

**PUBLIC ART AND PLACEMENT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
MONDAY AUGUST 30, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL – 1ST FLOOR CHAMBERS
100 N ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312**

Cumulative Attendance Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Bonnie Barnett	P	5	1
Bonnie Clearwater	P	3	3
Martha G. Steinkamp	P	6	0
Michelle Howland	A	4	2
“Phoenix” Lynn Marks	P	6	0
Robyn Vegas	P	2	0
Sarah Glass	P	5	1

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As of this date, there are 7 appointed members to the Board, which means 4 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Enrique Sanchez, *Deputy Director of Parks*
Leona Osamor, *Grants Administrator*
Mauricio Baquero, *IT Specialist*

Public Attendees

Annie Boodoo	Mary Peloquin	Elio Mercado
Chelsie Boodoo	Brucie Cummings	Santiago Cantillo
Cavan Koebel	Christina Currie	Patricia Cantillo
Andrew Chaille	Jay Schechtman	
DJarlens Chery	Janet Scraper	

Roll Call

Chairperson Sarah Glass called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Roll was called, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by “Phoenix” Lynn Marks and seconded by Martha G. Steinkamp, that the minutes of June 8, 2021 be approved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Lifeguard Tower Presentation – Raw Deviations

Mr. Cavan Koebel of Raw Deviations introduced himself and thanked the board for the opportunity to present. Mr. Koebel informed the board that he is also known

5. **Britto Sculpture Presentation**

Deputy Director of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Parks Division Enrique Sanchez informed the board that previously the owner was advertising the Britto sculpture for sale but since then the owner has decided to donate it to the City of Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Sanchez informed the board that at the moment, the City is seeking some direction on the final location where the sculpture would be installed.

Mr. Sanchez read aloud a letter received from the donor Yasmine Reger, which stated, "I'm very thrilled to be donating this special art piece to the City. I understand that two proposed locations for the Britto statue are along 7th Street at Hardy Park as recommended by the Tarpon River Civic Association and Esplanade Park as recommended by Riverwalk. Please note that as I lived in Tarpon River, my strong preference is for the statue to be located at Hardy Park as recommended by the Tarpon River Civic Association. However, if for some reason that isn't feasible, I would still be happy if the statue was placed at the Esplanade Park."

Mr. Sanchez stated that Hardy Park is a nice big community park located in an area downtown that is transitioning to a more residential area but confirmed that there will also be a lot of growth happening there with projects such as Lauderdale, which would be passing through along the FEC tracks.

Mr. Sanchez stated that one of the caveat with this donation was that there is a timeline because the owner has sold her property and as part of that sale has six months to remove the statue so that timeline ends in October. Mr. Sanchez further stated that the City has made the commitment to remove the statue before that deadline and would only like to remove it once since the statue currently stands about 12 feet by 12 feet, and every time it is moved, there is a risk for damage.

Public Comment

Mr. Jay Schechtman stated that he was a member on the Planning and Zoning board and the president of the Tarpon River Civic Association. Mr. Schechtman stated that he would like to thank Mr. Sanchez for taking the lead with the City to get a hold of this beautiful piece. Mr. Schechtman further stated that as an association, they have been working with the owner for the past several months and at first although the owner's preference was to have statue stay within the Tarpon River area where initially an area was identified but later did not work out, another location was identified as a possible option at Hardy Park. Mr. Schechtman stated that the Tarpon River Association is very excited about the possibility of the Hardy Park location especially since it is located next to the Southside School, which is now a Cultural Arts Center. Mr. Schechtman also stated that he did not want to knock the other option but wanted to point out that there still has not been a specific location on where the statue would be installed at that location despite multiple requests. Mr. Schechtman stated that Hardy Park location seems to be the more feasible path forward with the owner's intent and request and hopes to have the support of the

Public Art and Placement Board.

Mrs. Christina Currie of the Rio Vista Civic Association stated that the residents and children from the Rio Vista neighborhood have been frequently visiting the Hardy Park for the past two years because they currently do not have a park. Mrs. Currie further stated that the Britto art sculpture would be a wonderful and welcomed addition to the South of the River. Mrs. Currie stated that typically residents are seeing that public art is always focused mainly in the downtown area but need to remember that our environments are changing and growing and everything doesn't need to be focused in the downtown but should be spread out to allow the arts and culture to be shared.

Ms. Brucie Cummings stated that she is a member of the Tarpon River Civic Association board and is in full support of keeping the art piece in the neighborhood. Ms. Cummings stated that the board has worked diligently with the owner given the short time to work in finding a suitable location but a nice location that previously housed the bowling area would be a perfect spot especially since our parks needs a bit of sprucing up, it would serve that purpose.

Ms. Janet Scraper stated that she is also a member of the Tarpon River Civic Association, and has worked hard in helping to get the Southside School revitalized and now into a cultural arts center. Ms. Scraper stated that there are a lot of community art and music type projects held there and with the connection of the Laudertrail, the Hardy Park location would serve as a great location for the art sculpture.

Vice-Chair Martha G. Steinkamp stated that the Britto sculpture was a beautiful piece that deserves a beautiful location like the one that the folks of Tarpon River would like to have. Mrs. Steinkamp also stated that Britto's work is fun and it is something that kids in a park can really relate to and would be a great asset to the area.

Board member "Phoenix" Lynn Marks stated that she was pleased to see this matter being brought back to the board, as she was the one who informed the board about the art piece when it was initially posted on the Nextdoor board in her community. Ms. Marks also stated that if the owner who has invested over \$100,000 in the sculpture and wants to make sure that it remains within her community then she is in full support. Ms. Marks further stated that she loved the playfulness of the art piece and loves the idea that it connects art with children and is a great model for those studying art at a young age to aspire with.

Motion was made by Robyn Vegas and seconded by "Phoenix" Lynn Marks, that the Britto artwork be placed at the Hardy Park location as per the wishes of the owner making the donation. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

6. John Hayes Exhibit

Chairperson Sarah Glassman tabled the John Hayes Exhibit presentation to the next meeting.

7. New Business/Board Comments

There was no new business.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.