

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Oct 2011- Sept 2012	
		Present	Absent
Matthew Weiss, Chair	P	4	1
Sean Fee, Vice Chair	P	3	2
Joseph Bellavance	P	5	0
Curtiss Berry	P	5	0
Cindy Bucher	P	3	2
Brad Hubert	P	5	0
Tommy Knapp	A	4	1
R. L. Landers	P	4	1
Larry Mabson	P	4	1
JoAnn Medalie (6:34)	P	5	0
Robert Payne	P	3	2
Bruce Quailey	P	5	0
Betty Shelley	P	3	2
Angela Ward	P	4	1
Richard Zaden	P	4	1

Currently there are 15 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

A quorum was present at the meeting.

Staff

Phil Thornburg, Director, Parks and Recreation
Stacey Daley, Administrative Assistant
Gerry Roberts, Park Ranger Supervisor

Communications to City Commission

None.

Roll Call

Chair Weiss called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll was called and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Zaden, seconded by Ms. Shelley, to approve the February 22, 2012 minutes. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Department Report

Director Thornburg advised that the Board on the current work being conducted at Hardy Park and future work to be done at Southside School.

2. Lauderdale Air Show – Update

Director Thornburg reminded the Board that the Lauderdale Air Show is being held on April 28 and April 29. He explained access points to the show, cooler restrictions and where parking will be available.

Motion made by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Bellavance, for the purchase of the Rivermont property. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

3. Beach Master Plan – Update

Director Thornburg updated the Board on the master plan that was being developed for the open area on the southern end of Fort Lauderdale Beach Park, which currently includes a basketball court and playground. The main improvements included in the plan are soccer fields by the current volleyball courts, tables constructed of recycled materials, game board by the restrooms, plantings along the wall, exercise equipment, resurfacing of and new backboards for the basketball courts.

Mr. Quailey asked what type of surface would be used for the soccer fields. Director Thornburg explained that it would just be the beach sand with markers for the corners and goals.

Mr. Weiss asked if there would be tetherballs. Director Thornburg advised that there would not.

Director Thornburg added that the recycled amenities had already been delivered and would be installed soon.

4. Park Ambassadors

The members discussed the parks they visited as Park Ambassadors.

5. Board Comments

Mr. Quailey asked for an update on the proposed water park near the stadium and for the Aquatics Center. Director Thornburg, in regards to the water park, explained that currently Schlitterban is working with the FAA to get appraisals on the property. Director Thornburg explained that the City Commission advised the City Manger to work with Recreational Design and Construction (RDC) to development an agreement for the proposed improvements to the Aquatics Center.

Mr. Mabson asked for an update on the fire station on NW 9th Avenue, which was vacated when the new fire station opened at Mills Pond Park. Director Thornburg advised that he would look into it and bring back to the Board.

Mr. Mabson asked how the department benefits from the Lauderdale Air Show. Director Thornburg explained that a show of that magnitude brought great economic value to the City as a whole.

Ms. Ward asked for an update on the Full Sails in Fort Lauderdale project. Director Thornburg advised that he would place it on the May agenda.

6. Communications to the City Commission

None.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

[Minutes prepared by S. Daley.]