

**PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.**

Board Members	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance October 2007- September 2008	
		Present	Absent
Mark Hartman, Chair	P	3	0
Michael Natale, Vice Chair	A	2	1
Curtiss Berry	P	3	0
Betty Shelley	P	3	0
John Verkey	P	3	0
Matthew Weiss	P	2	1
Sean Fee	P	2	1
Robert Payne (arrived 7:11)	P	2	1
James LaBate	A	1	2
Joann Medalie	P	2	1
Ed Angelbello (arrived 7:18)	P	2	1
Robert Hoysgaard	P	2	1
Larry Mabson (arrived 7:09)	P	2	1
Kevin May, Jr.	A	1	1
Donna Guthrie	A	0	1

Staff and Guests

Terry Rynard, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
 Stacey Daley, Administrative Assistant
 Earnest Jones, Park Ranger Supervisor
 David Miller, Recreation Superintendent
 Jon Quinton, Recreational Programmer II
 Dr. Elizabeth Hays, Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations
 Hilda Testa, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Kenny Nail, Fort Lauderdale Jaguars
 Dennis Ulmer
 Mario McGowan
 Grace Youngblood
 Darryl Bryan
 Christopher Gilbert
 Merion Times

Jean Valcona
 Destiny Roberts
 Jennifer Pixley
 Daveta Williams
 Tiana Kloss

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of January 2008 Minutes

Mr. Weiss noted a correction to page ten, paragraph five of the January 23, 2008 meeting minutes where it stated that Mr. Weiss seconded the motion, when in fact; Mr. Weiss was absent from the meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Hoysgaard, to approve the minutes of the January 2008 meeting with the requested correction. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Hartman announced to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the newest appointment to the Board, Ms. Donna Guthrie, who was absent at tonight's meeting.

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| 1. | <u>Recreation Program of the Month</u>
<u>"Teen Advisory Project"</u> | <u>David Miller</u>
<u>Jon Quinton</u> |
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Ms. Rynard introduced Mr. David Miller, the Recreation Superintendent and asked Mr. Miller to address the Board and discuss the Youth Advisory Project, the plans for the project, and how their plans may impact the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Mr. Miller introduced Mr. Jon Quinton and advised that he felt Mr. Quinton was the most qualified of his staff in dealing with teenagers. Mr. Miller advised that there had been discussion regarding the desire to put together a teen advisory council and that Mr. Quinton volunteered to work with this proposed council.

A number of students from various community centers of Fort Lauderdale were in attendance to represent the Teen Advisory Project and to observe the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Mr. Quinton advised that the concept behind the Youth Advisory Project was to interject a youth voice into the recreational programs and facilities of Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Quinton felt that the programs devised for the youth of Fort Lauderdale would be better served, if the opinion of the youth were taken into consideration during the planning and implementation phases of the Parks and Recreation Department's athletic and recreational programs.

Mr. Quinton stated his role with the Youth Advisory Project is to facilitate the meetings with regard to securing a meeting place, transportation to and from the meetings and providing the pizza. Mr. Quinton jokingly stated the only way the kids can think is on a full stomach.

Mr. Quinton provided a Power Point Presentation for the goals of the Youth Advisory Project and addressed each of the goals highlighted for the benefit of the Board and guests.

- Youth Development

Mr. Quinton advised that youth development is the ongoing process which young people are engaged in building the skills, attitudes, knowledge and experiences to prepare them for the present and the future. Youth Development is an ongoing, inevitable process in which all youth are engaged, and all youth are invested. Mr. Quinton stated the Recreation Department supports this statement and is committed to this investment into the lives of the community's teens.

- Consistent Educational Environment

The young people need a consistent educational environment; however, also needed is academic support and opportunities to apply the skills learned to their everyday life. Mr. Quinton stated that he felt every young person should have at least one adult teacher or counselor who is irrationally committed to his or her well-being.

