

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Oct 2013 - Sept 2014	
		Present	Absent
Bruce Quailey, Chair	P	5	0
Joseph Bellavance	A	4	1
Steven Buckingham	P	3	0
Karen Doyle	P	2	3
Collette Keno	P	3	1
Charles Love	A	1	4
Larry Mabson	P	3	2
JoAnn Medalie	P	4	1
Robert Payne	A	4	1
Karen Polivka	A	4	1
Richard Scanlan	P	3	2
Betty Shelley	P	5	0
Angela Ward	P	3	2
Michael West	A	3	2
Richard Zaden	A	3	2

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 Larry Mabson, seconded by Betty Shellry, that the minutes be approved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Department Report

Director Thornburg gave the board an update on the installation of test Thour Guard Lightning predictor. Director Thornburg advised the board that Thour Guard has been out to meet with staff at the beach. There were some concerns with internet connections that had to be addressed. Thour Guard should be back within a few weeks to install.

Director Thornburg also advised the board of a joint meeting with the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board and the Airport Advisory Board regarding the proposed Schlitterbahn waterpark on May 22, 2014.

Director Thornburg reminded staff that our May 28, 2014 Parks Board meeting will have 1 item on the agenda starting at 6:30 and then we will join the Budget Advisory Board at 7:00pm.

Director Thornburg passed out a handout on volunteers for the National Wildlife Federation Certified Community Wildlife Habitat. The handout instructed anyone interested in volunteering to contact Janet Townsend for further information. Director Thornburg mentioned that City Hall was now certified as a National Wildlife Habitat.

Director Thornburg introduced Carl Williams, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation in charge of the recreation side. v

2. Neighbor Survey Results

Director Thornburg presented the 2013 Neighbor Survey Results relating to the Parks and Recreation Department.

3. Holiday Park Dog Park

Director Thornburg advised the board that Commissioner Trantalis was working with Victoria Park to develop a Dog Park at Holiday Park. Estimated cost was \$80,000. Victoria Park was in the process of trying to raise \$30,000 of the \$80,000 needed, the rest coming from the City. Director Thornburg showed board members a proposed design of the new park.

4. Bryant Penny Park

Director Thornburg advised that the City was in the process of redoing the playground at Bryant Penny Park. Total estimated cost of the playground was \$90,000 which included the playground, permits, shade structure and mulch. The City is using \$20,000 from the KaBoom grant, \$18,000 donated from the Fraternal Order of Police, and \$50,000 from the general fund. Hoping to have the park open in the 1st week of January, this coincides with the anniversary of Officer Penny's death.

5. Board Comments

Bruce Quailey mentioned he would like to reassign the parks at the next meeting.

Steve Buckingham inquired about the design of DC Alexander Park coming back to the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Board for comments.

Larry Mabson mentioned that we should develop a welcome packet to distribute to new members.

6. Communications to the Commission

There were no Communications to the Commission

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.