

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL – 8TH FLOOR
100 N ANDREWS AVE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Bill Schonlau	P	5	0
Bruce Quailey	P	6	1
Brucie Cummings	A	4	3
Darin Lentner	P	6	1
Debby Eisinger	A	5	2
Dermot McQuarrie	P	3	0
James Jordan	P	6	1
JoAnn Medalie	A	3	4
Jo Ann Smith	P	6	1
Karen Polivka	P	7	0
Robert Payne	P	3	1
Roy Grimsland (New)	P	1	0
Ryan Fletcher	P	6	1

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As of this date, there are 13 appointed members to the Board, which means 7 would constitute a quorum. It was noted that a quorum was present for the meeting.

Staff

Phil Thornburg, *Parks & Recreation Director*
 Carl Williams, *Parks & Recreation Deputy Director*
 Leona Osamor, *Administrative Assistant*
 Lester Alexander, *Community Program Supervisor*
 Marla Donald, *Senior Performance Analyst*
 Jason Selznick, *Recreation Program Coordinator*
 Carla Dumercy, *Recreation Programmer II*

Public Attendees

John P. Wilkes
 Janet Scaper
 Clay Wieland
 Pamela Masser
 April Kirk
 Meredith Clemants

Public Attendees Cont'd

Leslie Fordum
 Sandra Casteel
 Kathrine Irvine

Roll Call

Vice-Chairman Karen Polivka called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll was called and all stood for the pledge of allegiance. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Dermot McQuarrie, seconded by JoAnn Smith, that the minutes of April 26, 2017 be approved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Department Update

Deputy Director Mr. Carl Williams informed the board that the 4th of July event is fast approaching and encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy the festivities and fireworks display. Mr. Williams also encouraged anyone attending to utilize the water taxi services as an option for parking.

Mr. Williams informed the board of the upcoming series of Starlight Musicals Events which will take place respectively on July 7, July 14, July 21, July 28 and August 4, 2017 at the Holiday Park from 7:00 - 10:00p.m.

Mr. Williams also informed the board of the next upcoming Friday Night Tunes event which will take place on July 21, 2017 at Joseph C. Carter Park from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Williams updated the board on the status of the Summer Camp programs which are in full swing with just over two thousand registrants between sessions one and two.

Mr. Williams also reminded the board that there will be no board meeting for the month of July.

Mr. Williams informed the board that the Beach CRA has extended an invitation to any interested persons that would like to be a part of the DC Alexander Development Committee and who also has specific knowledge with landscaping, engineering and/or land development to acknowledge their interest by signing up to volunteer.

2. Budget Recap

Director of Parks and Recreation Mr. Phil Thornburg provided a brief overview of the budget process and how funding is typically allocated. Mr. Thornburg informed the board that this year the Parks and Recreation Department added 5 new additional funding requests. It was noted that one of the requests was to expand the “Green Team” operations under the Sanitation Fund but unfortunately this will not be moving forward.

Mr. Thornburg stated that under the general funds there were 4 requests added. It included increasing the funding for facility repairs in the amount of \$500,000. The second request included a \$53,000 funding for the Ice-Rink event. The other was for \$72,000 for the Light-up Sistrunk Event and the other was in reference to the Huizenga Plaza took which the Parks and Recreation Department has taken over the maintenance from the Downtown Development Agency. Another part of the request was to be able to enhance services by introducing a pilot program to offer Wi-Fi in our parks namely Carter, Holiday and Riverwalk. A request was also made to expand upon a full CODE and STEAM element program of the camps.

3. Neighborhood Survey Results Presentation

Ms. Marla Donald made a presentation on the Annual Neighborhood Survey results and Annual National Recreation and Parks Survey results. It was noted that the City received the most survey responses it has ever conducted in a neighborhood survey. Ms. Donald also provided an overview on the process and methods used to conduct the surveys and provide the results.

4. South Side School Naming Proposal

Mr. Williams informed the board that the Parks and Recreation Department is at the point where it would like to give the South Side School an official name in anticipation of the grand reopening of the building and noted that the department's recommendation was to name it the South Side Community Center but would like to get the input of the board as well. Vice-chairman Karen Polivka noted that there were public attendees signed up to speak and opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments

John P. Wilkes of the Friends of South Side voiced his support in renaming the building as *South Side Cultural Arts Center*.

Janet Scrapper, president of the Tarpon River Civic Association voiced her support in naming the building possibly as *Southside Community and Cultural Arts Center* but to also ensure that the City maximizes the use of Hardy Park in the process of marketing the new center.

April Kirk, resident of Fort Lauderdale voiced her support in naming the building as *South Side Cultural Arts Center*.

Meredith Clements of the Broward County Cultural Division and resident of Fort Lauderdale voiced her support in ensuring that a major part of the center will be focused on cultural arts and had no objections to the specific naming of the center.

Leslie Fordum, resident of Fort Lauderdale and member of the Community Appearance Board voiced her support in ensuring that the center would be able to

provide the highest level of quality services to the community and is also there to be a form of resource in the process.

Sandra Casteel, resident of Fort Lauderdale and member of the Friends of South Side voiced her support in naming the building as *South Side Cultural Arts Center*.

Vice-Chairman Karen Polivka closed the public discussion and moved for a motion to be formed by the board.

Motion was made by JoAnn Smith and seconded by Bill Schonlou to name the South Side School Building, South Side Community and Cultural Arts Center. The motion was passed in favor with 6 Yes's and 4 No's.

Bill Schonlau - Yes
Bruce Quailey - Yes
JoAnn Smith - Yes
Karen Polivka - Yes
Ryan Fletcher - Yes
Roy Grimsland - Yes

Darin Lentner - No
Dermot McQuarrie - No
James Jordan - No
Robert Payne - No

5. Board Comments

Dermot McQuarrie stated that he would like for the Parks and Recreation Department to provide in advance budget packets prior to the joint board meetings with the Budget Advisory Board.

Darin Lenter posed a question to Mr. Phil Thornburg regarding the issue of why as a City we allow or hire people to paint over underground markings on our roads and sidewalks. Mr. Thornburg clarified that this issue is a state mandate and there is nothing that the City can really do to avoid it but noted that he would conduct further research in determining what the requirements are surrounding same.

6. Communications to the Commission

Motion made by Darin Lenter and seconded by James Jordan to support furthering the Parks and Recreation Beaches Bond proposal and recommending that the City moves forward. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Motion made by Joann Smith and seconded by Robert Payne to recommend approval for the funding of the Coders Camp, Wi-Fi in the Parks, Programming and Events and Facility Repairs. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.