of the beach parking lot for pedestrians. Mr. Sanchez replied no and confirmed they are working with Bahia Mar, Marina Village, and the Building Department to obtain a temporary Certificate of Occupancy on the west side of A1A so the sidewalk can remain open.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

[Minutes prepared by TBaclawski, Prototype-Inc.]