Minutes
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting – August 7, 2026, 7:30AM
Sunview Park, 1500 S.W. 42nd Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33317

Board Members Present

Michelle Brown
Jospeh Carter
Terry Danger
Javier Lasaga
Marty McNeil
Daniel Mulieri
Kristen Reineke
Willie Wilcoxen

County Staff in Attendance

Katherine Burnell
Chris Deal
Trevor Fell
Monica Florestal
Nadine Levy
Lori Vun Kannon
Rodney Watkins
Dan West
Delani Wood
Val Wolberg

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Board) meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Terry Danger at 7:34 AM. Roll was called.

Approval of Minutes: Dan Mulieri MOTIONED for approval of May 2026 minutes; Kristen Reineke seconded. MOTION carried.

Announcements: None.

Parks Manager Update: Rodney Watkins, Parks Manager Associate

Rodney Watkins reported that Sunview Park receives approximately 5,000 annual visitors and offers a variety of programs, including Special Populations Blind Yoga (monthly on Saturdays), youth soccer for ages 5–17 (Tuesdays and Saturdays), adult softball leagues (Monday–Friday evenings), and quarterly women's rugby (Saturday mornings). He noted that Sunview is one of the oldest parks in Broward County, and recent improvements include resurfacing the basketball court, replacing backboards and rims, and installing new foul poles and nets on Fields 4 and 5. Upcoming projects include renovating the parking lot near the football field and renovating Field 4, including installation of a new irrigation system.

Dan West added that Sunview Park is part of the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) and has undergone significant upgrades, including the new community center. He highlighted ongoing efforts to address long-standing flooding issues in the park's lower area, noting that staff are exploring environmental redesign concepts, partnerships, and grant funding opportunities.

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

Nadine Levy reported that staff are seeking funding to hire a consultant to evaluate long-term solutions for chronic flooding at Sunview Park, including options such as

elevating fields, redesigning stormwater storage, or converting portions of the site to a wetland-style area. She provided a capital project update, noting that construction at Tradewinds Park North continues, with the second building nearing roof installation, while the barn remains delayed due to wet conditions. Design negotiations for the Ann Kolb Nature Center aquarium are close to finalization, and Markham Park campground improvements are complete and in use.

Ms. Levy stated that BMSD improvements are progressing, including installation of new solar lighting at Lewis Chisholm and Dillard Green Space and procurement of fitness equipment. Additional active projects include the Secret Woods manatee tower demolition, Long Key Natural Area voluntary wetlands (pending FY27 budget release), Hollywood North Beach tidal flood resiliency design (construction funding still needed), Everglades Holiday Park water main, Deerfield Island, and Hollywood North Beach Park design. At Central Broward Park Stadium, the restroom addition is paused while staff prioritize installation of a camera deck. Consultant onboarding continues for Samuel Delevoe Park and other BMSD sites, including Lafayette Hart, Roosevelt Gardens, and Lewis Chisholm. Contractor pricing has been received for Dillard Green Space hardwired lighting. Ms. Levy noted that no new funding is available to advance future projects.

Parks and Recreation Update: Dan West, Director

Dan West discussed the ongoing reliance on the 2022 Parks Master Plan as the guiding framework for capital and operational priorities. He emphasized that while the plan identified approximately $300 million in deferred maintenance needs, recent reductions in the capital budget, estimated at over 60%, have significantly limited progress. The operating budget remains stable, but many capital projects are on hold pending the outcome of the upcoming November property tax vote, which could further impact funding for parks, libraries, cultural, and human services.

Mr. West highlighted that staff continue to pursue alternative funding sources, including grants, though many require matching funds that are increasingly difficult to secure. Ms. Levy noted the recent success in obtaining a $680,000 state grant for Markham Park Target Range, the first of its kind for the agency, though it requires a 50% match. Smaller grants and support from the Parks Foundation (e.g., $18,600 awarded for programming needs) provide some relief but are insufficient to offset large-scale budget cuts. Broward County will hold budget workshops and hearings in September, with clearer direction expected after the November property tax vote. In the meantime, staff remain focused on managing existing projects and maintaining services despite fiscal constraints.

Extension Education Update – Delaney Woods, Director

Mr. West introduced Delaney Woods, the new Director of the UF/IFAS Broward County Extension Education Program, noting its long-standing value as a partnership between Broward County, the State of Florida, and the University of Florida. Ms. Woods provided background on the land-grant university system and Extension’s role in South Florida since 1939. She explained that the program translates University of Florida research into community applications through workshops, school programs, and partnerships. Current

focus areas include 4-H youth development, nutrition and healthy living education, urban and commercial horticulture, and green industry professional training.

Ms. Woods highlighted new initiatives such as a robotics club, demonstration gardens, and expanded civic engagement programming. She noted that the program operates with shared funding from Broward County (under $700,000 annually), the university, and grants. Facilities include classrooms, meeting spaces, and gardens at the Davie campus. She announced a 4-H open house at Tradewinds Park on Sunday, August 16, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., featuring clubs, food trucks, and family activities, and emphasized Extension's impact as a "small but mighty" program that delivers significant community value.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Discussion relating to the 2027 meeting schedule was tabled until next meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:24 AM.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 6:00 PM
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