Minutes
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of October 5, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Anne Kolb Nature Center, 751 Sheridan St., Hollywood, FL 33019

Board Members Present

Joseph Carter	Terry Danger	Javier Lasaga
Christina Clifford	Howard Garson	Lawrence Martin

County Staff in Attendance

Cyndy Baker	Kelton Harvey	Lori Vun Kannon
Katherine Burnell	Jim Higgins	Dan West
Chris Deal	Nadine Levy	Erik Westberg
Caleb Gunter	Mary Noe	

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Board) meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Terry Danger at 6:02 p.m. Roll was called.

Approval of Minutes: Terry Danger MOTIONED for approval of the August 2023 minutes; Howard Garson seconded. MOTION carried.

Announcements: None.

Parks and Recreation Update: Dan West, Director

Mr. West introduced Ms. Lori Vun Kannon, Operations Manager who replaced Mr. Edgar Ruiz. Ms. Vun Kannon comes to Parks from the Emergency Management Division where she was the Assistant Director. She has over 25 years' experience in emergency management and local government. She has enjoyed the benefits of the Parks as she grew up here. Ms. Vun Kannon looks forward to helping us all prepare and working on the safety, security measures and emergency management issues.

Central Broward Regional Park and Broward County Stadium (Broward County Stadium) is the first stadium in the US to be ICC-Sanctioned and has been chosen as one of three US locations (Florida, Dallas and New York) to host the 2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup (Cricket World Cup). This will be the first time the Cricket World Cup will be hosted in the US. As the 2nd most popular sport in the world after soccer, an estimated 2.5 billion viewers worldwide will be streaming the games.

Mr. West also provided an update relating to the status of our CAPRA Accreditation and provided a timeline for the award at the National Recreation and Park Association 2023 Annual Conference in Dallas, TX, October 10-12.

Parks Planning and Design Update: Nadine Levy, Capital Program Administrator

Ms. Levy provided an update on several projects in process, including the interior modifications being done to the exhibit space at Anne Kolb Nature Center (AKNC), the construction contract award timeline for the Tradewinds Park Educational Farm & Gardens project, the site improvements occurring at Deerfield Island, the Hollywood North Beach (HNB) mooring field improvements, as well as the construction of a new 1500 sf Aquatics building at C.B. Smith Park. The contractors for the manatee overlook at Secret Woods Nature Center and the Quiet Waters Park cabin project were both terminated, and the projects are pending re-solicitation.

Parks Planning is heavily involved in the site improvements required at the Broward County Stadium to prepare hosting some of the World Cup games. Proposed site improvements include new VIP, Media, and Hospitality Building, new grandstand areas and a new digital led scoreboard.

Parks Manager Update: Caleb Gunter, Parks Manager, Sr.

Mr. Gunter provided an overview of the AKNC, West Lake Park, and HNB Park tri-plex and spoke to the ecological significance of the mangrove ecosystem.

A few recently completed projects at the tri-plex include the new ADA accessible ramp for boardwalk access at HNB, ongoing removal of invasive plants along the natural area, removal of the HNB Park tower in anticipation of future projects, and the interior renovation of the AKNC exhibit hall.

Future improvements at the tri-plex include the installation of bird nesting platforms on the South Trail, replacement of the large saltwater aquarium in the AKNC exhibit hall, and the development of a fee-based mooring field in the cove of Loggerhead Pocket Park including restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities.

West Lake Park Wetland Mitigation Update: Linda Briggs Thompson, Environmental Program Manager

Ms. Thompson provided a brief update on the status of the wetland mitigation efforts funded by Port Everglades currently underway at West Lake Park.

Fee Schedule Update: Mary Noe, Administrative Manager

Ms. Noe provided an update regarding increases to the Fee Schedule and discussed the most substantive changes that would affect the public. Some of these changes include an increase is gate admission, although pedestrians, horse riders and bicyclists will no longer pay a gate fee; RV camping fees are changing from differential seasonal rates to a one year-round fixed rate; and aquatics admission rates are increasing. The County Attorney's Office will be submitting an item on the County Commission's October 24th agenda to set a public hearing for November 14th to approve the updated fee schedule.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Public Forum

The Board Public Forum meeting was called to order by Howard Garson at 7:00 p.m.

There were no members of the public present. The Public Forum was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: Friday, December 1, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.. Fern Forest Nature Center, 201 Lyons Rd. South, Cocounut Creek, 33063