

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Oct 2009- Sept 2010	
		Present	Absent
Mark Hartman, Chair	P	7	0
Sean Fee, Vice Chair	P	5	2
Curtiss Berry	P	7	0
Betty Shelley	P	6	1
John Verkey	P	5	2
Matthew Weiss	P	6	1
Robert Payne	P	6	1
Ed Angelbello	A	3	4
Larry Mabson	P	5	2
Mark McCormick	A	3	4
Jeffrey Cannon (7:01)	P	5	2
Marilyn Markus	P	5	2
Bruce Quailey	P	7	0
Cindy Bucher	P	4	2
Joe Bellavance	P	7	0
R.L. Landers	P	6	1

Currently there are 16 appointed members to the Board, which means 9 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Stacey Daley, Administrative Assistant
Terry Rynard, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Gerry Roberts, Park Ranger Supervisor
Jim Koeth, Planning and Zoning Department
Cate McCaffrey, Director of Business Enterprises
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

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Communications to City Commission

None at this time.

Roll Call

Chair Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

Mr. Cannon arrived at this time (7:01 p.m.).

Assistant Director Rynard noted the following corrections to the April 28, 2010 minutes:

- P.4, paragraph 6: change to "the Land Use Amendment is required by the FAA and brought forward by the City;
- P.4, paragraph 3: change "converter clause" to "reverter clause."

Motion made by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Quailey, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2010 meeting as corrected. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

The following Item was taken out of order on the Agenda.

2. Aquatic Operations – Ken Roland

Chair Hartman introduced Ken Roland, Pool Operations Coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Roland explained he would provide the Board with an update of what is currently going on in the City's Aquatic Arena. He showed a PowerPoint presentation to the Board.

Mr. Roland stated the City needs lifeguards. He attempts to recruit lifeguards from high school- and college-aged students who reside or are visiting the area. A lifeguard class is held each month, and uniforms are provided. The City provides training, through use of a grant from the County, via an organization called Swim Central. The class includes water skills, CPR, first aid, oxygen administration, and prevention of disease transmission. Training requirements include the ability to swim eight lengths nonstop within four minutes.

Mr. Roland continued that another course teaches use of the automatic external defibrillator (AED). This is a four-hour course, and 279 individuals from the Parks and Recreation Department and the Aquatic Arena have been trained on the use of this equipment in 2009-10.

Total training statistics from fiscal year 2009-10 are as follows:

- 279 individuals have received training in CPR and first aid;
- 96 individuals have received lifeguard training through the Swim Central grant;
- 64 individuals have received training in swimming instruction.

Mr. Roland said there are also new and innovative programs available, including a program that teaches children fishing in a safe environment. A Florida fish farm donated 125 catfish to this program. Water safety presentations were included and the program was conducted in a safe environment at a pool.

He noted that the Every Child a Swimmer organization was founded in Fort Lauderdale; Mr. Roland is its Vice President. This group was "the genesis of" the Swim Central program, which gives free swimming lessons to elementary school-aged children. There were 30,000 Broward County children trained through Swim Central last year, half of whom were trained in Fort Lauderdale.

He distributed a handout on drowning statistics for all ages in Broward County, noting that many of the victims included on the list were residents of Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Roland asserted that none of the children who participated in the Swim Central or Every Child a Swimmer programs are included in these statistics. He explained that the list allows him to see who is drowning in the County so programs can target some of these demographics and prevent additional drowning deaths.

He thanked the Board for their support of the new lightning prediction system, which is in place at 13 of the City's parks. The devices let individuals know when there is sufficient energy in the environment to produce lightning within approximately 8-12 minutes. The lightning predictors are equipped with strobe lights as well as sirens. Mr. Roland advised that even if the sirens have not sounded, people are urged to seek shelter if they hear thunder or see lightning. He shared additional lightning safety tips with the Board.

Ms. Markus asked what age a candidate must be for a summer job, as well as what the job might pay. Mr. Roland stated lifeguards are hired at age 16, and lifeguarding jobs "theoretically start at \$8.45 an hour." Training is provided through scholarships. Water Safety Instruction (WSI) is not required for hire, but individuals who receive WSI receive roughly \$1 per hour in additional pay.

