

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT TO

HALLANDALE BEACH CITY COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 15, 2009

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board continues to work cohesively under the guidance of Rebecca Munden-Correa, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Bob Williams, Assistant Director to the Department.

Operating (on a board designed for 15 members), we now have 13 active members. Barbara Southwick, Chair; George Posnansky, Vice-chair; Maura Ditmar, Secretary, (cultural arts chair); Marylu Rosen, Publicity chair; Carlos Simmons, Henry Hahn, Sussy Kessel, Rochelle Tabman, Maryann Bongiorno, Reginald Allen, Carolyn Johnson, Karline Prophete, Rosalia Boullon. With the loss of Babette Kulka , two appointments remain to be filled.

We hope the Commissioners are receiving our monthly minutes as requested.

The Functions and Duties of our Board.

- (1) Make recommendations concerning the operation of all public parks, playgrounds, undeveloped park - lands, public beaches and other recreational facilities within the city.
- (2) Recommend to the city commission and the city manager from time to time, actions which it believes the city commission should take with reference to the acquisition, development, and maintenance of parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities in the city.
- (3) Recommend rules and regulations for the operation of city parks, playgrounds, and public facilities.

This year , Existing Board Members have supported , and been involved in the following events.

- 1) Easter "Egg" stravanza was a huge success.. Participation (500) huge...and FUN FILLED !
- 2) " Communities for a Lifetime".... Stressing the Safety and Friendliness in our neighborhoods.
- 3) A Presentation to the Board of Education ...(Partnership of city with the schools)
- 4) "Naturescapes" @ Gulfstream Middle School
- 5) City ceremonies:
July 4th; Memorial Day; Veterans' Day; Halloween Outhouse Festival;
Halloween House & Costume Judging Contests; Coastal Cleanup;
Lighting Ceremony.
- 6) Gulfstream Middle School "Field Day !"
- 7) Summer Visitation (by ALL board members) to ALL PARKS, in lieu of existing regular meetings.
- 8) Special July Meeting to discuss our recommendations for all the parks (in advance of the Park Forums).

- 9) Support & Participation of Board Members @ Park Forums, held throughout the city.
- 10) Continued to support the "Senior Games Bocce Tournament @ Golden Isles Park."
- 11) Dedication of Bicycle Rack, in memory of Babette Kulka, @ South Beach Park.
- 12) Dedications of Sunset Park in the SW.....and New Dog Park @ Golden Isles Complex!

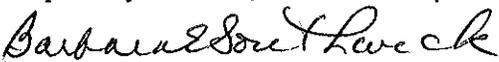
Our "Wish List" Past Recommendations....finalized/ and or "in the works" results !

- 1) Doggie Park is one great success...much very positive feedback, by owners and pets !
- 2) Tennis Court Renovation is progressing.
- 3) Message system has been improved.
- 4) Native Botanical Gardens have been taken under advisement by The Historical Board.

Recommendations

- 1) Daycare for Employees and Volunteers.
- 2) Looking forward to continued movement by the city, towards the betterment of our existing parks, and the future renovations of Blusten and Foster Park.
- 3) Extension of Hepburn Center HOURS, to provide the NE teens with an appropriate recreation center .
- 4) Continue the "Music and Me" & Cultural Arts Activities.
- 5) Expand the OBJ Summer Tennis Program
- 6) Continue Partnership with the schools to ensure access for all students, to all parks and recreation programs.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Southwick
Chairman of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board