Mr. Quinton advised the Board that it has been scientifically proven that teens get into more trouble between the hours of 3 p.m. and 10 p.m. than any other times of the day. Facilities that remain open between those hours would give the teens a protective risk factor and reduce the likelihood of that teen getting into trouble.

- A Safe Place

Also contributing to the success of a teen would be a safe home for sleeping, playing, learning and working.

- A Healthy Start

Living a healthy lifestyle is having community involvement in this endeavor.

- Contribute and Serve Others

Very important to the development of our youth is having a chance to contribute and to serve others, teaching community or civic service.

- Economic Hope

Links to economic hope by learning values or marketable skills for adulthood and job training skills. Preparations for the youth to succeed to adulthood, is not only a function of the recreation department, but also a function of the schools, parents and even the Advisory Boards.

- Youth Engagement

Youth engagement refers to a young person given the space to develop and hone skills and assets that are intrinsic and emotional at physiological levels while concurrently having the opportunity to practice, master and apply their skills as they become contributing members of society.

Mr. Quinton advised of the difference between youth engagement and youth participation. Youth engagement entails the youth being included in the process of setting up and implementing a program. Participation in the programs by the teens is much easier to accomplish. The basic concept of the Youth Advisory Project is to include them into the process, bring them to the table and encourage the development of the skills necessary in the decision-making process.

- Nature of Relationships

Participation dictates short term, one time, with no follow up or relationship where trust is built. Upon teen engagement, relationships are nurtured and trust is built through out the process. With long-term engagement, the youth is being asked to play a recurring role. During this process, that teen is being schooled to become a viable member of society.

- Adultism

Adultism refers to behaviors and attitudes held by adults, based on the assumption that adults are better suited and are entitled to act upon young people without their agreement or input. This mistreatment is re-enforced by social institutions, laws, customs and prevailing attitudes.

- Youth Engagement Continuum

The youth engagement continuum is a basic method by which teens are engaged in the contributing process. This method illustrates how each stage of engagement can contribute vital aspects to a young person's development and subsequent empowerment through out life. Each stage along the continuum identifies a point of entry for engagement. Opportunities are set up for interaction with responsible adults to impart critical values into their lives, not only in the schools, but also the recreation centers.

- The Outcomes

Mr. Quinton stated the goals of the program are to realize the following benefits within a one-year time frame:

1. Competence, demonstrated in cognitive, social, emotional, vocational, and civic skills and behaviors associated with productive living beyond the classroom.
2. Confidence is having a sense of self worth and an awareness of ones progress in life and projecting oneself into the future.
3. A strong sense of character that guides conduct, life decisions, work ethics and principles.
4. Connective-ness, having a strong sense of security and belonging to family and community.
5. Contributing and finding meaningful roles in their relationships with each other.

- Standard of Practice

The Recreation Department shall provide the following:

1. A safe environment to ensure teens will be physically and emotionally safe.
2. Opportunities for community engagement that involves gaining knowledge of the community, interaction and interfacing with the community, and contributing to the community.
3. Training sessions for staff for instruction of how to relate to teens and implement teen programs. Feed back from the teens will help to determine the activities desired at the recreation centers and how to better provide for those activities. The Recreation Department hopes to build lasting relationships the youth can carry into their future in college and in their careers.
4. Opportunities for leadership and advocacy accomplished by having the teens conduct the meetings and give the presentations.
5. Opportunities for caring and meaningful relationships with peers and adults. Mr. Quinton will strive to bridge the language gap between the adults and teens, important for clear communication.

6. Continue opportunities to engage in interesting and relevant skill development activities by allowing the teens to give us the opportunity to program our facilities with their wants and needs in mind.
7. Opportunities to develop healthy personal attitudes and behavior. Alcohol, tobacco and other drug use prevention; violence prevention and academic completion. Along with the recreation aspect, the Recreation Department will be partnering with organizations to help get the information to our teens about under aged drinking and the dangers of substance abuse and violence.
8. Implementation of the Board will consist of the formation of a Board of Covenants; election of a teen advisory president, vice president and secretary. The adult advisory roles will be to strictly advise and facilitate logistics; the teens will run the meetings and create the agendas. The Department's contribution will be to provide the opportunity for teens to have a voice in the programming of their prospective facilities.

