

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE  
CITY HALL, 8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance**

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

**Communications to City Commission**

None.

**Roll Call**

Chair Weiss called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 April 25, 2012 minutes. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**1. Department Report**

Director Thornburg provided the Board with an update on the Lauderdale Air Show, which took place on April 28 and was cancelled due to weather on April 29.

Director Thornburg advised the Board that the Great American Beach Party was scheduled to take place on May 26.

Director Thornburg explained to the Board that the City of Fort Lauderdale had been recognized by the national non-profit organization, KaBoom!, as a playful city.

**2. Full Sails in Fort Lauderdale – Update**

Director Thornburg updated the Board on the Full Sails in Fort Lauderdale project. He explained that more artists had expressed interest in the project than needed and that the goal of one hundred (100) boats would be met. He explained that currently twenty-five (25) of the boats had been sponsored and Ms. Bettner is working on partnering each sponsor with its respective artist. Director Thornburg informed them that the kick-off for the project would be at the Boat Show.

**3. Sailing Program – Update**

Director Thornburg provided the Board with a flyer advertising the Parks and Recreation Department's new sailing program being conducted out of Las Olas Marina. Director Thornburg explained that there would be four (4) two-week sessions with each session allowing for 7 – 14 children to be enrolled. The Department has acquired seven (7) boats for the program and each session will allow for bus transportation from a different park location to the Marina. Director Thornburg explained that it is a pilot program and the department is open to suggestions.

**4. Aquatic Center Redevelopment - Update**

Director Thornburg advised that Board that he had met with Recreational Design & Construction along with the City Manager and an Assistant City Attorney regarded the developer's agreement for the redevelopment of the Fort Lauderdale Aquatics Center. He explained that they anticipated to have an

agreement on a near upcoming Commission agenda for approval and to have construction commence after the first of the year.

## **5. Park Ambassadors**

The members discussed the parks they visited as Park Ambassadors.

## **6. Board Comments**

Ms. Medalie inquired when the new equipment would be placed in Fort Lauderdale Beach Park. Director Thornburg explained that the Department was moving forward with all work as planned.

Ms. Medalie requested that Director Thornburg look into the fencing of events down near the ocean. Director Thornburg stated that he would.

Dr. Landers requested that Director Thornburg look into the closing of certain roads near his church, First United Methodist Church, for events. Director Thornburg stated that he would.

Dr. Landers requested more information regarding giving Cypress Creek Sand Pine Preserve back to Broward County. Director Thornburg explained that the property is considered high quality conservation land and the reversion of it back to the County would allow for Broward County to have a park within the City of Fort Lauderdale's limits, which it currently does not.

Dr. Landers inquired about the new fire station at Mills Pond Park. Director Thornburg explained that they are currently building the new station and that the site of the old station would be used as a passive park. Director Thornburg further explained that the Department is still looking in to the possible uses of the original fire station building.

Ms. Shelley complimented Mayor Seiler and Tim Smith's walk in Holiday Park

## **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 7:41 p.m.

[Minutes prepared by S. Daley.]