

MIAMI BEACH
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 155-2016

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: April 8, 2016

SUBJECT: **PARKS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MOTIONS
(REGARDING COMPETITIVE SWIMMING POOL, MUSS PARK PAVILLION &
FLAMINGO PARK RECOMMENDATION TO NCAC)**

The Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board passed the following motions at its meeting of April 6, 2016:

MOTION – COMPETITIVE SWIMMING POOL

After giving careful consideration of the needs of the residents of Miami Beach for municipal swimming pool with a primary focus on competitive swimming and water polo (Diving could be considered in the design as a third option, if feasible), and on the different options, between a 25yd x 25m pool (Community Based Pool) vs 25yd x 50m pool (Regional Pool: Olympic-size), it is the recommendation of the Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board that the Commission approve, at a minimum, a 25yd x 50m pool (Regional Pool: Olympic-size). In terms of location, we strongly recommend that the City look at the West Lots as an ideal site; considering the fact that the property may be developed for other recreational use, with a second choice being the Par 3 and a third choice being at Flamingo Park.

Members Present for Motion: Jonathan Groff (Chair), Lori Nieder (Vice-Chair), Robert Gonzalez, Carolina Jones, Stephanie Rosen, Eliane Soffer Siegel, Paul Stein, Dana Turken, Jenifer Caplan and Lee Zimmerman.

Motion Made By: Stephanie Rosen

Motion Seconded By: Carolina Jones

Motion Passes: 10-0

MOTION – MUSS PARK PAVILION

The Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board is aware of certain resident's concerns about loss of access to the park; however, the fact is that Muss Park has always been used for after-school and summer camp programming and accordingly, the renovation will not in any respect change the resident's use or access to the facility, relative to how the park has historically been operated. For that reason we recommend that the City proceed with the current reconstruction design; preferably, design option "B" over option "A" and do not believe that design option "C" is reasonable, appropriate, or in the best interest of the City of Miami Beach. Further, we are also aware that the DRB raised concerns with construction of the new Muss Park Pavilion until the seawall is dealt with. We have been assured that from a structural engineering standpoint, the seawall as it currently stands will not affect the integrity of the new renovation and therefore we do not believe that should be a basis to hold up proceeding with the reconstruction.

Members Present for Motion: Jonathan Groff (Chair), Lori Nieder (Vice-Chair), Robert Gonzalez, Carolina Jones, Stephanie Rosen, Eliane Soffer Siegel, Dana Turken, Jenifer Caplan and Lee Zimmerman.

Motion Made By: Lori Nieder

Motion Seconded By: Dana Turken

Motion Passes: 9-0

MOTION – FLAMINGO PARK RECOMMENDATION TO NCAC

The City Commission has asked the Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board to look at different options for a particular area in Flamingo Park and after careful consideration, our recommendations are (in order of preference) batting cages, mini golf, soccer, mini garden, and a roller rink.

Members Present for Motion: Jonathan Groff (Chair), Lori Nieder (Vice-Chair), Robert Gonzalez, Carolina Jones, Stephanie Rosen, Dana Turken, Jenifer Caplan and Lee Zimmerman.

Motion Made By: Lee Zimmerman

Motion Seconded By: Dana Turken

Motion Passes: 8-0

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