Mr. Weiss asked the length of the term of each of the youth appointments. Mr. Quinton advised there would be an interim Board to set up the by-laws. The terms are anticipated to run for one school year.

Mr. Mabson asked if there was a means of periodically measuring the success of the program. Mr. Quinton advised he has available, the participation of partnering organizations that deal with teens and conduct evaluations, and also advised more discussion is needed.

Mr. Quinton stated that the Recreation Department wanted to obtain leader representation from each park. Invitations were posted and Staff elected the peer leaders within the recreation center and these leaders were then responsible to disseminate the information to their peers at the park centers.

Mr. Fee asked the number of different recreation centers involved. Mr. Quinton answered that six recreation centers have active teen programs; those parks are identified as Lauderdale Manors, Joseph C. Carter Park, Warfield Park, Oswald Park, Bass Park and Riverland Park.

Mr. Quinton asked the teens present, to introduce themselves to the Board, the park they each represent, the grade they are in and their interests. After the introduction and brief summary of their backgrounds, the Board and guests gave their applause to the teens present at the meeting.

Mr. Verkey asked of the ages of the teens in the programs and the requirements for participation on the Board. Mr. Quinton answered the ages range from 12 to 18, younger ages were considered; however, there were no programs specifically for the

younger age group in place. The only requirement at this time was that they show leadership abilities or a level of volunteerism in their park identifiable by park staff. More parks in the City of Fort Lauderdale will eventually be included in the program to obtain a youth voice from for of the parks.

Dr. Hayes stated that one of the goals of the Education Advisory Board, for which she is the Chair, is to secure student support. Dr. Hayes challenged the group to find one person from the Youth Advisory Project who would like to serve for the year on the Education Advisory Board and would like to give input regarding current issues in the schools. This would be an official appointment from the City and would present a great leadership experience.

Mr. Hoysgaard stated that the teen programs initially started with Tim McGovern and included the churches, The Boys and Girls Club, YMCA and also offered job fairs. Mr. Quinton stated his approach is patterned after the work of Tim McGovern and the program started by Mr. McGovern, is now called the Teen Alliance Coalition.

Chair Hartman stated the Parks and Recreation Board will be expecting great things of the Teen Advisory Project and offered the support of the Parks and Recreation Board. Chair Mr. Quinton advised that the Teen Advisory Project will be meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month at a different location each month and members of the Parks and Recreation Board are welcome to attend.

2. Department Report

Terry Rynard

Ms. Rynard advised that the Bill Keith Preserve Dedication was last week and several Board Members were in attendance. More efforts to cut invasive plants are necessary and several volunteer days are planned for the near future.

Ms. Rynard commented on the fine job the volunteers have already done to remove the invasive plants and stated that the positive financial impact to the Public Works Department was substantial. Ms. Rynard also stated community service hours will be given for high school students volunteering at the park.

The Planning and Zoning Board deferred any action regarding Station 46 at Mills Pond to the next Planning and Zoning meeting. A question came up regarding any stipulation for the addition of 22 acres of county land; Ms. Rynard stated that there appears to be no county stipulations. This item was referred to the City attorney for an opinion as to any stipulations that may or may not be in existence.

Ms. Rynard announced that Mr. Vince Gizzy has moved to a Director's position in the Clearwater area; the Department offered their best wishes to Mr. Gizzy. Mr. David

Miller will be taking over the operations at the tennis centers, recreation and special events. Ms. Rynard will handle the administrative responsibilities and planning until a new appointment is made.

Ms. Rynard distributed calendars with drawings from children at the recreation centers to the Board and guests and advised that the calendars are being used as the brochures for the Parks and Recreation Department for this year with the registration dates and telephone numbers for various programs, locations and pavilions. Ms. Rynard stated the Parks Department would like to submit the calendar to the State for a possible award or possible duplication for other municipalities to use.

