

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Oct 2012 - Sept 2013	
		Present	Absent
Bruce Quailey, Chair	P	6	0
Brad Hubert, Vice Chair	P	6	0
Joseph Bellavance	P	6	0
Tommy Knapp	P	4	2
Charles Love	P	3	0
Larry Mabson	P	5	1
JoAnn Medalie	P	4	2
Robert Payne	A	4	2
Karen Polivka	P	2	1
Betty Shelley	P	5	1
Angela Ward	P	4	2
Richard Zaden	P	4	2
Shirley Smith	P	6	0
Larry Nielsen "Ree"	P	2	0

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

Carolyn Bean, 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. Chair Quailey advised that Betty Shelley has been nominated as the City's citizen of the year and also was the grand marshal for the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Quailey noted a correction on page 3: should read gaining park land or losing park land. Also on page 3: defiantly should be definitely. Also on page 3: should read adding lights and fields. Also, a correction noted on page 4 bummed should read bumped. Motion made by Shirley Smith, seconded by Mr. Zaden, to

approve the March 27, 2013 minutes as amended. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

1. Department Report

Director Thornburg suggested to the Board that our next scheduled meeting, May 22, 2013, coincide with the Budget Advisory Board. The Parks and Recreation Department is scheduled to present a presentation to the Budget Advisory Board at 7:00pm and Director Thornburg felt it would be good for the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board to have an understanding of where we stand with the budget.

2. Review of Parks Rules and Regulations

Director Thornburg advised the board that periodically we bring the rules to the board for approval and review of suggested changes before sending to the Commission (a handout of proposed changes was passed out). Director Thornburg explained to the group that Park Rangers and Police Officers enforce these rules. If someone is unwilling to comply, they are asked to leave the Park. Failure to comply can result in arrest for trespassing and/or being banned from the Park for up to 6 months.

Director Thornburg advised that he would like to see one addition to the Rules and Regulations in what was previously 7.3 c (area between Lifeguard tower 15 and 20 which is the designated activity area) should be changed to area between Lifeguard tower 16 and 20. The area in front of Tower 15 belongs to Birch State Park.

Charles Love felt the rules were overkill, too many rules.

Larry Mabson suggested that Parks and Recreation staff develop a handout/brochure of the rules to give to neighbors advising of them of the rules.

The Board discussed proposed changes and a Motion was made by Angela Ward, seconded by Richard Zaden, to approve Item #2 as amended. In a voice vote, the motion passed with Ree Nielsen and Charles Love opposed.

3. Finalize Multi-Purpose Field Issue

The board discussed photographs of Mills Pond Park and Holiday Park provided to the board by Mark McCormick, former board member, and also a handout, provided by Director Thornburg, of estimated costs to build and maintain multi-purpose play fields (real turf vs. synthetic turf) in an effort to determine how the City can add more recreation fields.

A motion was made by Richard Zaden to communicate to the Commission the need for more multi-purpose fields, including possible synthetic fields and lights, and to request priority in the next budget based on staff recommendations for efficient use of the parks. Brad Hubert seconded the motion. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Update of Tortuga Music Festival & Lauderdale Air Show

Director Thornburg updated the Board on the outcome of the Tortuga Music Festival and Lauderdale Air Show. Both events had some weather challenges but overall, we felt that both events went very well.

Tommy Knapp was concerned at the amount of time the Parking Lot was closed prior to Tortuga. Director Thornburg advised that we would look into the Parking issue next year.

Shirley Smith mentioned that she lives down by the beach and noticed that City Parking Lots were charging \$20.00 to park. She was concerned that the lots were not full and felt it was a result of the \$20.00 fee. Director Thornburg advised that there is a Parking Ordinance that allows the City to charge up to \$20.00 for event parking.

Bruce Quailey was concerned about the loggerhead turtles and was curious if the event could be moved to a different time of year.

Karen Polivka felt the Tortuga event was a great event, she attended the event on Sunday, but was concerned that beer was being sold in 6 packs with the plastic attached. She advised that the plastic rings are one of the most harmful to wildlife and was concerned that they were selling beer with plastic attached.

5. Board Comments

There were no comments by the Board.

6. Communications to the Commission

A motion was made by Richard Zaden to communicate to the Commission the need for more multi-purpose fields, including possible synthetic fields and lights, and to request priority in the next budget (FY2014) based on staff recommendations for efficient use of the parks. Brad Hubert seconded the motion. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

