

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Oct 2013 - Sept 2014	
		Present	Absent
Bruce Quailey, Chair	P	2	0
Joseph Bellavance	P	2	0
Karen Doyle	A	0	2
Collette Keno	P	1	0
Charles Love	A	1	1
Larry Mabson	P	1	1
JoAnn Medalie	P	1	1
Larry Nielsen "Ree"	A	0	2
Robert Payne	P	2	0
Karen Polivka	P	2	0
Richard Scanlan	A	1	1
Betty Shelley	P	2	0
Angela Ward	P	1	1
Michael West	P	2	0
Richard Zaden	P	2	0

As of this date, there are 15 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 that the minutes be approved as corrected.

It was noted that on p.2, paragraph 4, the total vote was not indicated (note to add "in a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously").

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Department Report

The Board welcomed Collette Keno, new board member.

Guest Speaker

Mrs. Margaret Birch, Lake Aire Homeowners Association, addressed the board with concerns regarding Bass Park. Mrs. Birch advised that members of her HOA were informed that City parks will be used as an after school care center, thus excluding others in the neighborhood who would want to use the park during after school hours.

Director Thornburg advised Mrs. Birch that the process of getting centers licensed to provide after school care is in the infant stage. Director Thornburg confirmed that staff has started the process being trained, however it is still questionable if the City will proceed based on the requirements.

Director Thornburg advised the Board that the City Commission discussed the Board's Communications to the Commission regarding installation of a test lightning predictor at the beach. All Commissioners were in favor of the idea.

Director Thornburg advised the Board of several events happening during the Holidays, Lauderdale Live event happening December 6 – 8, 2013 at Huizenga Plaza, the following weekend is the Boat Parade, Christmas on Las Olas, Light Up Sistrunk, and the New Year's Eve Downtown Countdown.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Member shirts were passed out.

2. Sunshine Law

Director Thornburg did a brief presentation to the Board on Florida's Sunshine Law. A Guide for Members of Boards and Committees and Florida Commission on Ethics Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees handouts were given to each Board member.

3. Board Comments

Bruce Qualey asked on the status of the waterpark. Director Thornburg advised we have been working with FAA for years, and it may be in the final stages. Bruce Qualey expressed his concern should the waterpark fail and it could have been used for something else. Bruce Qualey is concerned that if it fails, then you have left over slides and vacant waterpark sitting in the area. Richard Zaden suggested they have the company put up a letter of credit, however, that would be a huge sum. Director Thornburg advised the board that if it goes through, an agreement would be put together which we could

bring to the board to review. Brue Quailey suggested we invite Schlitterbahn back to present to the board and answer questions.

Joe Bellavance advised the Board that during high tide at Lewis Landing Park the boards were lifted up off the dock. Mr. Bellavance suggested the City may want to put up an orange fence to block area.

Larry Mabson visited Osswald Park. Some of the inside exercise equipment is in need of serious repair. Mr. Mabson also advised that he was told they can use a covering for the pool that may save a lot of energy in heating the pools (Bass Park Pool).

Joanne Medalie is concerned that the City does not have a golf course.

A discussion regarding the previous Park Ambassador assignments was discussed. It was agreed that re-assignment of parks would be placed on the agenda for January 2014.

4. Communications to the Commission

There were no Communications to the Commission

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.