



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, March 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
FXE Airport Building – Red Tails Conference Room
6000 NW 21st Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

June 2023 - May 2024

Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Chair Suzanne Dean	A	3	2
Vice Chair Janet Gualtieri	P	3	1
Pamela Aiken	P	4	0
Heather Brinkworth	A	4	2
Kristina Dever	A	4	1
John Gillen	P	1	0
Erin Gohl	P	3	2
Juliet Gray-Williams	P	4	0
Charles Laster	P	1	0
Alyssa Mendez	A	3	2
Denia Perloff	P	3	2
Deborah Rosenbaum	P	1	1

Also Attending

Von Howard, Public Affairs Administrative Supervisor
Susan Grant, Assistant City Manager
Enrique Sanchez, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation

I. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by Assistant City Manager Susan Grant. She informed The Board that we received notification that Vice-Chair Jamarillo had resigned, and Chair Dean was unable to attend the tonight’s meeting.

A recommendation to vote for a new chair was requested by Assistant City Manager Grant and she asked if there were any volunteers. Ms. Janet Gualtieri asked what the requirements were of the Vice-Chair and it was explained that she would carry the duties of the Chair in their absence.

Ms. Gualtieri stated that she is willing to take the task of being the Vice-Chair of the Board.

Motion was made by Ms. Gohl, seconded by Mr. Laster to approve Ms. Gualtieri as the new Vice-Chairwoman. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair-elect Gualtieri led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

Roll was called and quorum was present.

IV. Approval of the February 29, 2024 Minutes

There were noted corrections made by Ms. Denia Perloff indicating that Chair Suzanne Dean was absent from the meeting and did not conduct the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Erin Gohl stated that on page 7 her last name was misspelled as "Grohl".

Motion was made by Mr. Gillen, seconded by Ms. Gohl, to approve the February 29, 2024, minutes as with the noted corrections. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

a. Education Advisory Board Communications

Assistant City Manager Grant informed The Board that the communication that was submitted will be presented to the Commission during their Commission Conference meeting on Tuesday April 2, 2024 at 1:30pm at the NSU Art Museum.

Mr. Von Howard informed the members that the submission of the communication to the Commission was delayed due to when it was received from our notation company.

VI. New Business

a. Parks Joints Use Projects

Enrique Sanchez, Deputy Director, City of Ft. Lauderdale Parks and Recreation provided the Board with a historical overview of the joint use projects throughout Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Sanchez informed the Board that there is \$12 million dollars invested in the Parks Capital Program where he also provided the members with aerial views and in-depth analysis of each park site and schools that have been identified for upgrades through the Parks Bond Project.

Questions from the Members:

- **Ms. Erin Gohl** – What are the timelines of completion for each project while in the concept phase?
 - It varies based upon the individual needs and wants of the project.
 - Will a breakdown of what is/has been allocated to each location through the Parks Bond Project be accessible for review?
- **Ms. Pamela Aiken** – Will there be any pool upgrades, specifically at Stranahan High School and Carter Park?
 - Carter Park is expected to have a pool upgrade as they are a part of the Parks Bond Project. The Stranahan High School upgrades, if any, are being done through the School Board of Broward County and not through the City of Fort Lauderdale.
 - How can or will the racoons at Mills Pond Park be addressed?
- **Vice Chair Janet Gualtieri** – Will there be a listing provided of what is required and/or recommended to be deemed a park?
 - The list can be provided, however there may be changes based on the collaborative needs/wants of the surrounding communities as the projects move forward.
 - Is the Las Olas Mobility project included in the Parks Bond project?

No monies from Parks Bond Project are associated with the Las Olas Mobility project.
- **Ms. Denia Perloff** – What projects are within the Parks Bond project are getting prioritized first?
 - Joint use parks got moved up on the priority list due to the requests made from the Education Advisory Board. The way that it will be determined is that they are the next tranche of projects that are scheduled to occur. What is needed or compromised will be a collaborative decision that will be between the City, School Board, and the community.

b. Chief Education Officer Update

Assistant City Manager Grant provided an update on the status of Chief Education Officer position, informing the Board that she conducted eight (8) initial interviews on

Friday March 8, 2024. Of those eight persons, four (4) candidates seemingly met the specific criteria sought with a possible fifth candidate also being included for formal interviews beginning Monday March 25, 2024 that would include.

Assistant City Manager Grant provided a brief overview of candidates that were chosen. The anticipation is to have the individual hired in their in-person role by early to mid-May 2024.

VII. Member Discussion

Ms. Gohl asked that the City be involved in the personalized transition plans conversations with the School Board for any schools that may be “repurposed” or “reimagined” as it will ultimately affect the surrounding communities.

Assistant City Manager Grant stated that she planned on attending the upcoming March 20, 2024 School Board meeting to obtain more insight. She also mentioned that the City received a letter from Ms. Zoie Saunders asking municipalities to partner with the School Board, however it was not returned due to the City not being able to present it to the various Boards for discussion. The conversations will be ongoing and reviewed in the future.

The Board requested a follow-up from February 29, 2024 on obtaining member contact information. Mr. Howard informed the Board that an email from the City Clerk’s office was forwarded to all Boards emphasizing the Sunshine Law protocols. He stated that he would forward via email the instructions to access the Committee and Board members roster for their reference.

Assistant City Manager Grant proposed to the Board moving the meeting times from 6:30pm to 6pm going forward.

Motion was made by Ms. Aiken, seconded by Ms. Gray-Williams, to immediately change the EAB meeting time from 6:30pm to 6pm going forward . In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

VIII. Closing

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2024.