Chair Hartman asked if there is a junior lifeguard program. Mr. Roland explained that there is a Fundamentals of Aquatics program, which provides remedial swimming instruction, followed by Level 6 training, or lifeguard readiness, in lieu of an actual junior lifeguard program. The City is considering a junior lifeguard program that will target middle school-aged children.

Assistant Director Rynard recognized and thanked Mr. Roland for his efforts toward installing the lightning predictor system.

3. Centennial Markers – Assistant Director Rynard

Assistant Director Rynard advised this Item has been rescheduled for the August 2010 Board meeting.

4. City of Fort Lauderdale / Executive Airport / Stadium(s) Vicinity Land Use Amendment – Cate McCaffrey

Assistant Director Rynard introduced Cate McCaffrey, Director of Business Enterprises, and Jim Koeth of the Planning and Zoning Department.

Director McCaffrey recalled that they had appeared at the April 2010 to discuss the proposed Land Use Amendment for certain property at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. At this meeting, it was explained that the Airport's land was deeded to the City in 1947 as surplus property, with the deed restriction that the property would be used "for airport purposes only." The property is zoned Parks and includes parks and open space, as well as stadiums. The FAA has stated the current zoning is inconsistent with the deed restriction and must be changed.

Since the previous meeting, Director McCaffrey reported, one proposal for a potential use for this property includes parcel 19B, which is currently zoned Employment Center. The City's intent for the Land Use Amendment is to rezone the property from Parks to Transportation, and they would like to rezone this parcel as Transportation as well. This would be in accordance with the FAA's wishes and would allow the City greater flexibility in terms of proposed future uses. The text of the City's Transportation land use would also be amended to bring it into accord with the Transportation land use of the County.

Mr. Koeth explained that the Employment Center land use on Parcel 19B cannot accommodate soccer fields as currently proposed. A Land Use Amendment to Transportation, however, would allow this as a principal use. Director McCaffrey estimated the parcel is four acres in size.

Mr. Landers requested further information on how the parcel would be used. Director McCaffrey said the proposal brought to the City Commission was to incorporate a "resort complex" into the water park in the area, which would include overnight housing targeted at retreat groups, conferences, family reunions, and similar functions.

Mr. Qualey asked if the City Commission had looked at a feasibility study into the project's economic viability when reviewing these plans. Assistant Director Rynard advised the City Commission had expressed confidence in the group that would be implementing the resort system.

Vice Chair Fee asked if the project would be privately funded. Assistant Director Rynard confirmed this.

Mr. Qualey recalled a recent *Sun-Sentinel* article had quoted resort room rates from \$150-1000 per night, and pointed out that there are "empty hotels on the beach." Director McCaffrey said she was not certain these were accurate rates. With regard to a feasibility study, she noted that "any proposal of this magnitude" would be required to follow through on a great many City processes; the City

Commission had shown an interest in the proposal and had asked Staff to "continue to pursue the issue of...zoning." In addition, any user of airport property is required by the FAA to pay fair market rental value for their long-term leases. The City Commission has also asked Staff to determine what this value would be. She concluded that the Commission has not yet approved the project, but is asking Staff to "look into it further" and gather information.

Mr. Mabson also asked if an impact study has been done with regard to parking. Director McCaffrey stated the project would have to meet City parking requirements, and "all of those processes would have to be worked out." Mr. Mabson explained his concern was that the requirements for parking could affect the other pieces of land on the property. Mr. Koeth said the site plan would have to go before the Development Review Committee (DRC), who would review it against ULDR and other Code regulations to ensure that there is sufficient parking.

Mr. Mabson noted that the property is "earmarked specifically for the FAA," and asked if the project and its parking would be limited to this, or if they may need additional parking spaces to be in compliance with Code. Assistant Director Rynard advised she had understood the water park to "fit what they can do in parking," with an estimated 3100 spaces to accommodate the expected 10,000 daily attendees.

