

**NON-APPROVED
MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
SUGAR SAND PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
BOCA RATON, FL 33432
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014**

Dr. Trudi Stevens, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:15PM. Roll was called.

Members Present: Dr. Trudi N. Stevens, Chair
Ronald L. Betters, Vice Chair
Peter Boylan
Dr. Dennis R. Frisch (*left 5:30PM*)
Gordon Gilbert
Hank Kreh

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
Jim Tierney Tennis Centers Administrator

Others Present: Dave Johnson Boca Resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION was made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Dr. Frisch, to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting as written. **MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

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

PURPOSE: Regular monthly meeting.

PUBLIC REQUESTS: No one from the public wished to speak.

CORRESPONDENCE: From: Mickey A. Gomez To: Arthur Koski Re: Beach & Park District Updates @ P&R Board Meeting

Mr. Gomez reported that Mr. Koski will attend the January 6, 2015 meeting in Patch Reef Park to present the Beach & Park District updates.

Without objection, Dr. Stevens changed the order of the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. 2015 Parks & Recreation Board Tour – M. Gomez

January 24, 2015 was chosen as the date for the Board Tour. It will start at the Spanish River Library at 8:00AM and end at noon. There were suggestions to include Sand Pine Park, Boca High, FAU and Hillsboro/El Rio Park on the tour.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2015 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Schedule – M. Gomez

Everyone was in agreement with the dates and venues listed for the 2015 Board meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of New Officers – M. Gomez

In the packet was the list of Chairmen since the Parks & Recreation Board's inception in 1974. Mr. Gomez said that since this Board rotates positions each year, if the same philosophy is followed for the year 2015, it will be Mr. Ron Better's turn for Chairman and Mr. Gordon Gilbert's turn for Vice Chairman. The floor was opened for nominations and there was unanimous agreement for the nomination of Mr. Better's for Chairman and the nomination for Mr. Gilbert for Vice Chairman. There being no further nominations, it was closed.

MOTION was made by Dr. Frisch, seconded by Mr. Kreh, to appoint Ronald Better's for Chairman and Gordon Gilbert for Vice Chairman. **MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

Dr. Frisch left the meeting at 5:30PM. The regular order of the agenda was assumed.

REPORTS:

1. Staff Updates – Tennis – Jim Tierney

Jim Tierney displayed the USTA's Florida Member Organization of the Year award that the City received. He said that all three tennis centers have received the Outstanding Facility of the Year award in recent years from the USTA. He showed a video of all three centers. The Nominee Response Form was in the packet and Mr. Tierney highlighted some very important services to the community, services to the members (junior/adult/senior programs), and services to the game of tennis offered by the facilities. The three centers provide courts to diverse and special needs groups for clinics, practices, and matches, and the City provides courts in neighborhood parks. Among the three centers, there are approximately 1,000 permit holders (members). The three centers service approximately a quarter of a million visitors annually. In conclusion, he told the Board that Boca Raton is the only Member Organization in Florida to have had three facilities earn the Outstanding Facility Award.

Following Mr. Tierney's remarks, Mr. Varney told the Board that the City is very fortunate to have Mr. Tierney as Tennis Center's Administrator.

2. Department Project Updates – B. Parks

Mr. Parks explained that for **Gumbo Limbo Pumps**, we are just waiting for the variable speed drives to connect the pumps. The **Spanish River Library Mezzanine Enclosure's** bid package was sent to Purchasing. The **Silver Palm Park Restroom Renovations** were approved at the last City Council Meeting. Mr. Parks said that there were some projects that affected Parks & Recreation but were being done by Municipal Services and, therefore, not on his list. For example, Municipal Services was installing new metal roofs on the Pavilions at South Beach. Facility Maintenance under Municipal Services was also taking off the rotting wood façade at Ocean Rescue Headquarters Building and replacing it with stucco. They were also working on the tunnels at Spanish River Park to ensure structural integrity. They were wrapping up the beach re-nourishment project. The Dog Beach had to be closed to ensure the safety of the animals. Permit holders were informed in advance about the temporary closing. Mr. Parks answered Mr. Kreh that there is a lot of communication between departments. Municipal Services has money for ADA improvement citywide in their budget and Parks and Recreation also ensures that what they do is ADA compliant as well.

3. Parks & Recreation Monthly Report – J. Varney

Responding to questions at the prior meeting, Mr. Varney 1) reported that there were very few problems with unauthorized parking at George Snow Park and 2) that those listed as "lost persons" on the prior Park Ranger report were children playing in the Science Playground and that they were all found.

Referring to the October – August of FY 13-14 Revenue Report, Mr. Varney commented on increasing revenue being generated by the tennis centers. He also indicated that Recreation Services Department revenue for FY 13-14 will surely exceed \$8 million for the first time.

STAFF COMMENTS:

1. Director's Report

Mr. Gomez gave a quick explanation on the Annual Employee Awards for 2013.

BOARD MEMBER INTEREST INITIATIVES & COMMENTS:

Board members thanked Dr. Stevens for her year as Chair. Mr. Boylan commented on the lighting in Mizner Park. Mr. Betters complimented City Staff.

ACTIVITIES:

2014 Holiday Events

Wednesday, December 3rd @ 7:30 pm, 44th Annual Holiday Street Parade

Saturday, December 6th @ 6:30 pm, 38th Annual Holiday Board Parade

NEXT MEETINGS:

January 6, 2015 – Patch Reef Park/James A. Rutherford Comm Ctr

February 3, 2015 – Community Center Annex

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to discuss and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05PM.

Arlene Moskowitz, Recorder