

**NON-APPROVED  
MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
PATCH REEF PARK/JAMES A. RUTHERFORD COMMUNITY CENTER  
2000 YAMATO ROAD  
BOCA RATON, FL 33431  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015**

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Ronald Betters, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:20PM. Roll was called.

**Members Present:** Ronald L. Betters, Chairman  
Gordon Gilbert, Vice Chairman  
Peter Boylan  
Dr. Dennis R. Frisch  
Hank Kreh  
Dr. Trudi N. Stevens

**Members Absent:** Joseph Good

**Staff Present:** Mickey A. Gomez      Recreation Services Director  
Buddy Parks      Deputy Recreation Services Director  
J.D. Varney      Recreation Services Superintendent  
Greg Stevens      Recreation Services Superintendent  
Ed Libengood      Cemetery/Mausoleum Manager  
Joe Cogley      Retired B.R. Employee

**Others Present:** Dave Johnson, Randy Bring, Gene Folden, Rob Littman and Elisabeth Hoffman

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Gilbert, to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2014 regular meeting as submitted. **MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

Mention was given to the other related board minutes in the packet.

**PURPOSE:** Regular monthly meeting.

**WELCOME:**

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** Dr. Trudi N. Stevens 2014 P&R Board Chair – M. Gomez  
This agenda item was heard after Public Requests. Mr. Gomez presented Dr. Stevens with a plaque to commemorate her dedication and service as the 2014 Chair of the Parks & Recreation Board.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:** Dave Johnson spoke in support of the Hillsboro/El Rio Park. He asked that the Board list this project as an agenda item at every meeting.

Randy Bring notified the Board of a motion regarding the Lake Wyman Project which was passed at the last Marine Advisory Board (MAB) meeting. A memo dated December 10, 2014 which contained the motion, background and an update data from Gene Folden to Leif Ahnell was distributed. Mr. Bring asked that the Parks & Recreation Board consider supporting the MAB motion. Mr. Bring answered questions from the Board members. Gene Folden urged

support for the Lake Wyman Project, and reported that the concerns from the Golden Harbour residents have been considered and could be mitigated so that they would also support the project. He also answered questions from the Board members.

Rob Littman commented that the bars on the benches at the South Beach Pavilion are unattractive. Mr. Gomez told the Board members that this area is part of the January 24, 2015 P&R Board Tour.

Elisabeth Hoffman spoke about Lake Wyman. She said that the boardwalk needs restoration and the mangroves need attention.

After discussion, questions and answers, and with the assurance that resident concerns in the past had been, or could be mitigated, a motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Boylan and approved that the Parks & Recreation Board was in agreement with the motion from the Marine Advisory Board, as stated in their December 10, 2014 memorandum to Mr. Ahnell.  
**MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

From:  
David O. Johnson  
Mickey A. Gomez

To:  
Mayor and City Council  
David O. Johnson

Re:  
Hillsboro/EI Rio Park  
Hillsboro/EI Rio Park

Previously discussed.

**REPORTS:**

1. **Staff Updates – Cemetery Mausoleum – Ed Libengood**

Mr. Libengood showed the rendering of the new mausoleum building. He told the Board about a recently installed piece of equipment that freshens the air in the mausoleum building. He said that the cemetery will get a six-passenger golf cart that will be used for sales, taking families to grave sites, etc. He answered questions from Board members. Discussion ensued about having more cremation niches.

2. **Department Project Updates – B. Parks**

Mr. Parks pointed out that **Hillsboro/EI Rio Master Plan** was listed on his report and would be updated each month. Regarding the **Gumbo Limbo Seawater Life Support Pumps**, Mr. Parks stated that the pumps were delivered and installed. Pumps 1 and 2 were tested and run in sync. The seawater life support pumps will run alternately. It will probably take the City two years to design and implement a permanent pumping solution. Mr. Gomez said that Hillsboro/EI Rio Park is moving up on the capital improvement list.

3. **Parks & Recreation Monthly Report – J. Varney**

Mr. Varney distributed the Monthly Revenue Report (Sept 2014) and the Year-To-Date (Oct 2013-Sept 2014) Revenue Report. He reported that the Downtown Library generated \$93,000 in 2013-14 y-t-d revenue. Both the Boca Raton Tennis Center and Patch Reef Park Tennis Center generated consistently higher revenue over the prior fiscal year. He pointed out that the Dog Beach grossed \$47,890 for 2013-14. Mr. Varney discussed Beach Concessions and said the numbers will be on subsequent reports. He explained the steady decline in the Camp Programs' revenue numbers. He said that while revenue went down, so did expenses resulting in a \$20,000 net. He was pleased to announce that Recreation Services' y-t-d grand total for revenue reached over \$8.5 million. Mr. Varney answered questions of the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. **Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District Updates – Arthur Koski, Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District Acting Executive Director/Attorney**

Mr. Gomez explained that Mr. Koski was not feeling well. This agenda item will be re-scheduled.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 1. **P&R Board Tour Draft Agenda**

Mr. Gomez handed out the draft agenda. He asked the Board Members to let him know if there was anything else they wanted to see while on tour.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

1. **Director's Report**

Mr. Gomez spoke about the beach concessions. The City will make \$54K the first year, as defined in the contract with Oceanside. He has heard both pros and cons about beach concessions from the residents. He distributed his December 2014 Bark Beach report. He reported that permit holders are extremely happy with Bark Beach. In response to a question, he answered that longer hours for Dog Beach have not been discussed. He said that the Dog Park remains popular.

2. **Various Letters of Commendation**

Self-explanatory.

**BOARD MEMBER INTEREST INITIATIVES & COMMENTS:**

Dr. Frisch said he was surprised to read some negative comments on Facebook about the Mobi-Mats.

**ACTIVITIES:** 2015 Parks and Recreation Board Tour – Saturday, January 24, 2015 (8:00AM to 12:00PM)

**NEXT MEETINGS:** February 3, 2015 – Community Center Annex  
March 3, 2015 – George Snow Park

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Kreh, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35PM. **MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

Arlene Moskowitz, Recorder