

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL – 8TH FLOOR
100 N ANDREWS AVE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Amber Van Buren (New)	P	1	0
Bill Schonlau	P	8	0
Bruce Qualey	A	7	1
Brucie Cummings	A	4	4
David Itskovich	A	5	3
Debby Eisinger	P	7	1
Dermot McQuarrie	A	4	3
James Jordan	P	6	2
Jo Ann Smith	P	6	2
Karen Polivka	P	8	0
Marianna Seiler	A	6	2
Marie Huntley	P	4	1
Paul Davidson	P	8	0
Robert Payne	P	3	0
Roy Grimsland	A	6	2

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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 met for the meeting.

Staff

Carl Williams, *Parks & Recreation Deputy Director*
Diana Alarcon, *Transportation & Mobility Director*
Lorraine Tappen, *Principal Planner*
Leona Osamor, *Administrative Assistant*
Mauricio Hernandez, *Planner II*

Public Attendees

Albert P. Massey, III
Edward Ng

Roll Call

Chairperson Debby Eisinger called the meeting to order at 6:38 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 Bill Schonlau and seconded by Marie Huntley, that the minutes of May 23, 2018 be approved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Department Update

Carl Williams, Deputy Director of Recreation, updated the board on the status of the murals on the south beach restrooms and stated that this project would commence in the month of July, 2018.

Carl Williams informed the board that the City's summer camp sessions had commenced including the "Coding Camp", one of the newer specialty camps that have been developed. Williams further stated that to date, the camps are very well attended and off to a very good start.

The board was informed by Carl Williams that the City will be hosting its annual 4th of July Spectacular on Wednesday July 4, 2018 beginning from 12:00pm through 9:00pm with the fireworks display.

Carl Williams informed the board that also in the month of July, project work will commence on the concrete padding for the gazebo that will be going into the dog park at Holiday Park.

Carl Williams also informed the board that during the month of May a small compounded playground was installed at Sistrunk Park with the help of sponsorship from JetBlue Airlines and Genia Ellis's group.

2. Laudertrail

Mauricio Hernandez, Planner II with the Transportation and Mobility Department presented a brief scope of the proposed 7-mile "Laudertrail". Hernandez stated that it is the goal of the City Commission to essentially connect major parts of the City while aiming to reduce the carbon footprint for residents and visitors alike. Hernandez stated that a committee will be formed to include two members from the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board and principal planning staff that will be instrumental in the plans for Laudertrail. It was further noted that this advisory board will sunset one year after.

3. Comprehensive Plan Presentation (Draft) – Parks Element

Principal Planner from the Urban Design and Planning Department Lorraine Tappen made a brief introduction and provided an overview on the comprehensive plan process.

Representative for the consultants Edward Ng of the Corradino Group introduced himself and made the presentation on the parks element to the members of the board. The presentation included existing elements such as Administration and Implementation, Future Land Use, Transportation, Housing, Historic Preservation, Infrastructure, Conservation Coastal Management, Recreation and Open Space – Parks and Recreation, Public Schools/Education, Intergovernmental Coordination, Capital Improvement, and Solid Waste with new elements of Climate Change, Urban Design and Economic Development. Other aspects of the presentation covered the timeline of the comprehensive plan update along with Evaluation and Appraisal (EAR) recommendations.

4. Park Renaming – Carlton Moore

Carl Williams informed the board that a proposed name change to rename Sistrunk Park to Carlton Moore Park was received from the Mayor's office to which the board then participated in a brief discussion.

5. Board Comments and Discussions

Chairperson Debby Eisinger took a moment to recognize public attendee Albert P. Massey, III a former chairman of the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board who served from 1996 through 2002. The board welcomed him and encouraged him to continue to attend future meetings.

Chairperson Debby Eisinger also welcomed the newest member to the board Amber Van Buren and the members of the board all welcomed her and introduced themselves accordingly.

Chairperson Debby Eisinger inquired about the availability of electronic traffic board notices that could be installed as a gentle reminder to patrons attending the 4th of July activities to please be patient. Director of Transportation and Mobility Diana Alarcon, confirmed that her department do have some available on hand and agreed with the idea presented by Debby Eisinger. Diana Alarcon also confirmed that she would coordinate this undertaking with her members of staff.

Board member Paul Davidson inquired about the four turbines located at Mills Pond Park and why they weren't being used. Carl Williams explained that it was discovered that one of the blades from the turbine unit came down and it could not be determined if it was due to direct physical damage or poor craftsmanship and for the sake of safety and liability to the City, all of the turbines were put out of service.

Board member Marie Huntley inquired as to whether the City had any foreseeable plans to erect signage or to enforce action on the nuisances and illegal activity that goes on around Lincoln Park where many of the neighborhood children go to play. Carl Williams stated that he agreed that the area in question do have many issues and in the past steps have been taken including tasks of trimming the trees and removing benches in close proximity to the playground as a means to try and alleviate some of the current issues but this has not shown any noticeable changes. As a new alternative, Carl Williams suggested possibly having a mobile police surveillance tower stationed next to the park and confirmed that he would be reaching out to the Police Department to coordinate.

Board member Karen Polivka inquired about the status of the pathway by the Mangurian Park that was dug up and whether it would be repaved. Carl Williams confirmed that currently he didn't have an update but would be looking into the matter to provide an update before the next meeting.

Board member James Jordan informed the board that he had seen an article in the Sun Sentinel newspaper regarding the War Memorial Auditorium and the Panthers and inquired about the plans with the Panthers for that facility. Carl Williams confirmed that once the necessary repair work and upgrades needed for the War Memorial Auditorium were completed that the Panthers would at that point be possibly putting forward a program proposal to the City Commission.

6. Communications to the Commission

Motion was made by Jo Ann Smith and seconded by Marie Huntley to rename Sistrunk Park to the Carlton Moore Park. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.