The beach re-nourishment project moved quickly and lasted six days to spread and smooth sand. Efforts will continue to implementation of the next phase with regard to the total beach re-nourishment project.

The Aquatics Complex Master Plan conceptual plan is ready to be presented to the Parks and Recreation Board by Cate McCaffrey from Business Enterprises; Ms. McCaffrey will be in attendance next month.

Ms. Rynard stated two monument companies are working on a concept for the proposed monument in Civic Peoples Park, and a CIP has been requested.

3. Board Comments

Chair Hartman

Chair Hartman announced several items he wanted to bring to the attention of the television audience and the guests present at the meeting.

The 31st Annual Waterway Cleanup for Broward County will be held on March 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Several clean up sites are listed on two websites; Broward.org and waterwaycleanup.org.

Noon Tunes at Stranahan Park have begun and the next event will be on March 5th, starting at 11:30 a.m. and lasting until 1:30 p.m. at Broward Boulevard and Andrews Avenue. Bring a pack lunch and enjoy the sounds of the talented bands.

The Jazz Brunch is held on the first Sunday of each month on the Riverfront from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The next brunch will be on March 2nd.

The National Recreation Park Association forwarded an e-mail to Chair Hartman regarding the Citizen Branch Members. A National Legislative Forum will be held on March 12th – March 14th, in Washington D.C. and offers an opportunity for local

residents to have input as to the needs of Florida residents at the various levels of government. More information can be found at NRPA.org.

The next Planning and Zoning Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19th at 6:40 p.m. and recommended the Board Members make plans to attend as Station 46 will be on the agenda for discussion.

Chair Hartman wanted the Board to be aware that if there is an opportunity to change the land use of the park lands to community facility (CF), the Board should be aware of the ramifications of such zoning. Chair Hartman distributed a list of possibilities for facilities in the CF Zoning district. The function of that meeting would not be to rezone parks to CF but rather rezone a portion of Mills Pond Park to CF for the purposes of locating the fire station at that park.

The Bill Keith Preserve Dedication was held on February 23rd at this beautiful city park. This park has the river on one side and a finger canal of the river on the other side. The park is located on a peninsula with a wildlife preserve in the downtown area.

February is Black History Month and the City of Fort Lauderdale held an event at Carter Park on Saturday, February 16th and showcased an African and Caribbean dance presentation.

An article was in Sunday's paper regarding the installation of new lights at Carter Park, Chair Hartman distributed a copy of the article for review by the Board.

Chair Hartman stated that one of the goals of the Parks and Recreation Board was to keep apprised of national, state and local trends in the Parks. Chair Hartman again distributed several newspaper articles regarding a gun ban review for the national parks system.

The State of Florida will be conducting an assessment of their environmental footprint to determine the level of pollution generated by government agencies. Chair Hartman distributed literature outlining the steps the State of Florida is proposing to reduce the emission of green house gases.

The City of Fort Lauderdale voted to pay to relocate a park pavilion at Bayview Park and is considered an upgrade to that park.

Terry Rynard was previously asked by Vice Chair Natale to read an e-mail correspondence dated February 27, 2008, by Vice Chair Natale into the record regarding the possible relocation of Station 46 to Mills Pond Park.

The e-mail correspondence states, "As you are aware, I am opposed to giving up parkland for any use other than for its original intention. In regard to Fire Station 46, I have made numerous calls utilizing the VERY LIMITED information that was provided by Mr. Justniak. I had requested some contacts from the meetings that were held to propose their ideas about moving Fire Station 46 into Mills Pond Park. I was provided with a list of which "invitations" were sent out to. There were no contact names, no names of anyone who actually attended and no minutes were taken. I was able to obtain the President's and/or representative of three of the affected associations from the Council. Upon speaking with two of the three, it is painfully aware that they do not have a clear understanding of the proposal and the ramifications of it. A fourth group was mentioned. No one with whom I have spoken with know who the "Parks User Group" is, as referenced to invitations sent.

