

**TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA
COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES**

Jarvis Hall

4505 Ocean Drive

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chris Vincent called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Also present were Vice Mayor Elliot Sokolow, Commissioner Edmund Malkoon, Commissioner Alfred "Buz" Oldaker, Commissioner Randy Strauss, Town Manager Bill Vance, Assistant to the Town Manager Neysa Herrera, Town Attorney Susan L. Trevarthen, Municipal Services Director Ken Rubach, Finance Director Lucilla Lang, Special Projects Coordinator Debbie Hime, Public Information Officer Steve d'Oliveira, and Town Clerk Tedra Allen.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time Mayor Vincent opened public comment.

John Graziano, representing the Terra Mar Civic Association, stated that this neighborhood is not in favor of designating a specific area of the beach for dogs, as animal waste could lead to a high bacteria count in the water.

Stuart Dodd, resident, felt an ideal trial location for a dog beach would be behind the former Villa Caprice property. He concluded that this would help keep other Town beaches clean.

Jim Madgett, resident, showed a brief slide presentation regarding a dog-friendly beach in Fort Lauderdale. He asserted that many dogs in this area are not confined to the appropriate area or leashed and emphasized the necessity of enforcement if a dog beach is created in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

John Frasene, resident, expressed concern that non-residents would be less motivated to help keep a dog beach clean of waste. He felt a dog beach would have to be well-regulated and surveilled to prevent a potential public health issue.

Blanca Ramos, resident, felt a dog beach would not be less sanitary than other busy public beaches. She felt most individuals would act responsibly and clean up after their dogs.

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Nikki Smith, resident, stated that she was supportive of a dog park, and proposed the alternate location of a grassy area near the Town's tennis courts. She recommended that this area be fenced in and owners required to register their pets.

Ron Piersante, resident, referred to a Town Ordinance which states pet owners are responsible for cleaning up their dogs' waste. He noted that there is no enforcement of this Ordinance and concluded that dog waste on beaches could contribute to health issues.

Richard Felago, resident, commented that he would prefer the Town's beaches to remain dog-free. He urged the Town not to follow the example of larger municipalities.

Jeff Yocom, resident, stated that dog owners would regulate themselves within a designated dog beach. He was in favor of a trial dog beach that required registration of pets.

Paula Blaker, resident, felt dog owners help keep the beach clean of pet waste and other garbage. She was in favor of designating a dog beach.

Jeannie Clark, resident, recalled that she had written a letter to the editor of the *Sun-Sentinel* in 2005 advocating for a dog beach. She felt beaches should be for everyone.

Elizabeth Mack, resident, provided a petition with 45 signatures in favor of a dog beach in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

Michael Kelly, resident, observed that Lauderdale-By-The-Sea does not share the demographics of greater Fort Lauderdale and other larger cities, from which some individuals would be likely to visit a dog beach.

Barbara Cole, resident, recommended that the Commission schedule a workshop prior to every Commission meeting.

Jane Doremus, resident, stated that Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is not a dog-friendly town in comparison with other communities. She felt the lack of a dog beach was a disservice to residents.

Charles Mangano, resident, pointed out that dogs are already on the beach and that a dog beach would provide regulation.

Linda Sandler, resident, advised that dog owners already access the beach near A1A and allow their pets off-leash. She expressed concern for the safety of beachgoers.

Bill Hubbard, resident, felt the activity described by Ms. Sandler illustrated the need for a dog beach.

With no other individuals wishing to speak at this time, Mayor Vincent closed public comment.

3. DISCUSSION ITEM

- **Dog Beach Possibilities**

Commissioner Strauss acknowledged that this issue had been discussed by previous Commissions, and that both the Town and the Commission have changed since that time. He proposed a more restrictive dog beach than what was previously discussed, with specific locations, times, requirements, and permits. Revenue generated by permits could be used to police the area and provide cleanup stations and other amenities.

Commissioner Strauss continued that dog owners typically regulate themselves, and that use of a dog beach would likely be open only to permitted dogs. He felt a trial effort would be fair to the Town.

Vice Mayor Sokolow stated that the current Ordinance prohibiting dogs from the beach is regularly violated, and that establishing a dog beach with fees would be unsuccessful and unenforceable. He also noted that a dog beach is available in nearby Fort Lauderdale.

Town Manager Bill Vance recommended that any majority direction given to Town Staff regarding a trial dog beach take the issue of service animals into consideration.

Commissioner Malkoon noted that the Town has very limited public beach space and expressed concern with the possible health and enforcement issues raised during Public Comment. He pointed out that dog beaches in other cities require staff, which would require funding. He suggested designating a dog park or dog-friendly section of one of the Town's parks.

Commissioner Oldaker commented that the Villa Caprice property, which has been suggested as a site for a trial dog beach, has also been discussed as the site of high-

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end development. He pointed out that larger cities have more staff resources for enforcement of park facilities. He concluded that he was in favor of allowing a dog park or beach on a trial basis if that is the public's desire.

