Minutes
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of August 4, 2023, 7:30 a.m.
Tree Tops Park, Oak Ridge Hall, 3900 S.W. 100th Ave., Davie, FL 33328

Board Members Present

Michelle Brown	Howard Garson	Daniel Mulieri
Christina Clifford	Javier Lasaga	Howard Nelson
Terry Danger	Lawrence Martin	Kristen Reinking

County Staff in Attendance

Katherine Burnell	Monica Florestal	John Pipoly
Chris Deal	Meoshi Jackson	Dan West
Duncan Finch	Nadine Levy	Erik Westberg

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Board) meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Terry Danger at 7:35 a.m. Roll was called.

Approval of Minutes: Daniel Mulieri MOTIONED for approval of the May 2023 minutes; Howard Nelson seconded. MOTION carried.

Announcements:

Cathy Hagen retired in June. Meoshi Jackson was promoted to replace Cathy and Katherine Burnell was promoted to replace Ms. Jackson. Katherine Burnell is the new Parks Advisory Board Coordinator moving forward.

Ms. Jackson reminded the Board that as part of their goals and objectives, they are asked to participate in the Secret Shopper program; the link and form will be re-sent to members. Parks Administration conducted an audit of passes assigned to board members; all current members will either be issued a new pass or their existing one renewed.

Parks Manager Update: Duncan Finch, Parks Manager, Sr.

Mr. Finch provided an update on Long Key Nature Center, Tree Tops Park, and Vista View Park and spoke to the amenities available at each. Major projects completed include renovating the south restrooms and replacing the sliding glass doors in the Oak Ridge Hall, renovating the equestrian restrooms, replacing the Pine Island Ridge perimeter fencing and the opening of a new Splash Pad at Vista View.

Upcoming projects include a new dock for the marina to resume paddleboat rentals and new interpretive signage for the Pine Island Ridge, various trails at Tree Tops, and Sewell Lock.

Discussion took place regarding the Pine Island Ridge and the trailhead located at the Pine Island Ridge Country Club. They are interested having Broward County, through a possible lease management agreement or conservation easement, maintain the trailhead.

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

Nadine Levy provided an update on the site improvements at Everglades Holiday Park, construction of a Nature Center at Miramar Pineland, and construction of a new Welcome Center at Snake Warrior Island. All three projects have been completed and are operational.

The Tradewinds Park Educational Farm & Gardens Project is in process with the construction award slated for late 2023/early 2024. The Quiet Waters Park Cabins project is in the process of re-bidding the construction; the previous contractor was terminated.

Parks and Recreation Update: Dan West, Director

Dan West discussed the approval of the capital and operating budgets. Parks was approved for four (4) additional Park Ranger positions, one (1) full-time contract grants administrator, and one (1) full-time Parks Aide for Snake Warrior Island. Additionally, Parks maintenance capital accounts received an increase in monies designated to supplement the hosting of at least three (3) to five (5) World Cup cricket matches next year. $6.6 million has been allocated for grandstand bleachers and we are working with the Broward County Attorney's Office, Purchasing and Finance and Administrative Services to expedite the purchasing process as much as is practical to ensure the installation is completed prior to the World Cup games next year.

The Division has completed compiling and updating the Southeastern Florida Counties 2023 Parks Fee Survey and fee schedule revisions will be brought to the Board in January 2024. We also recently completed a market feasibility study for Quiet Waters Splash Adventure relating to the possibility of expanding.

Our Public Communications group was awarded two NACIO Awards of Excellence for two media campaigns: *Everglades Holiday Park Newly Renovated Campaign (Campaigns - Quality of Life category)* highlighting the transformational $15.8 million renovation project through a ribbon cutting, social media videos, earned media opportunities and email newsletters and *Wildlife Wednesday Video Series (Video Series category)* which introduces the community to the parks while educating viewers about the animals they may see there and share important facts about native wildlife, as well as highlight the beauty and diversity of our parks.

Erik Westberg, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation:
Erik Westberg spoke to the issue with the burrowing owls at Central Broward Regional Park. In collaboration with Florida Fish and Wildlife, new burrows on the west side of the park are being constructed to relocate the owls from the field they currently have a burrow in. The goal is to have the burrow relocated before the World Cup games next year.

Discussion was had regarding the attendance expected at certain events being held at Central Broward. Due to the anticipated attendance at J'ouvert Miami Carnival and other events, we are working with the City of Fort Lauderdale on staging at the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center area.

Chris Deal, Parks Superintendent:
Chris Deal announced the Division has completed the accreditation process and are happy to report that we passed; meeting 152 of the 154 standards. The final hearing will be held at the National Recreation and Parks Association Conference in October.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Election for new Chair

Nominations for Chair were requested. Daniel Mulieri nominated himself. No other nominations were put forth. Daniel Mulieri was elected as Chair. Terry Danger will remain Vice-Chair.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.. Anne Kolb Nature Center, 751 Sheridan St., Hollywood, FL 33019