

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018 – 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	3	0
Bruce Qualey	P	3	0
Brucie Cummings	A	2	1
Darin Lentner	A	1	2
David Itskovich	P	2	1
Debby Eisinger	P	3	0
Dermot McQuarrie	P	3	0
James Jordan	P	2	1
Jo Ann Smith	P	3	0
Karen Polivka	P	3	0
Marianna Seiler	A	2	1
Paul Davidson	P	3	0
Robert Payne	P	1	2
Roy Grimsland	P	2	1
Ryan Fletcher	A	0	3

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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*
Leona Osamor, *Administrative Assistant*

Public Attendees

Andrew Cuddihy, *American Lung Association*
Dr. Barry Hummel, *QuitDoc*
Dr. Don Torok, *Broward Tobacco Free Workgroup*

Roll Call

Chairperson Debby Eisinger 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 JoAnn Smith and seconded by Bruce Quailey, that the minutes of December 6, 2017 be approved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Presentation/Discussion

Andrew Cuddihy of the American Lung Association, Dr. Barry Hummel of QuitDoc and Dr. Don Torok of the Broward Tobacco Free Workgroup presented to the board on topics relating to smoking in public places, including the latest trends and tactics used in the smoking industry and the current statistics on cigarette smoking and vapor smoking. Supporting informational pamphlets and related material was also distributed to the board. The trio also provided insight on the current bill being circulated in the Florida Senate that would allow municipalities and counties to further restrict smoking within the boundaries of any public parks or any designated facility in which they owned and how the City of Fort Lauderdale can help in the cause.

2. Department Update

Deputy Director Mr. Carl Williams informed the board that the State of the City Address and South Side Cultural Arts Center Ribbon Cutting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday January 30, 2018 beginning at 5:30pm. Mr. Williams also reminded the board to RSVP for the event if they had not done so already.

Mr. Williams informed the board that the synthetic field turf installation on fields A and B at Mills Pond Park should be completed within the next week or two.

Mr. Williams updated the board on the status of dog park upgrades at Holiday Park. Mr. Williams stated that the ADA path has been included for the small dog area and the large dog park ADA path should be completed soon. It was noted that play equipment for both the large and dog play areas have been ordered and should be received within 8-12 weeks. Mr. Williams noted that upon completion of the ADA paths and play equipment then plans should move forward for the Gazebo.

The board was informed by Mr. Williams that the City recently closed on a property located at 2861 Riverland Road, which is approximately 5 acres in size and that discussions will be held to determine the use of the property since this as of now has not been determined.

Mr. Williams also informed the board that the Kijiji Moja event in celebration of Black History Month will take place on Saturday February 17, 2018 from noon to 5:00pm at Lincoln Park.

Mr. Williams informed the board that the Sistrunk Parade is scheduled to take place on Saturday February 24, 2018 from 9:00am – 10:30am while the Sistrunk Street Festival will run throughout the day from 9:00am – 7:00pm.

The board was updated by Mr. Williams that port and play will not be installed at Benneson Park playground as previously stated in a past meeting. Mr. Williams stated that this decision was due to the fact that the canopy with the leaves and black olives that fall will cause damage to the playground and hence the reason it cannot be installed.

5. **Board Comments**

Dermot McQuarrie stated that he thought it was important to gain feedback from the City Commission as it helps the members of the board to feel that their contributions are valuable. He further noted that he would like to receive feedback from tonight's communication be received.

JoAnn Smith wanted to share with the board that the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival will take place on Saturday March 10, 2018 and she is always looking for volunteers. JoAnn also confirmed that the Clydesdales will be a part of the festivities and tickets will be on sale for a night with the Clydesdales at the stables. JoAnn reminded everyone to mark their calendars for Thursday March 1, 2018 to attend the Woman's Club 100th Year Celebration.

Paul Davidson wanted to know if the vacant car dealership lot next to Holiday Park could be acquired as an additional piece of property to add to Holiday Park. Paul also wanted to share with the board that he had an opportunity to play pickle ball with his wife at Holiday Park and wanted to commend the staff for their great service as they had a great time.

Debby Eisinger inquired with the members of the board if they would be interested in playing a game of pickle ball for our March meeting.

Roy Grimsland inquired on the process for getting small repairs completed at the parks and wanted to get a few things repaired at George English Tennis Center. Roy stated that he will follow-up with Carl to provide more details on the repairs.

6. **Communications to the Commission**

Motion made by David Itskovich and seconded by Bill Schonlou for the City Commission to repeal the state's preemption of local smoke-free air and other tobacco-related laws, and restore the right of local governments to enact and enforce smoke-free air and other tobacco-related laws. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Motion made by Karen Polivka and seconded by JoAnn Smith that whereas recognizing there are no state laws governing the usage of e-cigarettes and other smokeless tobacco products in public places, the board therefore asks the City Commission to enact an ordinance prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes and other smokeless tobacco products in public places. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.