



**PARKS, RECREATION
& CULTURAL ARTS**

**MINUTES – JUNE 4, 2020 MEETING
VIRTUAL VIA WEBEX**

Staff Liaison Cory Styron called the June 4, 2020 Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Advisory Board to order at 6:44 PM in the absence of Chair Catherine Uden.

Cory Styron then turned over the meeting to Vice Chair Claire Garrett.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Atkinson, Claire Garrett, Kathy DiBona, Paul Farren, Sharon Nitzberg, Tom Tianich, Nathan Whitney and Victoria Mejia.

ABSENT: Catherine Uden, James Jackson and Victoria Mejia.

RESIGNED: Shirley Stealey.

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

PRESENTATION: Design and Construction Management (DCM) – General Obligation Bond (GOB) – Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts (PRCA) Project Updates

Armando Linares, Director, Design and Construction Management gave a brief introduction of Luis Lopez Assistant Director, Design and Construction Management and David Vazquez.

The Presentation was the overview and typical schedule of the GOB; and a review of the PRCA Projects.

- City of Hollywood voters approved on March 12, 2019 during a Special Election which includes a variety of city-wide public improvement projects totaling \$165 million.
- Project Categories:

- ✓ Public Safety Facilities, Technology and Equipment
- ✓ Parks, Open Space, Recreational and Cultural Facilities
- ✓ Neighborhood Improvements, Infrastructure and Resiliency

- Typical Schedule For Projects Over \$2m Estimated Construction Cost:
 - Planning Duration: 1 month
 - Design Award Duration: 6-8 months
 - Design Duration: 12-18 months
 - Construction Award Duration: 6-10 months
 - Construction Duration: 12-18 months

- Playground Projects Phase I: In Progress
 - ✓ Bicentennial Park
 - ✓ Joe DiMaggio Park
 - ✓ Montella Park
 - ✓ David Park

- Playground Projects Phase II : Fall 2020
 - Cathy and Bob Anderson Park
 - Jefferson Park
 - Poinciana Park
 - Zinkil Park

Comments regarding the presentation (in alphabetical order):

Sean Atkinson questioned the type of rubber surface covering being used at the David Park playground.

David Vazquez responded stating it is a rubberized pour-in-place product that allows for compaction; it provides a cushion of sorts for when children fall on the playground.

Sean Atkinson expressed concerned regarding a tree in close proximity to the playground and if an arborist has had a chance to review. He suggested planting several trees to offset the possibility of the existing tree that is declining in health due to the pour-in-place.

David Vazquez suggested that if Sean Atkinson was interested in proposing something, it could be reviewed by the City.

Kathy DiBona had no comment.

Paul Farren had no comment.

Claire Garrett expressed concerns regarding the delay of the bidding process at the Hollywood Beach Golf Course. She questioned why the City could not negotiate on the basis of the proposal; felt that this will be a domino effect for the other golf courses such

as Orangebrook, and that none of the proposed work would be completed for the City's 100th Anniversary.

Armando Linares responded that the City Manager and the City Manager's office along with DCM is eager to get the issues resolved. With regards to the Orangebrook Golf Course, the City will be moving ahead with the actual design and RFQ scope of work. Armando stated the Police Department (which is adjacent to Orangebrook) is in the planning phase. Once that is complete; the Orangebrook Golf Course can be addressed; could not comment on the Hollywood Beach Golf Resort issue as it is a legal matter. Armando also stated there are numerous meetings that needs to take place with a project of this magnitude, and the COVID19 pandemic has impacted these meeting taking place.

David Vazquez responded stating originally the plan was not to close both golf course at the same time. The Commission and City Manager's Office have indicated the desire for all GOB projects to be completed by 2025. With a deadline of 2025 the closing of both courses at the same time may or may not occur.

Sharon Nitzberg expressed concern regarding the bridge at the 5th hole at the Hollywood Beach Golf Course, stating she has a photo where boards on the bridge rotted and that plywood was used to repair the bridge. She wanted to know if we were aware and if this was a permanent or temporary repair. Sharon expressed concern regarding Orangebrook not being ready for the 100th Anniversary; and also wanted to know if there will be another course in the area willing to welcome residents temporarily with rates, etc.

David Vazquez responded stating there is no plan at this time for temporary rates; and will look into that if we are faced with the dilemma. David also stated that he will reach out to his contact at Hollywood Beach Golf Resort to question the bridge repair at the 5th hole.

Sharon Nitzberg stated that while Hillcrest Golf Course was under construction, the members were allowed to use the Diplomat Golf Course Couse.

David Vazquez, responded stating that the Diplomat Golf Course and Hillcrest Golf Course were owned by the same group at that time.

Tom Tianich questioned Dowdy Field and the planning stage for the Dowdy field renovation taking a month and the selection of stakeholders. He stated that he represents the board of directors for the Wildcats Soccer Team, and that they are the largest stakeholder for this field. Tom asked to be involved in this planning stage.

Tom Tianich expressed concern that DCM was not present at the April Meeting as originally planned. Since DCM is in charge was "the standard line" for every concern we had related to the lack of any of the GOB Bond projects getting started since March of 2019. I was looking forward to meeting this DCM. Who is at fault?"

