

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL – 8TH FLOOR
100 N. ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Amber Van Buren	P	4	1
Bruce Quailey	P	5	0
Brucie Cummings	P	4	1
Caleb Gunter	P	3	0
Carey Villeneuve	A	1	1
Charlie Leikauf	A	4	1
Jo Ann Smith	A	4	1
Karen Polivka	P	5	0
Marianna Seiler	P	4	1
Marie Huntley	P	3	2
Martha G. Steinkamp	P	4	1
Michael Flowers Jr.	A	3	2
Robert Payne	A	3	2
Roy Grimsland	P	5	0

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As of this date, there are 14 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, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

Public Attendee

Scott Strauss

Roll Call

Vice-Chair Karen Polivka called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. 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 Brucie Cummings and seconded by Martha G. Steinkamp, that the minutes of February 27, 2019 be approved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Department Update

Deputy Director Carl Williams informed the board that the City of Fort Lauderdale's Parks Bond was successfully passed.

Carl Williams informed the board that the turf project at Holiday Park to change the multipurpose fields into synthetic turf will commence at the end of April.

Carl Williams also informed the board that a couple of new playgrounds are scheduled for installation at Lincoln Park and Bayview Park beginning in the next few months.

The board was informed that the recently submitted communications to the commission via the Beach Redevelopment Board regarding having a lightning detection system installed on the Fort Lauderdale Beach was positively received.

Carl Williams informed the board that the position of the City Commission with respect to the recently submitted communications whereby the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory board would oversee the process of the parks bond projects and its expenditures will be determined at a later time once an evaluation of all the respective board members has taken place and a formal decision has been made by the City Commission on the best way to proceed.

[Marie Huntley arrived at 6:42 p.m.]

The board was also informed that the beehive project over at Warbler Park has been very successful to date that an additional ten (10) hives will be installed bringing the new total to twenty (20) beehives.

2. Possible Future Park Site Location

Scott Strauss, member of the homeowner's association of Coral Ridge spoke to the board and informed them of a great piece of underutilized area of land located at Oakland Park Blvd. and 26th Street that would be useful for the City of Fort Lauderdale to acquire as a future park space especially since that area does not currently have any parks within a five to ten-minute walking distance.

3. Board Discussions

Board member Martha G. Steinkamp informed the board that she had met with Jodi Hart in the City's procurement department to gain clarity on the process of how bid evaluations are completed and awarded. Martha further stated that she felt the evaluation sheet being used was too generic and that the City should consider reevaluating the evaluation criteria sheet especially as it relates to specific tasks and experiences.

4. **Board Nominations**

Motion was made by Marianna Seiler and seconded by Bruce Quailey, that Karen Polivka be nominated as the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board Chair. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Brucie Cummings and seconded by Marth G. Steinkamp, that Caleb Gunter be nominated as the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board Vice-Chair. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

5. **Board Comments**

Board member Bruce Quailey inquired about whether the Lockhart Stadium would retain its name upon completion of the renovations, but Deputy Director Carl Williams stated that he could not confirm at this time.

Board member Caleb Gunter inquired about what could be done to allow for a more efficient lines of communication between City staff and members of the board as it relates to being knowledgeable on the status of all ongoing or upcoming projects. Board member Caleb Gunter stated that he has personally experienced where a neighbor of his through a conversation was aware of an upcoming project that he knew nothing about and felt left out of the loop since he couldn't add any insight on the conversation for lack of awareness. Deputy Director Carl Williams advised Caleb Gunter that going forward, he would be working on providing a list of projects and their respective status to all members of the board in an effort to keep everyone informed.

Board member Brucie Cummings inquired about what City department did the City's Arborist fall under because she had been asking about tree give-away programs where trees were distributed to City residents but was told that the Arborist did not have the funding to do so.

Board member Amber Van Buren inquired on the status of the War Memorial Auditorium and Carl Williams confirmed that negotiations were still underway between the City and the Florida Panthers.

6. **Communications to the Commission**

Motion was made by Caleb Gunter and seconded by Marianna Seiler that the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board supports localizing a park space between Oakland and 26th Street and Federal Highway and Bayview Drive. The board would like the City Commission to consider this area in order to effectuate the City's Master Plan for areas that are underserved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.