



**PARKS, RECREATION
& CULTURAL ARTS**

**MINUTES – July 1, 2021 MEETING
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
1405 S. 28TH AVENUE**

Rick Engle called the July 1, 2021 Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Advisory Board to order at 6:35 PM.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Atkinson, Ettore DeTorres, Kathy DiBona, Bonnie Fiallo, Claire Garrett, Alex Hochberger, Jon McMillian, Sharon Nitzberg, Kevin Toliver-Lyons and Zohar Wolfson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Ricky Engle, Director, and Sandra Betton, Administrative Assistant II recording the Minutes.

GUEST(s): Tom Landers

REVIEW OF SUNSHINE LAW – Damaris Henlon, Deputy City Attorney

Damaris Henlon reviewed the Sunshine Law that extends to the discussions and deliberations as well as the formal action taken by a public board or commission. There are no requirements that a quorum be present for a meeting of members of a public board. Instead, the law is applicable to any gathering, whether formal or casual, of two or more member of the same board or commission to discuss some matter on which foreseeable action will be taken by the public board or commission. The Sunshine law requires that meetings of boards or commissions must be open to the public; reasonable notice of such meetings must be given, minutes of the meeting must be taken.

- ✓ Meeting should be posted 7 days in advance.
- ✓ Sunshine Board with public meeting and notices is located at City Hall.
- ✓ Minutes of Sunshine Law meetings are required and need not be verbatim transcripts of the meetings.

- ✓ Exempt from the Sunshine Law –
 - Collective Bargaining
 - Litigation meetings
 - Fact finding Committees

- ✓ Penalties – Any member of a board or commission or of any state agency or authority of a county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision who knowingly violates the Sunshine Law is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:

A motion to appoint Kevin Toliver-Lyons as Board Chairperson was made by Claire Garrett. The motion was seconded by Kathy DiBona; and the appointment was approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to appoint Ettore DeTorres as Board Vice Chairperson was made by Kathy DiBona. The motion was seconded by Alex Hochberger; and the appointment was approved by unanimous vote.

MEETING DATE/ TIME SELECTION REVIEW

A motion to have the Board meetings monthly every first Thursday, at 6:30 PM was made by Ettore DeTorres; the motion was seconded by Sharon Nitzberg and approved by unanimous vote.

INTRODUCTION OF ALL BOARD MEMBERS:

Kevin Toliver-Lyons welcomed all new Board members and each board member briefly introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 3, 2021 Meeting

A motion to approve Minutes of the June 3, 2021 Meeting was made by Claire Garrett; the motion was seconded by Alex Hochberger and the Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Ricky Engle gave the following department updates:

- The new park maintenance plan goes into effect on Monday, July 5th so as of Monday we will have a new contractor that will be doing the athletic field maintenance. Eight full time staff will be assigned to cleaning the bathrooms, picking up trash and small landscape debris in the parks. Staff will do this seven days a week. In the past, Public Works only did it five times a week with four people assigned to the function. We will have eight full time staff assigned to that function. Our goal is to clean restrooms in the morning and then again in the afternoon at each of the parks that have restrooms. We hope that this is an improvement over what we have now and we encourage the employees to take pride in this function. This is our chance to shine as the Parks and Recreation Department. For too long Public Works has been doing the maintenance but people always think it is Parks and Recreation, so we always hear the complaints; and we have to forward that to Public Works. Now we can control our own destiny. I expect the staff to do really well and we should see some improvement in the parks.
- The next thing on my list is to try to get help to have the mowing increased in the parks. Right now the majority of the parks are mowed twice a month, and that is year round. So

the only park that gets 36 cuts is the ArtsPark which is probably the best maintained park in the City. We are not going to get to 36 cuts right away but my goal is to increase the cuts at least in the summer. Even if we get three cuts a month in the summer it will make a huge impact. Just in the last two weeks, I have received two direct complaints about dogs in the dog parks. One picture I got shows that you could hardly see the dog, the grass was that high. To me getting that done would make a huge impact and really highlight all of the other work that is going on in the parks. There is a lot of infrastructure projects going on but if the aesthetics are not there you are not going to notice some of that work. Hopefully within the new budget we will see some additional cuts added. I cannot guarantee that, but we are working on it.

- Due to the tragedy at Surfside, the Miami Beach band shell is being used for recovery efforts. So we are going to take one of the concerts that was scheduled for Miami Beach and hold it at the ArtsPark. Julian Marley is coming on Saturday, July 31st. That will kick off a new monthly concert series. With the help of the CRA and some additional funding we will be having concerts at the ArtsPark once a month, a little bit higher level than normal concerts. The direction of the Commission was to bring in bands or concerts in the 10 to 15 thousand dollar range. In the last Commission meeting, the Commission approved the Marley Cup, which is a soccer and concert event with one of the other Marley brothers. That event will be coming to the ArtsPark on Sunday, November 7th. That will be an all day event from noon to 10pm. There will be a small soccer exhibition, fun games with the Marley family and some of their other friends and some local teams, whoever they can get to participate in the event.
- There will be sod repairs at Boggs Field and it should take six weeks for the new sod to grow.
- The City hired Moffat and Nichols to do the master plan for the Marina. This will be a six month process and public meetings will be held for input.
- City Commission approved the renovation of the artificial turf at Hollywood West fields and is in the process of hiring Field Turf to complete the project.
- Playground equipment for Jefferson Park should be approved on the upcoming Commission meeting.
- The department received the \$228,000.00 grant for senior programming at the Fred Lippman Multi-purpose Center.
- The Commission is in the process of renewing the Margaritaville contract for five years.
- The Commission is scheduled to approve the remaining GOB playground projects in August 2021.

Ricky Engle responded to questions and comments regarding the department update.

Claire Garrett updated the Board on the June 17th Orangebrook Pre-Submittal Conference that she attended which was held at the Orangebrook Clubhouse for developers who might be interested to apply for the Orangebrook P3. Claire Garrett stated that the public presentation by Sonny Maken outlining the City's goals for Orangebrook failed to mention the Nature Preserve Path. When the floor was opened to questions and public comments she said she stated publicly

that the Nature Preserve Path was a very important element for the community and the major reason why the public voted for the General Obligation Bond to renovate Orangebrook. As a result some developers approached her after the meeting to ask her about the concept for the Nature Preserve Path which they were not previously acquainted with from reading the Orangebrook P3 marketing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board members reviewed and discussed the 2021 PRCA Advisory Board Objectives.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business, Kevin Toliver-Lyons made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ettore DeTorres seconded the motion and by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Next Meeting: August 5, 2021 at 6:30 PM at Boulevard Heights Community Center, 6770 Garfield Street, Hollywood, FL 33024