Mayor Vincent noted that there have been complaints in the past regarding dogs on public beaches, although there have been none recently. He felt it could be better to allow dog owners to police themselves rather than to dedicate Town resources toward enforcement. He was also in favor of allowing a dog beach on a trial basis.

It was determined by consensus that a trial dog beach or dog park would come back as an Agenda Item at the next regular Commission meeting on January 14, 2020.

4. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Mayor Chris Vincent

ATTEST:



Town Clerk Tedra Allen



Date

Commission
Workshop

Meeting Date: Dec 10, 2019

Public Comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

Nikk. Smith 4625 Poinciana St Dog Workshop
PRINT NAME ADDRESS ITEM #

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Ron Piersante LBTS _____ _____
PRINT NAME ADDRESS ITEM #

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RICHARD FELAGO LBTS _____ _____
PRINT NAME ADDRESS ITEM #

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Jeff Yocom 4561 Boyanville _____
PRINT NAME ADDRESS ITEM #

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Paula Blaker 241 Oceanic Ave _____
PRINT NAME ADDRESS ITEM #

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John A Gonzalez 3130 Spaulding Dr
PRINT NAME ADDRESS ITEM #

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DODD STUART 232 Imperial ✓
PRINT NAME ADDRESS ITEM #

Public Comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

JIM MADCETT 3900 N OCEAN DR
PRINT NAME ADDRESS ITEM #

Public Comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

John FRASONE 250 OCEANIC AVE ✓
PRINT NAME ADDRESS ITEM #

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Blanca Ramos 263 Avalon Ave Workshop
PRINT NAME ADDRESS ITEM #

Commission Workshop

Public Comments - Holiday Inn Dec 10th 2019

I have read the somewhat scant back-up and went today to look at the revised site plan submitted to the town late Friday. How many of you sitting up there have also seen Friday's plans? You are being asked tonight to delay for a further year. The latest submission calls for reducing our current 80 foot Right of way to a mere 26 foot two lane road. Who gave them the idea this would be acceptable and that they could use Town land?

I read with interest that in the back-up under (D) The developer is seeking - Right of way vacation and a variance. It is not going to happen.

I'm not sure what part of the information from the town or the protests at the first residents meeting the developer didn't understand. You are not getting one square inch of the town's property. It is not our problem you can't maximize your profits unless you take over a substantial portion of El Mar Drive. The original buyer knew what was allowed under our code before he bought both properties. This town isn't going to give up our beautiful wide open spaces just so someone can make a profit. The town enjoys two lanes both ways, a medium, two sidewalks, two swales and then setbacks in accordance with our codes. Developers have been trying and will continue to try to circumvent our codes that have made our town what it is today. If we were to allow you to close off and take over even a small parcel of El Mar then we would be setting a precedent that Sea Lord next door could ask for the same along with High Noon if they purchased the hotels on the West side and wanted to close the road. Get real – It isn't going to happen – It is not an option. A previous commission allowed the Orianna to be built too close to the road and I was the first to say – tear it down. Shortly after that history will tell you the manager had to find a new job and a new commission was voted in. Don't let history repeat itself

I don't see any reason whatsoever why the town should delay any more over the foreclosure as the developer has had more than ample time to digest, fully understand our codes and present an acceptable site plan instead of this pie in the sky at the very last minute. – YOU are not going to take over any town land, period. There will be a huge public outcry. El Mar stays as it is with wide open spaces for everyone to enjoy including the current setbacks. Develop your own land and not ours.

Stuart Dodd

**DOGS ON THE BEACH
SUNRISE BLVD TO ATLANTIC BLVD**

**250 OBSERVATIONS - YEARS 2014 TO 2019
11:00 AM TO SUNSET**

**LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA
DECEMBER 10, 2019**

DOGS AND PEOPLE ON A BEACH NOT A GOOD MIX

SOME DOGS

BARK

BITE

SCRATCH

ALL DOGS

URINATE

DEFECATE

OAKLAND PARK BLVD TO ATLANTIC BLVD (4 MILES)

VERY FEW DOGS SEEN (0 TO 1 DOG/MILE)

EXCEPT OPPOSITE EL MAR (1 MILE): DUE TO PUBLIC ACCESS, I BELIEVE

SUNRISE BLVD TO OAKLAND PARK BLVD (2 MILES)

A LOT MORE DOGS.....

**SHOW US
 SOME ♥!**



**CONNECT
 WITH US!**

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CANINE BEACH

Days: Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only

November - March: 3 to 7 PM

April - October: 3 to 9 PM

Location: Second set of parking spaces north of Sunrise Boulevard on A1A (approximately 1269 North Fort Lauderdale)

Annual permits must be purchased in-person at Parks and Recreation Administration located at Holiday Park, 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive, Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM. Annual renewals may be handled by mail. To obtain a dog permit, the pet owner must provide a current hard copy certificate of vaccination and valid proof of City of Fort Lauderdale residency at time of application.

