



**MINUTES – MARCH 1, 2018 MEETING  
KAY GAITHER COMMUNITY CENTER @ BEVERLY PARK  
6291 FUNSTON STREET**

Chairman Larry Zolot called the March 1, 2018 Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Advisory Board to order at 6:15 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jacqueline Carrero, Kathy Di Bona, Shelby Gronvold, Susan Rakes, Kimberly Schmitt, Shirley Stealey, Tom Tianich and Larry Zolot.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Earl Broughton and Charlie Pepin.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Vazquez, Interim Director and Sandra Betton, Administrative Assistant II recording the Minutes.

**GUEST(S):** Claire Garrett, Chair, Orangebrook Revitalization Committee

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve Minutes of the December 7, 2017 Meeting was made by Tom Tianich; the motion was seconded by Kathy DiBona and the Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

b. January 11, 2018 Minutes APPROVAL TABLED TO NEXT MEETING

**INTRODUCTION:** Sandra White, Recreation Coordinator

Sandra White gave a brief overview of the Community centers' activities. Sandra states tried to initiate different youth programs for the evening time with the police involvement that was very successful, however had some problems with the program, but in the process of getting back on track.

David Vazquez elaborated the grant program overall, and stated Kay Gaither Community Center is a long-standing year round grant site.

Larry Zolot asked Sandra White if there was any current need in the community center.

Tom Tianich requested to look into need for ice machine.

Jacqueline Carrero stated she worked at the center a few summers ago and praised the program offered.

Kathy DiBona praised Sandra White for her professionalism at the Hollywood Beach Community Center.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

David Vazquez officially introduced himself as Interim Director; stating that it was ironic that his first Board meeting as an Interim Director is at Beverly Park, because he actually grew up in the center, hence the irony that his first board meeting would be in this center.

A motion was made by Kathy DiBona to send the City Manager a letter of recommendation in support of David Vazquez as the Director. Motion seconded by Tom Tianich.

Larry expressed his admiration for David Vazquez over the years.

David Vazquez gave update on the following:

- Be-mine Valentine Day event
- St Patricks' Day Parade
- Broward County Waterway cleanup.

At a November 17, 2017 Commission Workshop, the Commission was very supportive of a new GOB Bond. There will be a City Commission Workshop on March 21, 2017 to see if City will move forward in this regard. The largest portion of Bond is the Armory.

Tom Tianich referred to City survey with questions that were all Bond related, and asked about the purchase sunset golf.

Larry Zolot asked what the current asking price for Sunset Golf.

David responded to Larry stating approximately \$4 to \$6 million.

Shirley Stealey stated she had four (4) teen boys that played football and baseball, questioned whereabouts of the current teams.

David responded stating that Hollywood has a tradition with about 6 youth sports organization; historically they have had 2 soccer, 2 baseball and 3 football but there are only 2 football organizations. For example, Washington Park YSOH has Tackle football, Cheerleading and Flag football; Driftwood YSOH does dual sports, soccer and baseball; then Wildcats @ Boggs do soccer, rec and travel; then Cyclone @ Dowdy that shares that with the Wildcats (they broke off from the Wildcats) they do travel only; and then YSOH at Rotary Park across from the YMCA, they do baseball, T-Ball and Girl's Softball. This is all under the Athletics division of Parks and Rec.

David stated in response to comments by Tom Tianich of the lack of field usage and field space, an assessment of baseball has started and now an assessment will be done on soccer as well to make sure each youth club is maximizing.

Shirley Stealey stated based on usage information it appears that baseball is not very popular.

Jacqueline informed Board that if they signed on to the Newsletter on the City's website, they will receive updates, and there is a Survey for residents.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business, Jacqueline Carrero made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Tianich seconded the motion and by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

**Next Meeting: May 3 at 6:00PM at Driftwood Community Center and Pool, 3000 N. 69<sup>th</sup> Way).**