I am also aware that the Chief Architect of this Project, Fred Snedaker, has also gone to the Planning and Zoning Board yet again, in an attempt to get this "pushed through". In past experience with this particular Architect, it seems that his means of getting things done is with as little community input and as much secrecy as possible.

The facts of what they are intending to do seem to still be sketchy at best. Their dollars spent for this "conversion" seems to be ultraconservative. The alternatives to this project have yet to be explored".

Respectfully Submitted,
MICHAEL A. NATALE

Ms. Shelley asked if it were appropriate for members of the Parks and Recreation Board to contact members of the Planning and Zoning Board and/or the Fire Bond Committee to discuss this issue. Chair Hartman advised that as Board members, discussions with members from other Boards are allowed and are not subject to the limitations of the Sunshine Laws.

Mr. Fee stated he felt that after reading the minutes from the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting for January, the questions asked at the September Parks and Recreation Board Meeting were not adequately answered. Chair Hartman replied that the representatives for the Station 46 project did not come with prepared answers for the previous questions but did make an attempt to address those questions.

Mr. Mabson stated that he had visited the proposed site and noted that there was another property across the street from Mills Pond that could possibly house the fire station. Chair Hartman stated that he had met with Commissioner Moore and conveyed to Commissioner Moore that he felt the Parks and Recreation Board had not been presented with information regarding alternative lands adequately explored for Station

46. Chair Hartman advised that Commissioner Moore provided him with a list provided by the Fire Department, of alternative lands that were explored as possible sites for Station 46. Chair Hartman also stated that he was not impressed with the effort put forth in the exploration of alternative sites. One of the properties on the list is not currently for sale and finding of other alternative sites should not be a difficult task in today's real estate market.

Mr. Berry asked if the City of Fort Lauderdale is involved with the Fourth of July Fireworks show and if so, why does the City of Fort Lauderdale pay for the use of a barge instead of using the beach as a staging area.

Ms. Rynard advised that the scope of the firework display allowed can be much larger on the barge due to the limitations set forth by the fire codes. Detonation of fireworks closer than $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the beach would dictate the use of smaller fireworks instead of the large shells currently being detonated.

If the seas are too rough, the Fire Marshall may not allow the barge to leave the port and will cancel the fire works show. An alternate date is planned in case of inclement weather; however, the contract with the barge company allows for a partial refund in the event of a cancellation.

Mr. Payne asked about the progress regarding the shading for the playgrounds. Ms. Rynard advised that a B7 request for additional funds had been made and requests for additional funds are also in the CIPs again for this year. Ms. Rynard stated that the parks in need of equipment replacement are Floyd Hull Park, Warfield Park and Carter Park. Requests for funds and grants will continue until funding is secured.

Mr. Payne also asked if the Parks and Recreation Department is aware that exposure to the Florida sun on the playgrounds is a health hazard. Ms. Rynard stated that trees are planted with the hopes of providing shade for the playgrounds. As playground equipment is being replaced, the County is installing shade sails. The City is requesting quotes for more shade structures at the present time, and suggested a "shade our playgrounds" campaign; the Board agreed with that sentiment. Ms. Rynard advised that the City of Fort Lauderdale has 32 parks in need of shade.

Mr. Fee asked about the existing park at Shady Banks and if it was scheduled to be vacated. Ms. Rynard advised the City trying to purchase the property with County funds; however, there is a stipulation for the County to re-lease the property for a period of one year. There are currently various environmental issues to be addressed at the property. A master plan would then be developed for the park.

Dr. Hayes advised that at the February 19th Commission Meeting, the Commission passed a resolution declaring the official intent of the City to issue Special Obligation Bonds and Notes in the amount not to exceed \$10 million in order, among other things, to reimburse itself from proceeds for funds advanced by the City for certain expenses incurred and general capital improvement plans for the Horte School and the Gore Nursery properties for the parks. This is an example of possible mitigation for the loss of land at Mills Pond.