Jordana Jarjura, representing Ruden McClosky Law Firm, stated she would be happy to answer questions from the Board regarding the proposed project. She advised there will be multiple steps to the development entitlement process, including public hearings, planning and zoning issues, and economic impact.

She showed the Board a copy of the proposed site plan, noting that it has not yet been approved by the Planning and Zoning Board. The site is "a multifaceted water park resort" that would include sports training fields laid out over four parcels.

Joe Cerrone, representing Recreational Design & Construction, added that there are presently 2100 parking spaces on the site, which will increase to "in excess of 3000" to accommodate an estimated daily attendance of 10,000. The park would "typically... be open 200 days" of the year.

Ms. Jarjura noted that Recreational Design & Construction has developed a number of water parks in the United States over the past 12 years. These are located in Kansas City, San Antonio, Galveston, and South Padre Island. She pointed out that the water park in Galveston has an FAA city lease similar to what is being sought in Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. Qualey asked what a visitor would see at this park that differs from what could be seen in other cities, such as Orlando. Mr. Cerrone explained that at other sites, visitors walk from ride to ride without spending more than 20% of their time in the water. The proposed site would allow visitors to spend 60% of their time in the water while visiting the park, including rivers, beaches, wave pools, and several rides.

Mr. Mabson asked if a comparison can be made between the land usage at other water parks and the usage at the proposed site. Mr. Cerrone noted that the Galveston park is 30-40 acres, not including parking, and is the most comparable site.

Vice Chair Fee asked if Lockhart Stadium would be refurbished. Mr. Cerrone stated Recreational Design & Construction would do this. They would also have control of leasing the fields.

Mr. Verkey asked how the water park would accommodate football games in the stadium. Mr. Cerrone explained there would not be concurrent uses, and the water park would not be active during games. The park will close at 8 p.m.

Mr. Qualey asked how financing is handled. Mr. Cerrone replied the project would be privately financed.

Ms. Jarjura said the estimated economic impact for the City is "over \$400 million." The developer is not requesting any City funds for the project.

Mr. Qualey asked what the length of the land lease would be. Mr. Cerrone stated the lease would be for 20 years with four 5-year renewals.

Chair Hartman noted that another water park has recently opened in the County, and asked if the County would support this project. Mr. Cerrone said the County's water parks are "community-based," while the proposed project would draw visitors from surrounding areas.

Vice Chair Fee asked what would happen to the proposed fields to the south of the park. Mr. Cerrone advised Recreational Design & Construction would build these fields, and County schools will be encouraged to play on the fields and in the stadium. The intent is to bring sports to the area to boost business for hoteliers as well as the park.

He continued that the units "aren't standard hotel rooms," and the highest-priced unit at \$1000 is "a four-bedroom suite." The units can accommodate entire families.

Chair Hartman asked if the presenters are seeking a motion in support of the project. Mr. Koeth replied they were seeking a recommendation in support of the Land Use Amendment, which would allow greater flexibility for uses on the properties in question, such as the project. He clarified that they are not seeking support of the site plan, which would first have to make an official application with the DRC,

Mr. Koeth explained a recommendation could be as follows: that the City transmit an amendment to the Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map changing the existing Future Land Use designation from Employment Center to Transportation, and a text amendment adding Commercial Recreation uses to the Transportation Land Use category (Executive Airport) permitted uses section; to Broward County and Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Motion made by Vice Chair Fee, seconded by Mr. Weiss, that the Board supports the paragraph read into the minutes by Mr. Koeth.

Chair Hartman explained that the motion tells the City Commission that the Board supports the recommendation. The FAA requires "different language in the Land Use Amendment" if the City wishes to proceed with recreational activity at this space.

He added that "because it's an open question," several ideas have been placed on the table regarding what these additional recreational uses might be. The issue before the Board is whether or not they support a language change through Planning and Zoning, and the City Commission, that would allow them to explore and discuss further recreational uses. The specific uses would be addressed by the Board at a later time.

Mr. Berry called the question. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Assistant Director Rynard explained that the water park proposal had originally gone before the City Commission "as an introduction to the Commission." No action has been taken and the project has not been approved. She assured the Board that they would see the proposal again as part of the process.

