

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Oct 2012 - Sept 2013	
		Present	Absent
Bruce Quailey, Chair	P	8	0
Brad Hubert, Vice Chair	A	7	1
Joseph Bellavance	P	8	0
Tommy Knapp	A	5	3
Charles Love	A	3	2
Larry Mabson	P	7	1
JoAnn Medalie	P	6	2
Larry Nielsen "Ree"	A	3	1
Robert Payne	P	6	2
Karen Polivka	P	3	2
Betty Shelley	P	7	1
Jed Thompson	A	0	2
Angela Ward	P	6	2
Richard Zaden	P	5	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
Carolyn Bean, Administrative Assistant

Roll Call

Chair Quailey called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll was called and all stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Betty Shelley, seconded by Richard Zaden, to approve the June 26, 2013 minutes. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

1. Department Report

There was no Department Report Update

2. Budget Update

Director Thornburg advised the Board on the FY2014 Budget Process. Director Thornburg explained that the City Commission had its first public hearing on the mileage rate and Fire Assessment Fee on August 26, 2013. The City Commission tentatively approved the mileage rate and Fire Assessment fee, which means the rate, can be less but not more than that approved at the August 26th meeting. Director Thornburg passed out a handout on FY2014 Budget Additions for Parks and Recreation some of which include the remodeling of several playgrounds and a part-time Homeless Coordinator to assist with the Homeless Grant.

3. Park Impact Fees

Director Thornburg gave a brief history on the implementation of the Park Impact Fees and explained to the Board that the fees must be used within 6 years of collection for new parks or park enhancements. Currently there is approximately \$2 million in Park Impact fund with another several million expected based on development projections. Staff is in the process of developing a plan for the use of Impact Fees.

4. Homeless Grant

Director Thornburg advised the Board that the Parks and Recreation Department has been tasked with addressing the Homeless population. Cate McCaffrey, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director, has taken on this responsibility. The City of Fort Lauderdale applied for and received the HUD Grant for approximately \$500,000.00. These funds will be used to assist 25 Homeless with housing and rehabilitation.

5. Summer Camp

Director Thornburg advised the Board on the increase in the number of Camp Participants this year.

6. Lightning Predictors on the Beach

Bruce Quailey discussed Lightning statistics in Florida and the need for lightning predictors on the City's beaches. The Board discussed the previous 13 lightning predictors purchased by the City from Thorguard. Director Thornburg recommended staff speak to the City's Beach Patrol on current lightning procedures used and possibly have a staff member speak at the next board meeting.

7. Board Comments

Betty Shelley shared an article with the Board on a Balance Playground. The article included a picture of Cate McCaffrey, Deputy Director and Mark Almy, Parks Supervisor who are assisting with the playground development.

8. Communications to the Commission

There were no communications to the Commission.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.