Tom Tianich expressed concern regarding inconsistencies with the report such as not meeting with stakeholders. In addition, there was concern for the Hollywood West Park being shown in a construction phase when in reality the grass and turf has not been addressed as far as he can see. The final issue to add to the minutes, the Board was told by City Staff before the vote took place, parents were asked for their input regarding (Dowdy or Boggs), and was told that as long as taxes did not change until November we would not have to wait for the funds to actually arrive we can start projects right away. Here we are today and nothing has taken place and he is again reiterating that his comments be added to the minutes.

Armando Linares stated the City goes through many meetings to make sure the tax payers are happy with the results and any and all comments are welcome. Armando also mentioned that his email is available on the website, and encourages the Board to comment via email. He explained that DCM is a newer division since Fall of 2019; and presently they have a 7th Project Manager joining their team, and they are currently streamlining the department.

Nathan Whitney stated that he lives across the street from Hollywood Beach Golf Course and is concerned for the project to commence.

Sean Atkinson questioned the reason Rotary Park was not done correctly as far as water retention goes, and of the close proximity of the canal.

David Vazquez responded stating that portion of the park with flooding is effected by the canal and the fact that it has no sea wall. Another issue is that in 2006 there was not enough money in the bond to raise the 6 South Fields from 6 to 8 inches.

Luis Lopez stated that many fields developed in the 2000's in some neighboring cities to the West of Hollywood have had similar flooding issues. A lot of these parks have been retrofitted with a similar plan that is to take place at Rotary Park. A field under greens system similar to Dowdy is being considered. This was not the standard back in 2006.

Paul Farren has no questions or comments.

Claire Garrett commented on the Board sending items they wanted to be included in the RFQ for Orangebrook to confirm that all of their issues submitted to Parks and Recreation had been considered.

Armando Linares stated that the RFQ has not been completed, and welcomed any comments emailed to him or his team.

Cory Styron confirmed that all comments had been submitted by the Parks and Recreation team to the DCM team.

Sharon Nitzberg has no comment.

Tom Tianich had no comment.

Nathan Whitney had no questions or comments.

Sean Atkinson requested more time to discuss the tidal flooding mitigation and sea wall referred to in the presentation and questioned the living shoreline.

Armando Linares stated that this is referencing North and South Lakes.

Sean Atkinson questioned which projects would have the living shoreline feature.

Luis Lopez stated that they are currently in negotiations with the top ranked consultant for this project. There are many areas to be addressed some protected and some not. They need the ability to provide new areas where similar vegetation can grow. They will look at high risk areas and availability of grants to address these areas.

Sean Atkinson referenced a study done by City of Hollywood regarding living shorelines effectiveness of mitigating saltwater intrusion compared to a sea wall.

Luis Lopez stated that sea walls are costly to build; and some areas will not have enough space to accommodate a sea wall and existing vegetation must be protected. They hope to award the design contract by August with the Commission's approval.

Sean Atkinson suggested that a living shoreline be installed in the C-10 canal.

Luis Lopez responded that living shoreline installation is ongoing and will be addressed as each project progresses.

Claire Garrett thanked DCM for the presentation.

Armando Linares advised the Board to contact them if they had questions or comments regarding park projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Board members reviewed and made corrections to the Minutes of the May 7, 2020 Meeting. A Motion to approve the Minutes of May 7, 2020 Meeting with corrections was made by Tom Tianich; the motion was seconded by Paul Farren and the Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Cory Styron gave the following department updates:

- a. PRCA COVID-19 Update

- Reopening of parks and facilities-3 phases.
- Beach restrictions
- Summer camp plans
- Walk-up COVID-19 testing at Boulevard Heights for 2 weeks
- Feeding South Florida food distribution events- Sean expressed gratitude for Parks and Recreation Participation
- Re-sodding at Washington Park and Boggs Field
- Lighting improvements and gym renovations at Washington Park and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Centers

Tom Tianich questioned holding a small camp at Boggs Field starting on Monday, June 8, 2020.

b. Master Plan Update

- Survey is near completion
- Online

OLD BUSINESS:

TREE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Tree Replacement at Boggs Field

Sean Atkinson requested an update.

Cory Styron stated there is no update at this time.

Sean Atkinson suggested that we have multiple types of hedge.

Tom Tianich questioned why there cannot be variation of the hedge, and why the City insists on 30 of the same tree instead of 10 of each type, for example.

Cory Styron mentioned that biodiversity can be managed in several ways. It can be done individually or by small group planting and the disagreement is on it can be obtained.

Tom Tianich suggested that the plantings be spread out in hopes to fill it in for Phase II.

Cory Styron responded that the aesthetics of the project would be diminished.

Tom Tianich wants a commitment that if the plants are diseased will the City pay to re-plant new trees.

Cory Styron stated the City would make it a priority to re-establish the planting materials should that happen but also mentioned that it is always based on the budget.

Tom Tianich asked when the planting can take place.

Cory Styron hoped to be able to plant by July based on the Phase 2 opening.

Kathy DiBona questioned if the season is truly a good time because of the wet season.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to Table the following two items was made by Tom Tianich; and the motion was seconded by Paul Farren agreed to add to next agenda:

- a. Creation of a Non-Profit Discussion (Claire Garrett)
- b. Shuffleboard Courts – Proposal for Traffic Garden (Sharon Nitzberg)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business, Nathan Whitney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Farren seconded the motion and by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Next Meeting: July 2, 2020 at 6:30PM; Location TBD.