

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE  
CITY HALL, 8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 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          | A                 | 6                          | 2             |
| Sean Fee, Vice Chair          | P                 | 5                          | 3             |
| Joseph Bellavance             | P                 | 8                          | 0             |
| Curtiss Berry                 | P                 | 8                          | 0             |
| Cindy Bucher                  | P                 | 6                          | 2             |
| Brad Hubert                   | P                 | 8                          | 0             |
| Tommy Knapp                   | A                 | 5                          | 3             |
| R. L. Landers                 | P                 | 7                          | 1             |
| Larry Mabson                  | A                 | 4                          | 4             |
| JoAnn Medalie                 | A                 | 7                          | 1             |
| Robert Payne (arrived 6:33pm) | P                 | 6                          | 2             |
| Bruce Quailey                 | P                 | 8                          | 0             |
| Betty Shelley                 | P                 | 5                          | 3             |
| Angela Ward                   | P                 | 6                          | 2             |
| Richard Zaden                 | P                 | 7                          | 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**

Terry Rynard, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation

Stacey Daley, Administrative Assistant

**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. Berry, seconded by Mr. Bellavance, to approve the June 27, 2012 minutes. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**1/2. Department Report/FY 2013 Proposed Budget Update (combined)**

Deputy Director Rynard reminded the Board that the next to upcoming Commission meetings would have the budget hearings for the FY 2013 budget.

Deputy Director Rynard explained that the Department's budget will look larger, but this is due to the reorganization and the increased areas of responsibility acquired. Ms. Rynard clarified that the Department is losing fifteen (15) full-time positions. Ms. Rynard also informed the Board that the request for an increase in the contract amount for median maintenance was removed from the budget requests.

Deputy Director Rynard explained to the Board that a member from the Budget Advisory Board was assigned to each department in the City. Mr. Bryson Ridgeway was assigned to the Parks and Recreation Department and is working with staff on the details of the department's budget.

**3. Stars, Stripes and Sun**

Deputy Director Rynard provided the Board with details on the Stars, Stripes and Sun event. Ms. Rynard explained that it is a collaborative effort between the City and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau. Ms. Rynard explained that the event would also include Dolphins Day on September 14 and Saturday Nite Alive on September 15.

**4. Sea Turtle Update**

Deputy Director Rynard explained to the Board that the City holds a permit from the State allowing the mechanical cleaning of the beach above the mean high water mark line. Ms. Rynard explained that a GPS locator is used to identify the nests on the beach and this season there are 522 nests from the inlet to the north City limit.

**5. Park Ambassadors**

The members discussed the parks they visited as Park Ambassadors.

**6. Board Comments**

Mr. Zaden inquired how the sailing program was received. Deputy Director Rynard explained that it was extremely popular and well received.

Mr. Berry asked for an update on the Rivermont property. Deputy Director explained that the City had received some grant money, but still need additional funding.

Ms. Ward asked if there was a plan in place for the sign at Holiday Park at the US1 entrance. Deputy Director explained that staff is working with the Broward Performing Arts Center for the design of a new sign.

Deputy Director Rynard offered to have information provided to the Board from the recently required areas of the Department: War Memorial, Marinas, Aquatics Center and Cemeteries.

Mr. Berry requested an update on Gore Betz Park. Deputy Director Rynard provided that the final drawings were being worked on and the project should be scheduled for Planning and Zoning approval in October.

## **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 7:39 p.m.

[Minutes prepared by S. Daley.]