Mr. May commented on the article in the Sun Sentinel regarding the audit done last year that had revealed some deficiencies with regard to the handling of funds in a bank bag at Snyder Park.

Ms. Rynard advised a substantial amount of staff hours were invested in the last month at re-looking the City's money handling operations and will be making some radical changes in the near future.

Ms. Rynard stated she had failed to mention in her report that we now have on-line registration for activities and encourages everyone to continue to use the on-line system for their park registration needs. For the safety of the staff that handles park revenue, the City will be taking steps to move towards a cashless system for the registration process.

The City collects \$3.5 million dollars a year in registrations, reservations and league fees. In that particular audit, a bank bag with approximately \$760 in revenue was misplaced or taken. The City is taking this very seriously and have worked hard to come up with a plan that meets the needs of the patrons, secures the employees and will start on April 1st, 2008.

Ms. Rynard stated that credit cards will be accepted and household accounts can be set up on a system called RecTrac. Cash could be deposited into the RecTrac account at our main office and used for park reservations and deposits for pavilions. At times, small amounts of money are collected and the costs associated with handling those small amounts are disproportionate to the revenue collected. Other options would be to register at the site and mail a check to the City with an envelope provided by the City or patrons could physically come to the main office and bring a check or cash for deposit into a household account for use the parks. On-line registration with the use of a credit card is available.

The tennis center will not easily adapt to the new system and more discussion is needed in that area. The dog beach at the north end of the beach issued daily permits and those permits can be obtained by depositing \$6 into the parking meter, obtaining a receipt for that amount and giving it to the ranger. Those receipts, in turn, could then be

calculated and theoretically, the funds can be returned to the Parks and Recreation Department, thus eliminating the need for the Ranger to handle cash, and at the same time, provide a high level of service to the customer.

Mr. Fee asked for information regarding the consulting company that had previously conducted the surveys from the resident and the resulting overview. Ms. Rynard advised that a re-visioning session was held approximately three weeks ago to analyze the information received from that survey and the information from the public forums held during their visit. The results are expected back within the next couple of weeks for the Parks and Recreation Department to review and develop an action plan, which will be the basis for the Long Range Strategic Plan.

4. Use of the Morton Activity Center

Terry Rynard

Ms. Rynard advised this item is currently in litigation regarding the use of the facility with some of the participants from that facility; City Staff is unable to comment.

Mr. Nail advised that the Al Morton Center is located at the Floyd Hull Stadium and was built by the community back in the mid 1980's, not by the City of Fort Lauderdale. At the time this facility was built, South Florida had hosted the Big League World Series, covered by ESPN, which brought large amounts of exposure to Fort Lauderdale.

The facility generates approximately \$50,000 in revenue each year. The purpose of the revenue was to offset the expenses to the Big League World Series and to pay for capital improvements to the facility.

The City of Fort Lauderdale will spend over \$100,000 of taxpayers' money to pay for capital improvements to the Al Morton Center, which is required to bring the facility up to federal ADA guidelines. This facility is run down and dilapidated; the revenue generated is not being spent on capital improvements, rather it is being spent on the baseball program at that facility.

Residents living west of Interstate-95 cannot play baseball at that facility due to the boundaries of the Federal Little League Baseball Association. However, Dania and Hollywood residents are eligible to play at that facility.

In the lease agreement with the Federal League Baseball, it states that they must make capital improvements to the facility and Mr. Nail has great concerns that the taxpayers money is not being properly handled with regard to the improvements at the facility.

Ms. Rynard advised that the facility is owned by the City of Fort Lauderdale and according to the consent decree with the ADA, Floyd Hull Stadium was one of the properties sited, and all of the items in the decree, must be completed.

Mr. Nail asked why the City of Fort Lauderdale allowing the revenue generated from that facility, to be used for the sole purpose of a program that does not allow for some children from the City of Fort Lauderdale to use the facility.

