

board on the topic of park impact fees, its usage and how it is collected. Mr. Thornburg stated that all new developments within the City of Fort Lauderdale is calculated by square footage but roughly equates to about \$2,500 per unit to buy into the park system in theory. Mr. Thornburg further stated that if there was nothing built on the site before the new development and the developer wanted to build for example 100 units, then the fees would be \$2,500 times the 100 units versus if there were 10 units previously built on site, and it was torn down to build 100 new units, then the calculations would be \$2,500 times 90 units.

Mr. Thornburg informed the board that the funds collected from park impact fees, could be utilized towards new developments and not for things such as park maintenance. Mr. Thornburg stated that the fees could only be utilized towards adding new amenities to a park or towards building a new park. Mr. Thornburg informed the board that the park impact fees have mainly been utilized towards larger regional projects and within the last few years the City has used it towards projects such as the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center (FLAC), Tunnel Top Park, and the development of a River Oaks Park.

Mr. Thornburg stated that back in July of 2019, the State Legislature was revisited and now requires cities to look towards the nexus and where the park impact fees were coming from and where they were being spent.

4. Board Comments

Board member Gail Butler inquired about the possibility of getting a copy of the presentation and backup information for the proposed designed of DC Alexander Park that came before the board prior to her appointment.

Board member Steffi Paskow inquired about the possibility of having someone provide an overview or a guide of the expectations of the duties as a new member on the board.

Board member Carey Villeneuve inquired with the other members of the board on whether they would be supportive in sending a communications to the City Commission to keep the One Stop Shop and designate it as a public park.

5. Communications to the Commission

Motion was made by Carey Villeneuve and seconded by Alex Collazo that the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board recommends the City Commission honors the City's downtown Master Plan and turn the One Stop Shop property into a public park. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.