



City of Doral Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, May 7th, 2019
6:00 P.M.

Doral Government Center
3rd Floor Training Room
8401 NW 53rd Terrace
Doral, FL 33166

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

James S. Gimbel, Chair	
Armando Montero, Vice Chair	Present
Joseph H. Pan, Board Member	Present
Israel Pacheco, Board Member	Present
Patricia A. Sherrill, Board Member	Present

Also, present were:

Lazaro Quintero, Parks & Recreation Department

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

Ms. Ana Osorio-Slebi, a resident of Doral, brought up to the board how she lives right across Morgan Levy Park and for the past two years she has been taking her dog to the Trails & Tails Park, but she has run into a couple of problems there. The first time she went, an employee told her that her dog was too big for the small dog area, but the Park Manager allowed the dog to continue staying in the small dog area. The second time around, another employee signaled her out and said her dog can't be in the small dog area. The employee spoke to the Assistant Park Manager who then spoke to the Park Manager and the Park Manager said it was fine and they will make note that her dog is allowed in the small dog area. Ms. Osorio-Slebi says she believes there isn't a clear rule for medium size dogs in the Park. Mr. Quintero, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, said that the rule is on a weight basis but Ms. Osorio-Slebi stated that there are no signs that state anything about weight only height. Ms. Quintero agrees that there is a gray area when it comes to medium sized dogs and it's a case by case basis. Mr. Quintero said there shouldn't be any issues with her dog being in the small dog area because the Park Manager has already deemed it okay, but he believes there should be more communication

about this with all the full and part-time employees, so they don't signal her out again. Mr. Quintero stated that he will speak with his team, so the issue doesn't occur again. Mr. Montero asked to place an update on trails & tails park on the next meeting agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the February 12th, 2019 meeting minutes made by Armando Montero and seconded by Israel Pacheco. By consensus, this motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. Update: Secretary nomination

Motion to nominate Patricia Sherill to be Secretary. By consensus, this motion passes unanimously.

b. Update: Community Garden Progress

Mr. Quintero had previously stated in the last meeting that the Parks & Recreation Department had planted four out of the six. Since the last meeting, two groups (the girl scouts & a family) have planted their own flowers & vegetables in the garden. The community garden is starting to pick, as the Parks & Recreation Department is starting to get more interest from other groups/individuals.

c. Update: SWAT Update

At the April Council Meeting, the S.W.A.T team from Ronald Reagan Highschool presented their information to Council and they partnered up with Doral Police and presented a seminar on the dangers of vapor & e-cigarettes. The Parks & Recreation Department reached out to the person in charge of the SWAT team from Ronald Reagan Highschool and they will partner up to do activities at the parks to get more interest from students and build it up from there.

d. Update: Concession at the park

The concession stand at Legacy Park is up and running and it has been really successful thus far. Morgan Levy Park has issues regarding permitting and the Parks Department have to make a couple of changes in order to build the concession stand. Mr. Quintero stated that he will try to put it in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins October 2019.

e. Update: Student Athlete of the Quarter

Mr. Quintero informed the board that the department received six partial applications. They only received the report card from those students, so the department is going to get in contact with the applicants to have all the applications filled out. Mr. Quintero said that he should have all the applications by next meeting. The department is still trying to find different ways to promote the applications of student athlete of the quarter. Lastly, the board discussed the possibility of having a special meeting for the review & selection of student athlete of the quarter.

f. Update: Parks Bond

The City recently awarded a firm for the Doral Cultural Center and they are negotiating with them and should hopefully come to a deal by the end of May. The Parks Bond Program Management is currently out to bid and it's under the Cone of Silence, so Mr. Quintero wasn't able to talk to the board about it, but he did say that instead of doing everything inhouse they're looking for a firm that provides program management.

The sale of the parks bond (1st issuance) should be executed sometime in June of this year, this includes several different parts of the bond.

g. Update: Parks & Recreation Department

Mr. Quintero discussed the different projects in the Park Bond and discussed the Parks & Recreation events that were coming up.

7. Future Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 11th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. (Special Meeting)

- 8. Discussion of next meeting agenda items.
 - a. Student Athlete of the quarter update

- 9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourns at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Sherrill, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 7th, 2019 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Patricia Sherrill and seconded by Board Member Israel Pacheco.

Chair James S. Gimbel	<u>YES</u>
Vice Chair Armando Montero	<u>ABSENT</u>
Board Member Joseph H. Pan	<u>ABSENT</u>
Board Member Israel Pacheco	<u>YES</u>
Board Member Patricia A. Sherrill	<u>YES</u>

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of June 2019.

James S. Gimbel, Chair