1. Department Report – Assistant Director Rynard

Assistant Director Rynard distributed an email from the City Clerk, which states when the Board wishes to call the City Commission's attention to a specific item, they should "make a very clear distinction" of what should be communicated.

The Mayor has issued a challenge to City volunteers to come up with 100,000 volunteer hours. These may be logged at the City's website under "volunteer challenge." Time spent on Board business counts toward these hours.

Assistant Director Rynard continued that she was appreciative of the support given to the Where the Boys Are event. Mr. Qualey added that the event was "fantastic," and noted the only suggestion he would make is that the City coordinate with area bars so bands playing do not interfere with showing a movie.

She advised that the City Manager will make his budget presentation to the City Commission on July 7. The Parks and Recreation Department has been "very involved" with this process. The proposal is creative and presents "a best-case scenario with a worst-case situation." She encouraged Board members to review the budget proposal when it is available, which will be "a few days" in advance of the presentation.

Recreation Superintendent David Miller will serve as Program Chair of the NRPA in 2011, and John Quinton from Lauderdale Manors will make a presentation on programming and hip-hop culture. This presentation was highlighted on the brochure announcing the 2010 NRPA conference in October. She encouraged the Board to offer their congratulations to Mr. Miller and Mr. Quinton.

Starlight Musicals will be held every Friday night in Holiday Park.

She concluded that the Board "probably will get some feedback" on the lightning predictors, which are "very loud and somewhat controversial." She asserted, however, that she agrees with the Board's decision to recommend the predictors.

Mr. Bellavance advised that the City has selected a site to feed the homeless, which will be on 8th Street between the Federal Highway and 3rd Avenue. Assistant Director Rynard clarified that this site has not been officially approved at this time. She added that this could potentially have "a big impact on parks," as the establishment of the site would mean the rule of allowing no social services in the park could now be enforced.

Mr. Payne noted there is still a need for shade on playgrounds. Assistant Director Rynard said the Department continues to annually request shade structures as part of the Capital Improvements Plan, but this item has not yet appeared on the list. She expected it would require action by a City Commissioner to add this item to CIP.

Mr. Qualey suggested the City consider hosting the Red Bull Air Race. These events are staged all over the world, and promoters are considering sites in the American southeast. He pointed out that the event comes with "very viable sponsors," including Red Bull and Volkswagen, and could be set up on the beach. Assistant Director Rynard encouraged members to bring any potential revenue-generating or revenue-neutral events to her attention.

Vice Chair Fee departed the meeting at this time (8:16 p.m.).

5. Board Comments / Communications to the Commission – Chair Hartman

Chair Hartman distributed a May 20, 2010 article on the Fort Lauderdale Aquatics Center; a May 23, 2010 article on the International Diving Tournament; and a *Newsweek* editorial on "What an Umpire Could Teach BP."

Hands Across the Sand is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, at 11:00 a.m. There are three locations for this event within Fort Lauderdale.

At the last City Commission meeting, the Mayor named July 2010 as Parks and Recreation Month in Fort Lauderdale. This makes an important statement on the value of parks and recreation to the City and community. He also thanked Parks and Recreation Staff for all their good work for the City.

Assistant Director Rynard informed the Board that this year's Fourth of July event will be "an all-day activity" thanks to the involvement of sponsors, including Ford Motor Company. There will be children's activities during the day, a band from 5-8 p.m., and fireworks at 9 p.m.

It was noted the Board will not meet in July.

Mr. Mabson recalled that voting protocol was discussed at a previous meeting, and it was stated there could be no abstentions. He requested clarification of this rule, explaining that he would not want to vote on an issue with which he did not feel familiar. Chair Hartman stated he would confer with the City Clerk's Office regarding the rules applied to City Boards. Assistant Director Rynard also offered to get clarification of this rule.

