Minutes
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting – May 3, 2024, 7:30 AM
Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park, 2520 N.W. Sixth St., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Board Members Present

Michelle Brown	Howard Garson	Daniel Mulieri (Chair)
Joseph Carter	Javier Lasaga	Howard Nelson
Christina Clifford	Lawrence "Jabow" Martin	Kristen Reineke
Terry Danger (Vice-Chair)	Marty McNeil	

County Staff in Attendance

Linda Briggs	Nadine Levy	Erik Westberg
Chris Deal	Kemma Foreman	Val Wolberg
Trevor Fell	Lori Vunkannon	
Monica Florestal	Dan West	

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Board) meeting was called to order by Chair Daniel Mulieri at 7:32 AM. Roll was called.

Approval of Minutes: Howard Nelson MOTIONED for approval of the March 1, 2024, minutes; Vice-Chair Terry Danger seconded. MOTION carried.

Parks Manager Update: Kemma Foreman, Parks Manager

Kemma Foreman provided an overview of Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park (Delevoe). Delevoe Park sits on a 36-acre site and is one of the six neighborhood parks within the Broward County Municipal Services District (BMSD). Opened in November 1975, the site houses a meeting room (rental facility), computer lab, indoor fitness center, administrative office, two shelters, playground, two lighted full-size basketball courts, outdoor fitness station, 17-acre lake with a paved walking path surrounding it, outdoor restroom, three fishing piers, and a canoe launch with access to the North Fork New River.

A variety of programming is available such as a free After-School Program for children ages 6-11 including providing a snack and supper meal; the NewGen program, which is open to at-risk youth ages 12-18 that participate in activities involving life skills development, team building, social skills development, and leadership skills development; the Senior Enhancement and Aerobics Program; a public walking group and public wellness outreach through partnerships with local not-for-profit agencies.

A few recent improvements include the installation of a solar canopy over the outdoor basketball courts, structural repairs to the medium shelter, outdoor restroom upgrades, and upgrades to the indoor fitness center equipment. Delevoe has several upcoming improvements including the completion of the surface water study, resurfacing of the basketball court, playground equipment replacement, and the creation of a new maintenance facility, outdoor restroom and outdoor amphitheater.

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

Nadine Levy provided the Parks Planning and Design update on the final bond project, Tradewinds Park Educational Farm & Gardens. The Phase III construction contract award had been delayed and should be resolved within the next month.

The Central Broward Stadium upgrades are well underway, and the grandstands and elevators have been installed. The park is on track to meet the ICC requirements needed to host the Cricket World Cup.

Parks and Recreation Update: Dan West, Director

Dan West recapped some of the BMSD community parks system outreach programs. He stressed the important role they play in the community by providing programing to kids, teens, adults and seniors alike. Given their small and restrictive budget, the BMSD community parks have combined resourcefulness and ingenuity to provide equitable access to local community centers.

Mr. West spoke briefly to the plan to build an amphitheater and a maintenance facility restroom at Delevoe once the surface water issues are mitigated.

Discussions were held regarding challenges with stormwater mitigation and solutions for reducing flooding concerns in the area. Linda Briggs mentioned that Highway Bridge and Maintenance is exploring possibilities for stormwater improvements, potentially including pretreatment and improved water quality in the lake to facilitate drainage into the river. This is still in the early planning stages.

Vice-Mayor Lawrence Martin raised concerns about transportation access to BMSD parks, particularly for after-school programs and senior programs. Ms. Foreman provided an overview of existing transportation options available to the community.

Chair Mulieri requested the BMSD budget, and Mr. West will ensure it is sent to him.

Vice-Mayor Martin commended Dan and the staff for their significant efforts in preparing the stadium and grounds for upcoming games.

Announcements:

World Cup VIP Cricket Ball Event is being held on May 6th, at Central Broward Stadium. Two Fan Park events are being planned for June 9th and June 11th. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 AM.

Next Meeting: Friday, August 2, 2024, at 7:30 AM
Fern Forest Nature Center
201 Lyons Rd. South
Coconut Creek, FL 33063