Minutes
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of March 3, 2023, 7:30 a.m.
Boulevard Gardens Community Center, 2870 N.W. Fourth St., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Board Members Present

Michelle Brown	Howard Garson	Howard Nelson
Joseph Carter	Javier Lasaga	Kristen Reineke
Christina Clifford	Arthur McNeil	
Terry Danger	Daniel Mulieri	

County Staff in Attendance

Linda Briggs	Mike Fayyaz	Trevor Fell
Cathy Hagen	Jessica Telusmond	Erik Westberg
Meoshi Jackson	Dan West	Val Wolberg

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Board) meeting was called to order by Chair Arthur McNeil at 7:34 a.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Arthur McNeil MOTIONED for approval of the January 2023 minutes; Daniel Mulieri seconded. MOTION carried.

Parks Manager Update: Val Wolberg, Senior Parks Manager and Jessica Telusmond, Associate Parks Manager

The Boulevard Gardens Community Center offers a year-round, free senior program for patrons 55 and older. The Community Center's staff provides a range of services, including access to the computer lab, renovated basketball court, and playground. The center also hosts educational programs, financial literacy sessions, and trips for seniors. The lunch program, launched in partnership with Meals on Wheels, offers free meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. The Community Center was recently awarded the Community Outreach Award at the annual employee meeting, recognizing its outstanding efforts in supporting and engaging with the local community.

Parks and Recreation Update:

Erik Westberg, Assistant Director

The ParkFest Love and Music Day event was held on February 19, 2023. It featured the Florida Youth Orchestra and was a resounding success, drawing a large turnout of attendees. The addition of an antique car show proved to be an especially popular attraction, warranting its return for next year's festivities. The month of March marks the opening of the waterparks for the season, as well as being designated as Bicycle Month, with a three-person team cycle event being held. The Florida Renaissance Festival has already seen a staggering 37,000 attendees, a testament to its ongoing popularity as a major eight-week event in the community.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:04 a.m.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 5, 2023, at Plantation Heritage Park