6. Adjournment

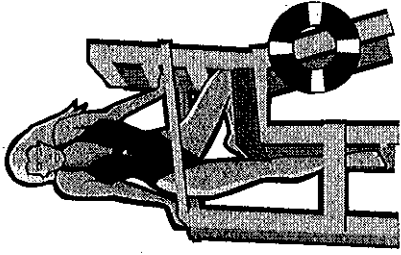
There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

[Minutes prepared by K. McGuire, Prototype, Inc.]

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POOL OPERATIONS COORDINATOR





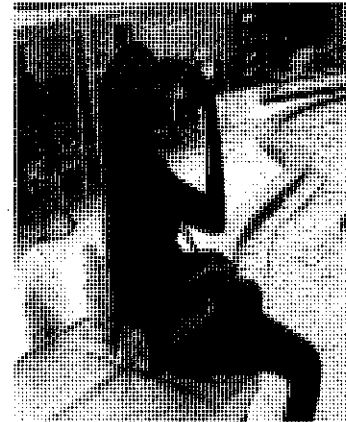
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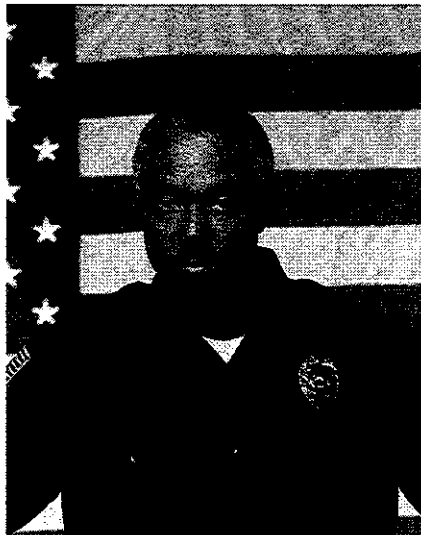
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