

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
PARKS, RECREATION AND BEACHES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
528 NW 2nd STREET
FIRE STATION – ADMINISTRATION FLOOR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Alex Collazo	P	5	1
Ruchel Coetzee	P	6	0
Caleb Gunter, Chair [Arrived 6:47]	P	5	1
Mary Peloquin	P	5	1
Charlie Leikauf	P	6	0
Tangerean Moore	A	3	3
Zillah Tarkoe	A	5	1
Idan Eckstein	P	5	1
Joy Oglesby	P	4	2
Marta Reczko	P	3	0
Barbara Magill	P	4	2
Samantha Sisler	P	1	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

Amy Jean-Baptiste -- *Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation*
 Carl Williams – *Director of Parks and Recreation*
 Angela Salmon – *Assistant to the City Manager*
 Leana Suarez – *Senior Administrative Assistant*
 Todd Stilphen – *Community Program Manager*

Others

Brooke Mosier - *Associate VP, Colliers*
 Karen Cruitt, *Recording Secretary, Prototype-Inc.*

Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Chair Leikauf led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the March 27, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Barbara Magill and seconded by Alex Collazo, to approve the March 27, 2024, meeting minutes, as distributed. In a voice vote, the motion passed 9-0.

1. Department Update (Carl Williams)

Mr. Williams update on the Sunday Jazz Brunch at Esplanade Park and Great

American Beach Party. Furthermore, he mentioned that the dogs in parks issue will be presented before the City Commission on May 7, highlighting a dissenting opinion along with the possibility of recommended compromises.

Acting Chair Leikauf asked about the changes or issues. Mr. Williams stated one compromise was the designation of two dog friendly parks within each district and not all parks.

Ms. Peloquin summarized her understanding, noting opposition from residents in Rio Vista, particularly concerning dogs in playgrounds.

Mr. Williams also shared with the Rio Vista residents the provisions for hard courts, athletic courts, and playgrounds. He stressed the rules, as amended by the Board, would go forward for a robust conversation.

A discussion ensued regarding the existing parks and the potential designation of additional parks.

Mr. Williams proceeded with his updates and mentioned that the upcoming meeting would be a joint one with the Budget Advisory Board. He reviewed items they plan to request including beautification of medians.

Ms. Reczko stated the medians on Las Olas Boulevard were in need of attention. Mr. Williams noted their recent repair.

Ms. Sisler, new member to the Board, introduced herself and spoke about the median beautification team in Boca Raton.

Mr. Williams continued his budget updates including funding to support the maintenance of DC Alexander Park, which comes online this summer; Aquatics Center full-time dive coach; and replacement parts for the Aquatics Center.

Ms. Reczko expressed interest in seeing how much revenue was generated by the Aquatics Center entry fee.

Mr. Williams noted additional budget requests would include: full-time employee to repair and maintain the spray pads; additional \$20K to support the Carlton B. Moore event; \$28K for Christmas trees; two-full time marketing positions; one facility position to support special events; \$150K for the creation of a mobile app; funding to support Club 55; funding to expand the existing clean team and dedicated vehicle for restroom maintenance.

Discussion ensued about the current restroom cleaning contract and level of service.

Mr. Williams highlighted that the final item on the agenda would be a request to

transfer funding from a contract to a full-time tennis professional employee, which is more of a formality.

2. Bal Harbour Village Plat - 2201 NE 19 Street - B-1 Parcel Park Acquisition (Brooke Mosier)

Ms. Mosier introduced herself to the Board and provided an update on the land acquisition, noting \$11M remaining for purchases.

She began her presentation and reviewed the following: Park Acquisitions; Challenges; Next Steps; Aerial Map; District 1 – 2201 NE 19th Street – ParkServe Needs; Potential Acquisition District 1.

Chair Gunter expressed concern the parcel appears to be within a private community with the gate house location.

Ms. Salmon affirmed her commitment to revisit the property and address any concerns raised. She emphasized that there was no interest in purchasing property that was designated exclusively for certain residents.

A discussion followed regarding public access to the park, including guard gate house and signage.

Ms. Mosier and Ms. Salmon discussed the timeline for acquisition. Mr. Williams added that the acquisition does not include funding for programming.

Motion was made by Alex Collazo and seconded by Joy Oglesby, to gauge which board members would like to either relocate or remove the guard gate, or who are interested in establishing another access point. No vote was conducted.

A discussion continued about the guard gate and park acquisitions.

Motion was made by Alex Collazo and seconded by Charlie Leikauf, to move forward with the acquisition if the guard house remains as long as there is a public access point.

A discussion continued about park access.

In a voice vote, the motion failed 3-7.

Motion was made by Joy Oglesby for Collier's to further investigate whether they could move the guard gate so there is clear access to the park.

She rescinded her motion.

Motion was made by Joy Oglesby and seconded by Idan Eckstein, for the City to find out if the HOA is willing to leave the gate arm open during park hour or remove the gate so there is unfettered public access to the park, bring a summary decision back to the Board at to the June Board meeting.

The discussion regarding park access continued.

In a roll call vote, the motion passed 6-4.

3. Special Event - Sponsorship Presentation (Todd Stilphen)

Mr. Williams stated the City Commission approved the City of Fort Lauderdale sponsorship packet.

Mr. Stilphen introduced himself to the Board and began his presentation on the following; Objective; Goals; Signature Events; Community Events; Sponsorship; Title Sponsor Tier; Gold Sponsor Tier; Silver Sponsor Tier; and Approval Process.

Ms. Oglesby asked about the review process. Mr. Stilphen suggested bringing the applications to the Board's monthly meetings. Mr. Williams confirmed the Board would vet the applications and provide recommendations to the City Commission.

A discussion ensued about the process and sponsors.

4. Sailboat Bend Civic Association - Tequesta Park (Carl Williams)

Mr. Williams explained the renaming request and park improvements.

Motion was made by Charlie Leikauf and seconded by Joy Oglesby, to approve the renaming of the park to Tequesta Park.

A brief discussion ensued about the name and regional tribes.

In a voice vote, the motion passed 10-0.

5. New Business (Caleb Gunter)

There was no additional business discussed.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

[Minutes prepared by TBaclawski, Prototype-Inc.]