

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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	A	1	1
Bruce Quailey	P	2	0
Brucie Cummings	P	1	1
Charlie Leikauf	P	2	0
David Itskovich	A	0	2
Debby Eisinger	P	2	0
James Jordan	P	2	0
Jo Ann Smith	P	2	0
Karen Polivka	P	2	0
Marianna Seiler	P	2	0
Marie Huntley	A	0	2
Martha G. Steinkamp	P	2	0
Michael Flowers Jr. <i>(New)</i>	P	1	1
Robert Payne	P	2	0
Roy Grimsland	P	2	0

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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 Attendee

Owen Cylke

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 Marianna Seiler and seconded by Karen Polivka, that the minutes of October 24, 2018 be approved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Department Update

Deputy Director Carl Williams informed the board that the annual Light Up Sistrunk Event will be taking place on Friday December 7, 2018 beginning at 5:00pm along the historic Sistrunk Boulevard from NW 9th Avenue to NW 11th Avenue.

[Bruce Cummings arrived at 6:36 pm]

Carl Williams informed the board about the City's upcoming New Year's Eve Downtown Countdown Celebration scheduled for Monday December 31, 2018 from 4:30pm to 1:00a.m. The event will feature live entertainment, DJ, kids entertainment, kids' countdown and lots of fun and family activities.

The board was informed by Carl Williams that during this fiscal year through the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) there is funding that has been allocated for Holiday Park's field conversion to synthetic turf. Mr. Williams further stated that the project will begin in March of 2019.

[Jo Ann Smith arrived at 6:39 pm]

Carl Williams informed the board that the City's Commission approved a \$200 million bond referendum for park improvements at the City's Commission meeting held on December 4, 2018. Mr. Williams also stated that the bond vote is scheduled to take place on March 12, 2019.

Carl Williams also informed the board that there was an updated ordinance recently passed by the City Commission regarding the appointment of board members on the City's advisory boards and their respective term limits. Mr. Williams stated that he just wanted to bring it to the attention of all board members especially those that this updated ordinance may directly affect due to them being term limited.

2. Going Green Initiative Program

Chairperson Debby Eisinger stated that at the last parks, recreation and beaches advisory board meeting, it was unanimously agreed by the board to begin the push in having the City of Fort Lauderdale initiate a program that would recognize local businesses that have taken the initiative to implement green changes within their businesses.

Public attendee and member of the Coral Ridge Neighborhood Homeowners Association and member of the Sustainability Advisory Board, Owen Cylke stated that he was in favor of the implementation and development of a recognition program that would recognize those individuals and local businesses for their efforts in making a positive change to the environment. Mr. Cylke stated that he believes the program would be a bit less cumbersome if the City took the approach of recognizing those

individuals and businesses that were previously recognized by other charities, organizations and experts in the respective fields for their work and select from those that were awarded to avoid the need of having to establish and determine program criteria's where the City may have little to no experience in determining.

Board member Marianna Seiler stated that because the State of Florida has preempted the Styrofoam law, an alternative option for the City of Fort Lauderdale could be to ban the use of plastic straws on our beaches.

3. Board Comments and Discussions

Board member Brucie Cummings stated that there has been a lot of discussion within her community and amongst groups such as the turtle watching teams for the City of Fort Lauderdale to get more lights that are not as bright and less expensive and better for the environment. Ms. Cummings also stated that scientists are now discovering that if human beings do not get an adequate amount of darkness that it throws off the human body's hormone levels as well as those of animals and insects that are needed to help in the process of food production.

Mr. Williams informed the board that part of what is included in the bonds project is the installation of lightning enhancements around our City parks.

Discussions were also made on the issues surrounding the increase presence of the electric scooters that are constantly being left on the City's sidewalks, ADA accessible paths, parks and private property.

4. Communications to the Commission

Motion made by Jo Ann Smith and seconded by Karen Polivka for the City Commission to look into the enforcement of laws governing motorized vehicles within our City parks and the increased use of electric scooters being left in City Parks, ADA accessible areas and sidewalks. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.