

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
PARKS, RECREATION AND BEACHES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
528 NW 2nd STREET
FIRE STATION – ADMINISTRATION FLOOR
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Alex Collazo	P	3	1
Ruchel Coetzee	P	4	0
Caleb Gunter, Chair	P	3	1
Mary Peloquin	A	3	1
Charlie Leikauf	P	4	0
Tangerean Moore	A	2	2
Zillah Tarkoe	P	4	0
Idan Eckstein	P	3	1
Joy Oglesby	P	3	1
Marta Reczko	P	1	0
Barbara Magill	P	2	2

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As of this date, there are 11 appointed members to the Board, which means 6 would constitute a quorum. A quorum was present.

Staff

Carl Williams – *Director of Parks and Recreation*
Leana Suarez – *Senior Administrative Assistant*
Patricia Saint Vil-Joseph – *Assistant City Attorney*

Others

Ben Sorenson, *Former City Commissioner*
Karen Cruitt, *Recording Secretary, Prototype-Inc.*

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gunter led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the January 24, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Ruchel Coetzee and seconded by Barbara Magill, to approve the January 24, 2024, meeting minutes. In a voice vote, the motion passed 9-0.

Chair Gunter introduced new Board member Marta Reczko. Ms. Reczko provided a brief background about herself.

1. Vice Chair Vote and Appointment (Caleb Gunter)

Chair Gunter noted Ms. Rosenbaum resigned from the Board, so the Vice Chair position is open.

Motion was made by Alex Collazo and seconded by Ruchel Coetzee, to appoint Charlie Leikauf to the Vice Chair position. In a voice vote, the motion passed 9-0.

2. Department Update (Carl Williams)

Mr. Williams provided an update on the following events: Noon Tunes, Jazz Brunch, spring camps, and St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival. He noted the festival part will occur at Tunnel Top Plaza. He also spoke about the DC Alexander project, which may open in July if the timeline remains on track.

3. Update to Park Rules and Regulations – Rules 4.1 and 4.10 (Carl Williams)

Mr. Williams corrected the agenda and noted 4.9, and not 4.10, will be discussed. He summarized the edits proposed at the previous meeting.

Discussion ensued about bodies of water, beaches, and service animals.

Mr. Williams recapped the following proposed edits for 4.1 under Nuisances: Dogs are permitted in parks on a six-foot leash under the control of a responsible adult. However, it is strictly prohibited to bring dogs or any pets on or into athletic fields, playgrounds, or water splash pads, swimming areas, beaches, or any body of water unless permitted by law or exceptions under this section.

Mr. Ben Sorenson, former Commissioner, distributed a copy of a letter [on file] to the Board. He read the letter, signed by 161 neighbors, requesting leashed dogs be permitted in Francis Abreu Park. He reviewed proposed provisions. He noted the Rio Vista Board did not take a formal position but are in support. Mr. Williams clarified the Park Rangers are responsible for enforcement.

Discussion ensued about signage, waste bags, waste stations, and additional revisions for 4.1, including exceptions.

Assistant City Attorney Saint Vil-Joseph read the revised consolidated language. Discussion continued. Mr. Sorenson requested to add "max" to six-foot leash requirement. There was consensus.

Motion was made by Charlie Leikauf and seconded by Ruchel Coetzee, to accept 4.1 changes as stated by Assistant City Attorney Saint Vil-Joseph. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Eckstein left the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Mr. Williams briefly reviewed the 4.9 changes.

Chair Gunter asked for a vote on 4.9.

Discussion ensued about 4.9 and proposed changes. The Board agreed to strike the reference to 4.1C. **Motion** was made by Barbara Magill and seconded by Charlie Leikauf, to accept 4.9, as revised. In a voice vote, the motion passed 9-0.

Discussion ensued about 7.4G and tents.

Mr. Williams directed board members to the intent statement which stated that city property that is zoned “p” for parks, recreation, and open space. **Motion** was made by Zillah Tarkoe and seconded by Barbara Magill, to accept intent, as revised. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0.

4. New Business (Caleb Gunter)

None.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

[Minutes prepared by TBaclawski, Prototype-Inc.]