



**PARKS, RECREATION  
& CULTURAL ARTS**

**MINUTES – NOVEMBER 7, 2019 MEETING  
BOULEVARD HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER  
6770 GARFIELD STREET**

Chair Catherine Uden called the November 7, 2019 Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Advisory Board to order at 6:50 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sean Atkinson, Kathy DiBona, Paul Farren, Claire Garrett, James Jackson, Sharon Nitzberg, Tom Tianich and Catherine Uden.

**ABSENT:** Nathan Whitney and Victoria Mejia.

**RESIGNED:** Shirley Stealey.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cory Styron, Director and Sandra Betton, Administrative Assistant II recording the Minutes.

**GUEST(S):** Molly Taylor

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve Minutes of the October 3, 2019 Meeting was made by Paul Farren; the motion was seconded by Kathy DiBona and the Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**TREE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE:**

Sean Atkinson gave update stating he has been unable to get a meeting with Public Works Director Peter Bieniek. He did some mulching with some neighbors at Stan Goldman Park including Hollywoof Dog Park.

Cory Styron stated we did get some pricing on plant materials from the Arborist but it is about \$55 per plant; for a double row of 625 plants it is a little less than \$35k for just plant material and installation approximately. Public Works still needs to be contacted

Paul Farren asked who is in charge of the tree fund, and if currently there is any money in the fund.

Cory Styron responded stating primarily Public Works has the tree fund with input from other departments; and will check to see if currently there is any money in it.

Tom Tianich stated at last check there was no money in the tree fund and nothing being put in by anyone.

Paul Farren stated that any tree projects have to be done in conjunction with Public Works.

**Tree Replacement – Tom Tianich (*tabled from last meeting*)**

Tom Tianich stated in response to the tree replacement at Boggs Field on the agenda, he received a call from Assistant Parks and Athletics Manager Franky Lazo that the tree was replaced; after 2 years of begging, pleading and reminding staff, and just in time for the new director to join us.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Review and approval of final draft of letter to Commission in support of Dunes**

A motion was made by Sean Atkinson to confirm final draft of the letter of recommendation for Dunes Support; the motion was seconded by Paul Farren and approved by unanimous vote.

Cory Styron stated upon review of the letter of recommendation for Dunes support that he understands the Board's need for the dunes, however, would it be realistic as the community stand to put dunes on the entire beach or would it be a better message to say as much as possible.

Catherine Uden stated based on the presentation from Lee Gottlieb it appeared that there is a misunderstanding by the general public of the whole concept of dunes.

**Schedule an onsite walk-through with Molly and the Board at the Armory**

Cory Styron proposed a larger tour in February of some of the General Obligation Bond (GOB) projects including the Armory as well as other park related items.

Tom Tianich stated that the main focus is to see how the Armory is moving along but he does not want to wait until February.

Cory Styron stated for the proposed tour the Board would see that currently there are some new playgrounds and turf going in at Boulevard Heights and Dowdy Field; some renovations at Hollywood Beach golf course; and re-doing the Marina at Polk Street as well as others that can be added.

Board members tentatively agreed to do the Tour on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30am to 12:00pm.

#### **Follow-up of Plantation RFP and RFQ**

Claire Garrett asked for update on getting copies of the RFP and RFQ from the City of Plantation, stating she started requesting this every month since last summer.

Cory Styron stated in response that nothing has been received to date.

Claire Garrett stated she would like to know what is being done towards the development of Orangebrook.

Cory Styron responded stating right now there is nothing being done with Orangebrook; we are focused on getting Hollywood Beach up. There have been some preliminary discussions about best practices but that is it.

#### **Update on the sewer lift station at Boggs (alarm/smell)**

Cory Styron gave update stating there are no audible alarms just a yellow light flashing and there is no smell reported.

#### **NEW BUSINESS: TABLED FROM LAST MEETING**

- a. From Last year's Board - review newly adopted City Budget as it pertains to PRCA and what \$11,439,313 pays for and what if any shortages are we to expect - <https://www.hollywoodfl.org/DocumentCenter/View/16540/R-2019-283-Budget>
- b. Considering our tremendous shortage of PRCA employees - how much money did we save on PRCA Personnel from the budget last year and what's the plan ahead

A motion was made by Tom Tianich to table this agenda item until Cory Styron gets a chance to review information requested; motion was seconded by Kathy Di Bona and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Cory Styron gave department report as follows:

- Accreditation (Information only) – Sandra Betton will be sending a link, but Hollywood is one of the twenty-three agencies in Florida that is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation for Parks and Recreation Agencies; which is also one of 178 in the entire United States. We will be starting the process for a visit in March of 2021.
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Information only) - The Master Plan was kicked off last Thursday. Initial conversations with Barth and Associates, and we are working on the timeline. We will also have two or three days in January that

they will come in and make presentations. Public input meeting dates will be forthcoming.

- Status of Hollywood Garden – the garden is open, and we are in the process of setting up some things at the beginning of the year. We are also reviewing a proposal from the Gourmet gardener for a series of eight classes.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Cat Uden commented about paddle boarding and the Candy Cane Parade.

Claire Garrett asked about the letters from the Boards being attached to the minutes of meeting.

Claire Garrett asked about P3's for Orangebrook.

Cory Styron stated there is a P3 for behind the Police Station.

Per Claire Garrett needs to be kept informed of any P3's.

Kathy DiBona needs CRA survey results / kid volunteers / Adopt-One-Family.

Catherine Uden stated there was a resident online that complained about Christmas decorations.

James Jackson commented on the lack of teen activities in the City. He is also on the Neighborhood Crime Watch Board and notices since he travels around community that a lot of the teens are really succumbing to crime, they are filling their days with activities that are not positive to them and that is because there is a lack of activities for them to do, with nothing in the parks to occupy teens.

Cory Styron asked James Jackson if he sees programs or activities that would be beneficial that we could go somewhere and look at. We are interested and will make sure that this a big part of our Master Plan as well.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business, Tom Tianich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy DiBona seconded the motion and by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.

**Next Meeting: December 5, 2019 at 6:30PM at Location to be decided.**