Mr. Nail would like the Parks and Recreation Board to recommend to the City Commissioners and Mayor, to insist the Lessee live up to the terms of the lease agreement and make the capital improvement required by the ADA or make a determination that the Lessee is in breach of the lease agreement. The City of Fort Lauderdale could then require sports organizations to permit the field as is the case in all of the other parks in the city of Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. Nail felt that the \$130,000 scheduled for capital improvements at the Al Morton Center would be better spent at Holiday Park and other city parks in need of improvements that serve the residents of Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Nail stated that a private organization taking \$50,000 in revenue each year and to spend on 150 children that may not necessarily be from the city of Fort Lauderdale does not make any sense.

Mr. Fee commented that if the City of Fort Lauderdale were to take control of this park, it could be the crown jewel of the park system, as the landscaping and foliage is exceptional.

Mr. Berry advised the reason the Al Morton Center was built was to prevent children from standing on the street corners and in front of Lester's Diner to beg for money for uniforms and equipment. The revenue generated from the facility is used to provide uniforms and equipment to the children in the sports program.

Mr. Fee advised that when his son was in the sports program at that facility, there was little equipment, and only a t-shirt was given as uniforms, no team pants. The registration fee, which was higher than is currently being charged at Holiday Park, is one of the reasons his son does not play there anymore.

Mr. Angelbello stated that he felt the City has the ability to audit the funds of collected at the park and that they are representing the City of Fort Lauderdale every time registration fees are collected for sports programs. Mr. Angelbello asked if the City had ever audited the League to determine their finances and commented that an activity center run by a group that is not City employees may present certain risks and liability to the City by allowing them to operate that facility without city over-site.

Ms. Rynard advised that Part time City Staff runs the facility; the League reimburses the City for the hours of that Staff. Ms. Rynard was not aware if the City has ever audited the League.

Mr. Weiss asked if the community has access to that site and would they be charged for that access. Ms. Rynard advised that they would be charged the same as any other City Park.

Mr. Verkey read from the a copy of the lease, "The Complex is to be used for indoor recreation, meeting hall, banquet facility and other purposes that may be deemed suitable". The local teenagers are not welcome at the center unless they pay \$700 to rent the facility for the day. This facility does not serve the community and only serves one entity. The money generated from this facility is private money pursuant to their lease, yet the City is willing to invest funds for improvements the lease say is the responsibility of the Lessee.

The area youth are not able to use the facility as it is being used as a wedding chapel, and the revenue generated is going to the Lessee. Registration fees are collected from the League players and a hat and t-shirt is all that is provided. The money from the Al Morton Center does not seem to be going into the sports program.

hair Hartman advised that the Consent Decree stipulates that the City of Fort Lauderdale will repair the building. The Decree is a federal mandate, the ADA requirements are not negotiable and must be completed by August 9th, 2008.

Mr. Weiss felt that since these repairs are made on behalf of the Lessee, the Lessee should be made to reimburse the City for those expenses.

Mr. Angelbello asked if the part time employees working at the facility have any other function with the City of Fort Lauderdale. Ms. Rynard stated she was not aware of any other function of those employees. Mr. Fee asked if those employees are affiliated with the League. Ms. Rynard stated that they were.

Motion made by Mr. Angelbello, seconded by Mr. Berry to request the City Commission conduct an audit of Federal Little League and specifically the revenue generated from the Al Morton Center to determine the disposition of the funds generated at that site.

Mr. Weiss asked if the city has the right to request and audit. Ms. Rynard answered that it was her understanding that the City has the right to audit any of the City of Fort Lauderdale's facilities, programs or operations with which youth agreements are made.

Mr. Hartman commented that the audit can bring to the attention of the City Commission, the disparity that is going on regarding the use of the facility.

Mr. Weiss stated that the Motion would be more effective if the request from the Commission is to cease all operations until the audit is completed to determine the destination of the funds from the Center. Mr. Berry advised that the facility is booked nine months in advance for weddings and other functions and he felt to cease operations would not be the right way to proceed.

In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

[Minutes prepared by H. Testa, Prototype, Inc.]