

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Oct 2012 - Sept 2013	
		Present	Absent
Bruce Quailey, Chair	P	4	0
Brad Hubert, Vice Chair	P	4	0
Joseph Bellavance	P	4	0
Tommy Knapp	A	2	2
Charles Love	P	1	0
Larry Mabson	P	3	1
JoAnn Medalie	P	3	1
Robert Payne	A	3	1
Karen Polivka	P	1	0
Betty Shelley	P	4	0
Angela Ward	P	3	1
Richard Zaden	P	2	2
Shirley Smith	P	4	0
Cate Gundlach	A	0	3

As of this date, there are 14 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

It was noted that a quorum was present for the meeting.

Staff

Phil Thornburg, Director

Stacey Daley, Administrative Assistant

Roll Call

Chair Quailey 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 Ms. Shelley, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the January 23, 2013 minutes as amended. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Department Report

At the last meeting, the Board was notified that due to term limits, Mr. Curtiss Berry is no longer eligible to serve on the Board.

After 8 years with the City, Terry Rynard, Deputy Director, has accepted a job as an Assistant Director in Kansas City, MO.

Reminder that March 9, 2013 is the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The festival will be in Huizenga Plaza. Clydesdales will be there also. They will also be at Holiday Park a few days before.

2. 2012 City of Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Survey

Director Thornburg showed a condensed version of the survey to the Board and explained entire survey was available on the City's website.

3. Hardy Park Update

Director Thornburg showed the plan to the Board and explained where the school was located on the property. Two groups that have expressed interest are Nova and The Y. Two playgrounds are there with artificial turf. Restroom and shelter structure are out to bid and will probably be completed in the fall. Director Thornburg showed the outside exercise equipment area for adults and advised that it was still up for discussion as to what the lawn bowling and shuffleboard areas will be used for.

Joseph Bellavance inquired about shade over the playgrounds? Director Thornburg advised yes

Brad Hubert, Vice Chair, can Parks staff be relocated somewhere else if someone wants to use the entire building? Director Thornburg advised yes. In addition, Director Thornburg explained that there are deed restrictions and must be used for public use.

JoAnn Medalie inquired does still need rehab? Director Thornburg advised yes, a rehab would be done by any group who enters the building. Director Thornburg further advised that we should know by March 2013, which group will occupy and Engineering can proceed knowing use of the building.

4. Gore Betz Park

The park is located on SW 9th, Board has seen before. It is the next Park to be developed with a Pavilion, playground, trail, and exercise equipment, and a grassy area. Neighborhood requested this, not a lot of development. Should see the development within the next 60 days.

5. Rock the Ocean's Tortuga Music Festival

Director Thornburg passed out the line up for the festival and showed the Board how they planned on setting up the beach with 3 stages – a main stage, a 2nd and 3rd smaller stage which would all be playing at different times. Director Thornburg explains this is a paid event. One big issue will be traffic and parking. They are planning on using the same shuttle system that is used for the Boat show group – Downtown, Holiday Park and 17th Street Bridge. Estimating 30,000 people in attendance each day.

Free water, No Coolers, no Chairs, etc.

Director Thornburg reminded the Board that Hottt Park grand opening would be on Friday, March 1, 2013 at 6:00pm. Located at 1700 SW 4 Court.

6. Board Comments

Angela Ward questioned if City Commission responded to the Communications to the Commission. Director Thornburg advised that they were sent to the City Manager.

Charles Love questioned if it was necessary to spend \$250,000 for Beach Wall. Director Thornburg advised that the funds come from CRA fund, not general tax dollars.

7. Communications to the Commission

There were no Communications to the Commission.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.