

**PARKS, RECREATION, & BEACHES BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL – 8TH FLOOR
100 N. ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312**

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Alex Collazo (<i>New</i>)	P	1	0
Amber Van Buren	P	6	1
Brucie Cummings	A	5	2
Caleb Gunter	P	5	0
Carey Villeneuve	P	3	1
Charlie Leikauf	P	6	1
Jo Ann Smith	P	6	1
Karen Polivka	P	7	0
Marianna Seiler	P	6	1
Martha G. Steinkamp	P	6	1
Mary Peloquin (<i>New</i>)	A	0	1
Michael Flowers Jr.	P	5	2
Robert Payne	P	5	2
Roy Grimsland	P	7	0
Tangerean Moore (<i>New</i>)	A	0	1

Oct 2018 - Sept 2019

As of this date, there are 15 appointed members to the Board, which means 9 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis
Commissioner Heather Moraitis
Phil Thornburg, *Parks & Recreation Director*
Carl Williams, *Parks & Recreation Deputy Director*
Leona Osamor, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

Public Attendees

Evan McCarthy
Ann Wiley

Roll Call

Chairperson Karen Polivka called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Roll was called, and all stood for the pledge of allegiance. It was determined that at the time of roll call a quorum was not present. However, it was noted that a quorum was eventually met for this meeting.

1. Parks Bond Process

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis thanked the board for including him on the agenda and provided the board with a brief overview on the parks bond process. Mayor Trantalis stressed the importance of the role that the Parks and Recreation Board would now play and wanted to ensure that the members of the board fully understand the seriousness of their roles in this aspect. Mayor Trantalis reiterated this importance and advised that each member of the board should strive to be on-time and present at all future meetings. Members were also reminded by Mayor Trantalis that it was part of their duties to ensure their participation in community outreach with residents from the various Fort Lauderdale communities to gain a full understanding of their needs and desires in each community since the City Commission would be relying heavily upon their recommendations.

[Charlie Leikauf and Marianna Seiler arrived at 6:38 pm]

[Michael Flowers Jr. arrived at 6:39 pm]

2. Lockhart Stadium Update

City Commissioner Heather Moraitis thanked the board for the opportunity to present once again before the board. Commissioner Moraitis distributed an updated copy of the Lockhart Stadium site map and briefly discussed its contents. During this discussion, Commissioner Moraitis stated that one of the biggest obstacles currently with the plan involves the fact that the site plan includes approximately 1,000 parking spaces but it's anticipated that approximately 18,000 people could be in attendance for a game. Commissioner Moraitis explained further that initially when the City of Fort Lauderdale partnered with Inter Miami, this facility was only to be used as a training facility but as time went on it eventually became what will now become their home field for the first two years. It was further stated by Commissioner Moraitis that during that time, the decision was made to not give up any additional green space to build 18,000 parking spaces but despite this, a plan to rectify this problem in being worked out. Commissioner Moraitis also stated that part of the site plan is to include an aviation training center and although these details have not yet been formalized, it is an aspect that is greatly desired. Commissioner Moraitis further stated that City staff have been working very hard and around the clock to get the agreement finalized and ready for voting by next City Commission meeting.

3. Public Arts Ordinance Presentation

Phil Thornburg, director of the Parks and Recreation Department made a presentation to the board regarding the plans of the department to propose a public art ordinance before the City Commission. Mr. Thornburg stated that the current proposed plan would be to initiate the process to determine the City's stance on the proposed and the next step forward. Mr. Thornburg during his presentation stated that the currently proposed public art ordinance would include the formation of a Public Art and

Placemaking Board which would comprise of five (5) members appointed by the City Commission on a four-year staggered term to hold office in accordance with the procedures established by the City Commission. It was also stated by Mr. Thornburg that some of the proposed duties of the board will be to make recommendations regarding the public art and placemaking guidelines and amendments; identifying locations for public artworks; expenditures of the public art fund; maintenance and insurance; and the means by which artwork and placements maybe obtained.

4. Bee Apiary Project

Evan McCarthy creator of the Happy Bee Honey Club, a non-profit organization is a pilot by trade but has a great passion for saving the lives of bees. Mr. McCarthy made a brief presentation on the work that he currently conducts with his non-profit organization and the overall process on how to safely rescue and maintain a bee apiary. Mr. McCarthy stated that he is extremely grateful for the opportunity that the City of Fort Lauderdale has given by allowing him to set up bee apiaries at the Warbler Wetlands where he currently has a total of nineteen (19) hives that are all thriving successfully. Mr. McCarthy also stated that he is always interested in finding new locations to create future homes for bees that he would continue to rescue and recommends that the City of Fort Lauderdale continue to do their part in growing the awareness about bees and their importance in the human life cycle.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Marianna Seiler and seconded by Martha G. Steinkamp, that the minutes of April 24, 2019 be approved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

6. Department Updates

Deputy Director Carl Williams informed the board that the turf project at Holiday Park has begun and anticipate that the project should be completed by October 2019.

Mr. Williams also informed the board that the City was also currently working on a couple of playground projects, one being at Bayview Park and the other at Lincoln Park.

Mr. Williams informed that board that the 2019 Summer camps were in full swing and all was going well thus far.

The board was reminded by Mr. Williams that on July 9, 2019 a joint workshop would be held with the members of the City Commission beginning at 12:00pm.

Mr. Williams invited to members of the board to come out and join the festivities planned for the 4th of July Spectacular Event.

7. **Board Comments**

Board member Jo Ann Smith informed the board that she would be overseeing the volunteers for the upcoming 4th of July Event and if anyone would like to volunteer or knew of any others that would be interested to please contact her.

8. **Communications to the Commission**

Motion was made by Carey Villeneuve and seconded by Jo Ann Smith in support of the passing of a Public Art Ordinance. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.