

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Oct 2011- Sept 2012	
		Present	Absent
Matthew Weiss, Chair	P	6	1
Sean Fee, Vice Chair	A	4	3
Joseph Bellavance	P	7	0
Curtiss Berry	P	7	0
Cindy Bucher	P	5	2
Brad Hubert	P	7	0
Tommy Knapp	P	5	2
R. L. Landers	P	6	1
Larry Mabson	A	4	3
JoAnn Medalie	P	7	0
Robert Payne	P	5	2
Bruce Quailey	P	7	0
Betty Shelley	A	4	3
Angela Ward	A	5	2
Richard Zaden	P	6	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

Susanne Torriente, Assistant City Manager
Phil Thornburg, Director, Parks and Recreation
Stacey Daley, Administrative Assistant
Gina Rivera, Grants and Special Projects Coordinator

Staff

William Riddle, Venetian Arts Society
Sarah Platt, Director, Venetian Arts Society

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 Mr. Knapp, to approve the May 23, 2012 minutes. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Department Report

Director Thornburg reminded the Board that the State of the City would be taking place at the Museum of Discovery and Science on June 28, 2102 with a social hour at 6pm and the Mayor's address at 7pm.

Director Thornburg reminded the Board that the 4th of July event would be taking place on the beach on Wednesday, July 4th, with entertainment during the day and the fireworks starting at 9pm.

2. Fort Lauderdale: Our City, Our Vision

Assistant City Manager Susanne Torriente gave a presentation to the Board on the visioning process. She described vision as a shared aspiration for the future of the community that results in action. Assistant City Manager Torriente explained that staff had been working on the project for almost a year and were ready to introduce it to the community. The City's goal is to reach out to as many different groups as possible in order to gather input. The presentation explained the different ways in which members of the community can participate in the process. PowerPoint presentation is attached.

3. Proposed Placement of Historical Structures

William Riddle, Executive Director of Venetian Arts Society, gave a video presentation, on behalf of the artist Nilda Comas, to the Board on the proposed placement of two sculptures to commemorate the 500-year anniversary of the discovery of Florida. The first sculpture proposed is a bronze bust of Ponce de Leon to be placed in Hector Park in the Rio Vista neighborhood. The second sculpture proposed is a bronze young Seminole Girl to be placed in Laura Ward Plaza along the Riverwalk.

Curtiss Berry asked how the Seminole Girl project would be funded. Mr. Riddle explained that Ms. Comas has received a \$25,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Broward County and is seeking \$25,000 in funding to be used as a match for the young Seminole Girl sculpture. Mr. Zaden asked how the Ponce de

Leon project would be funded. Sarah Platt, assistant to Nilda Comas, explained that Ms. Comas was trying to acquire a grant from the state. If Ms. Comas is able to obtain funding, Director Thornburg advised the Board that they will be updated on the progress of the projects.

4. 2012 Playful City USA Community

Gina Rivera, Grants and Special Projects Coordinator, updated the Board on the Department receiving the Playful City USA designation by explaining the application process and the potential benefits of the designation.

5. Park Ambassadors

The members discussed the parks they visited as Park Ambassadors.

6. Board Comments

Mr. Qualey commented on the City's vision process stating that he felt the Board's single most important task to do as a group was to have as much green space as possible in the City.

Mr. Mabson commented that the City should look at the need for a large multipurpose center that would attract larger organizations to hold events here in the City.

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 7:52 p.m.

[Minutes prepared by S. Daley.]