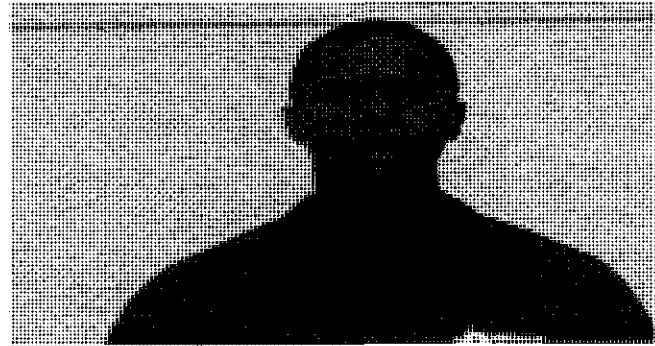
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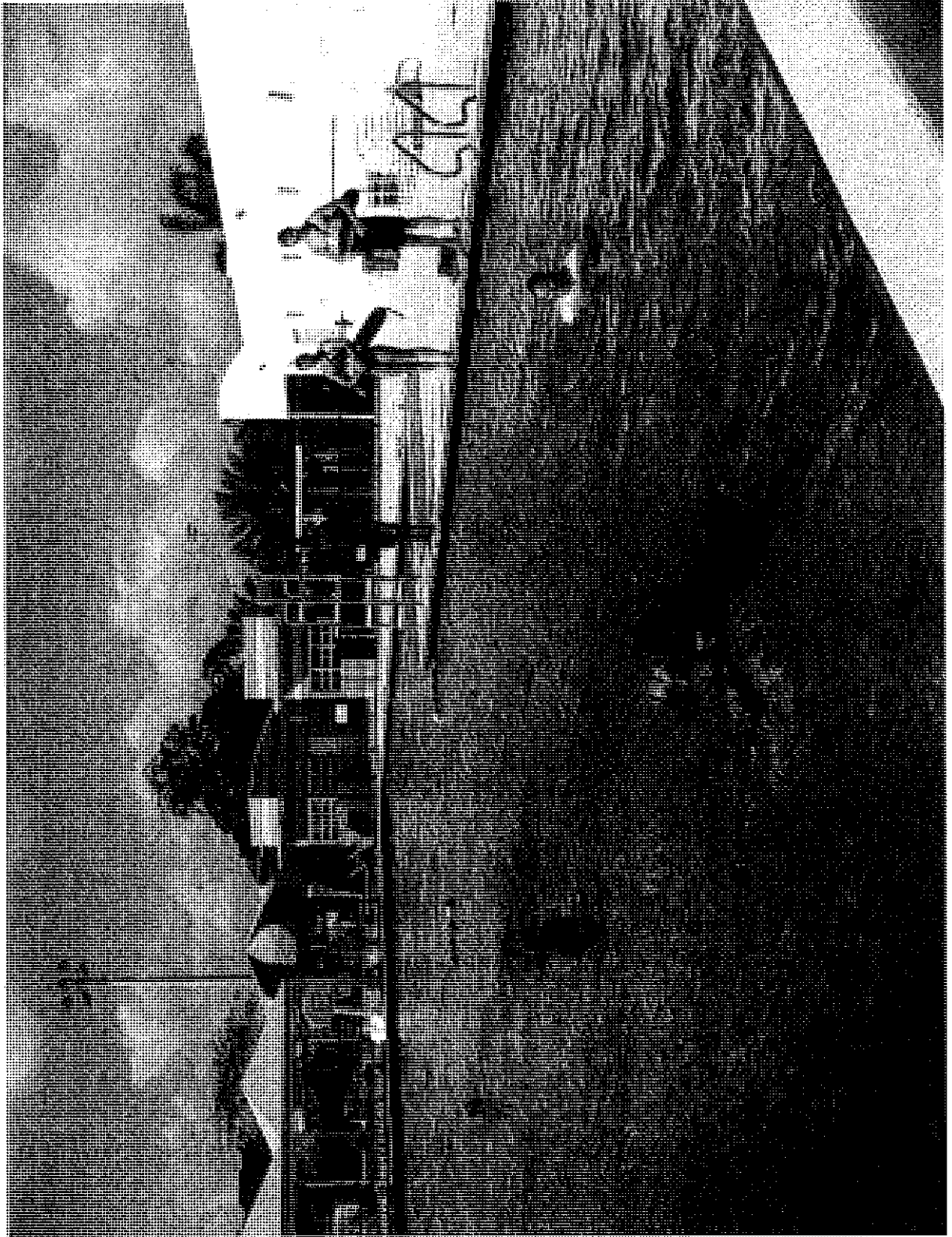
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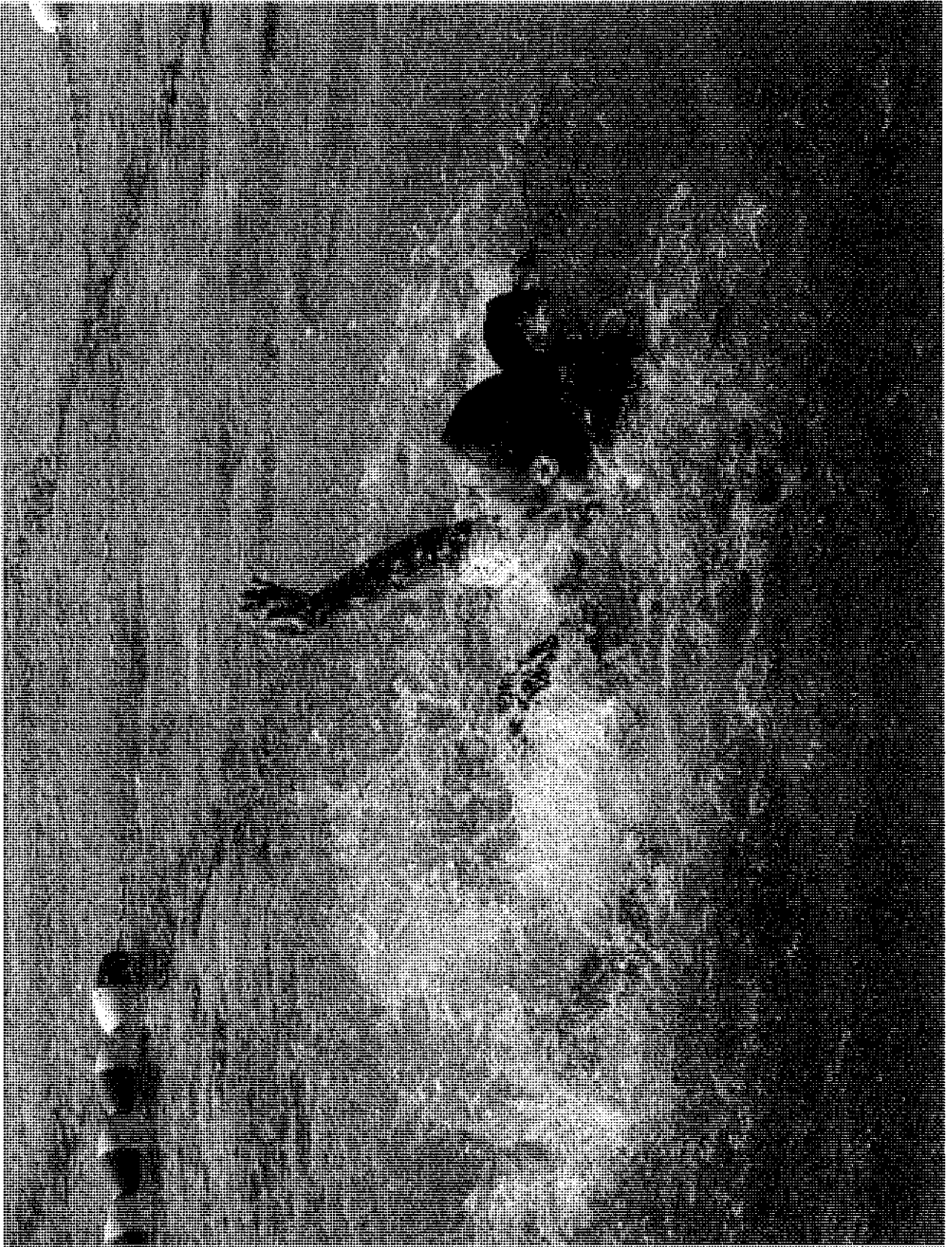


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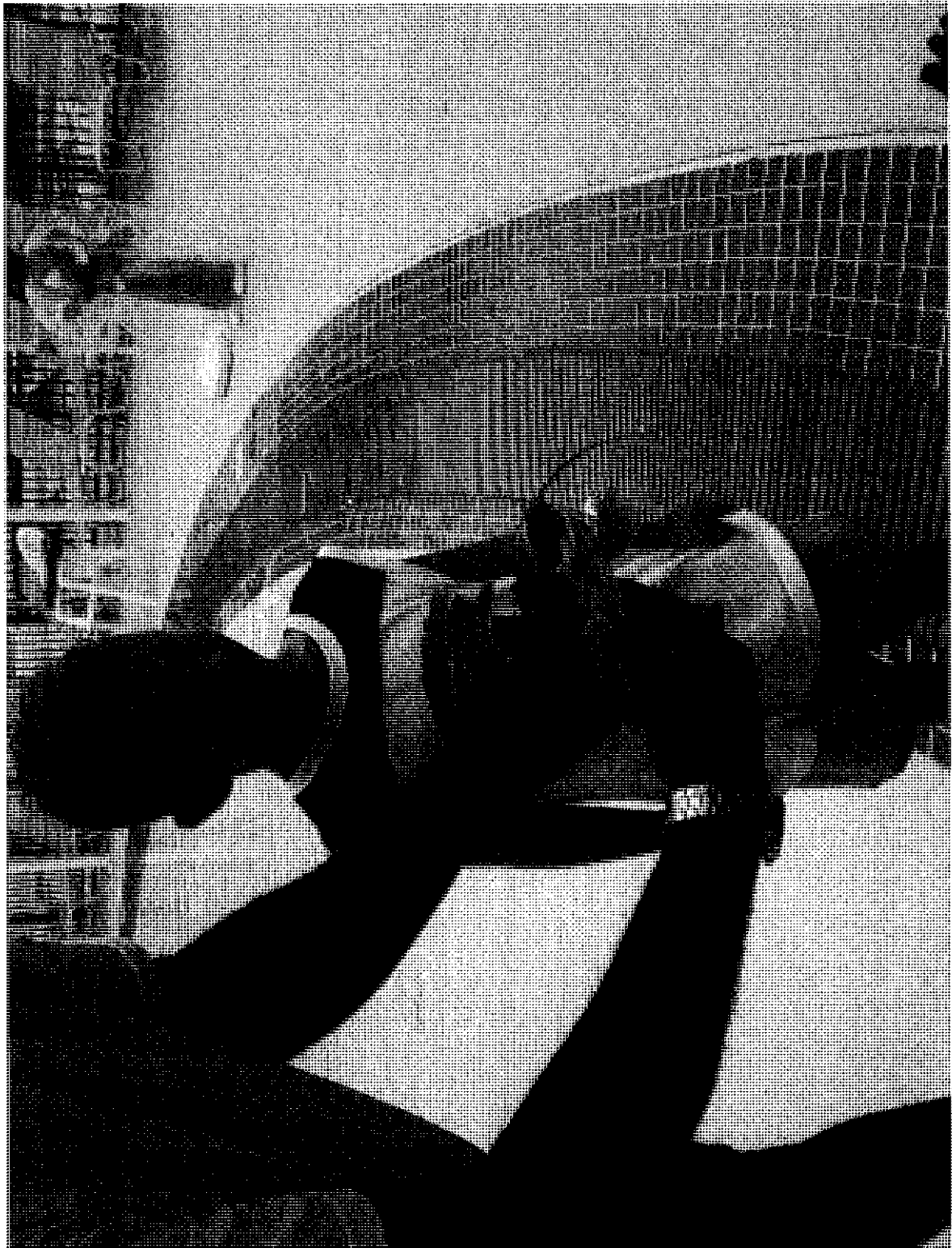
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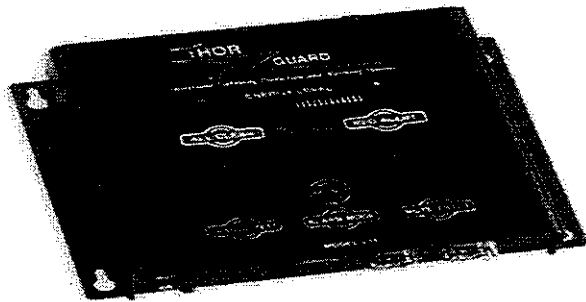
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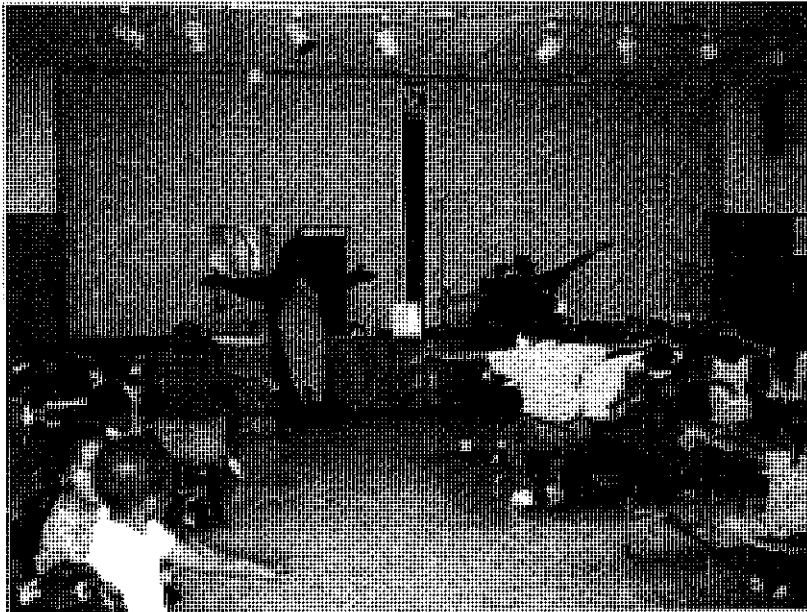
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