**2017 Annual Permit Fees:
(January 1 to December 31)**

\$30 per dog (Fort Lauderdale Residents)

\$45 per dog (Non-Residents)

\$5 Lost permit replacement

**One-Weekend Permit Fee:
(Friday, Saturday, & Sunday):**
\$7 per dog

A1A DOG WALKING

Days: Daily

Hours: 6 to 9 AM

Location: West side of A1A from Sunrise Boulevard south to the intersection of Fort Lauderdale Beach and Seabreeze Boulevards. (Note: You may walk dogs on the west side of A1A north of Sunrise Boulevard 24 hours a day, no permit required.)

Fees: Included with purchase of annual Canine Beach permit.

RIVERWALK LINEAR PARK

Days: Daily

Hours: All day

Location: 20 North New River Drive from S.W. 5th to S.E. 2nd Avenues (along the New River in Downtown Fort Lauderdale).

Fees: Free

Dog Rules & Regulations

Canine Beach, A1A Dog Walking, & Riverwalk Linear Park

1. Dogs shall be kept on a leash, maximum of 6-feet in length, at all times.
2. All dogs must have current vaccination and license.
3. Owners must be responsible for their pets. Aggressive dogs may be removed at the City's discretion.
4. Dog owners shall be responsible for disposing of all fecal matter deposited by their dog.
5. Dogs shall not create a nuisance by causing any form of disturbance such as excessive barking or any similar conduct.
6. Dogs are only permitted on the beach in the designated 100-yard section posted as a Canine Beach.
7. Each dog owner must obtain and carry a permit when using Canine Beach.



BARK PARK AT SNYDER PARK

Two fenced acres with agility courses for dogs are available at Bark Park in Snyder Park.

Days: Daily except Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Hours: 7 AM to 7 PM (Closed every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8 to 11 AM for maintenance.)

Location: 3299 S.W. 4th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315

Fees: No charge except for parking on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays (\$1 per car per hour, \$5 daily maximum).

DOG SWIM AT SNYDER PARK

Swimming for dogs is available at Snyder Park's East Lake. Dog Swim is closed on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month for water treatment.

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HOLIDAY PARK DOG PARK

Enjoy the brand new dog park in the heart of Fort Lauderdale at Holiday Park!

Days: Daily

Hours: 7:30 AM to 7 PM (Closed every Monday and Wednesday morning from 8 to 11 AM for maintenance)

Location: 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

Fee: Free

Dog Rules & Regulations

Bark Park at Snyder Park & Holiday Park Dog Park

1. All dogs must have current vaccination and license. Puppies under four months old are not permitted.
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3. Dog owners shall be responsible for disposing of all fecal matter deposited by their dog.
4. Dogs shall not create a nuisance by causing any form of disturbance such as excessive barking or any similar conduct.
5. No more than three (3) dogs per person are permitted.
6. Rollerblading, roller skating, and bicycle riding are not permitted in Bark Park or Holiday Park Dog Park.
7. Dogs in estrus (heat), ill, and/or with internal or external parasites are not allowed in the park.
8. Please keep gate closed at all times.
9. Dogs are not allowed to dig inside the park.
10. Children under 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult.
11. No food is allowed inside the park. Treats are to be used for training purposes only.

NOTE: Dogs and/or their owners who violate these rules are subject to removal from the park and possible suspension. The City of Fort Lauderdale reserves the right to refuse entry into Bark Park at Snyder Park and Holiday Park Dog Park for the reasons of health, safety, and prior offenses or for the comfort of all patrons and/or their pets. Bark Park and Holiday Park Dog Park are not staffed, please use at your own risk.

Non-service canines are NOT allowed in any other City Parks.

For more details, visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/dog.

- Dog-Friendly Places
- ▶ Marine Facilities
- Parks Locator
- Park Rangers
- ▶ Park Rules and Regulations
- ▶ Recreation
- ▶ Rental Information
- Request for Program Information
- ▶ Special Events
- Special Event Permit Application
- ▶ Tennis Centers
- ▶ War Memorial Auditorium

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PERMIT

CITY ORDINANCE C-94-29

DESIGNATED CANINE AREA
FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY ONLY
3 PM TO 7 PM

ALL DOGS MUST BE
LEASHED AND UNDER
CONTROL AT ALL TIMES

PERSON IN CONTROL SHALL IMMEDIATELY
REMOVE AND PROPERLY DISPOSE OF FECAL
MATTER DEPOSITED UPON THE SANDY BEACH
BY HIS OR HER DOG
REQUIRED





HARD DATA - DOGS ON FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH SUNSET BLVD. TO OAKLAND PARK BLVD.

Date	Time	North		Towers 15/16		South		Total
		L & C	No	L & C	No	L & C	No	
Saturday, November 30, 2019	4:00 PM	2	5	0	12	0	0	19
Sunday, December 1, 2019	3:30 PM	3	5	4	9	3	2	26

Notes:

Lifeguards, supervisors, beach ranger.....

Don't check for permits

No reaction to the following:

 Dog not on leash

 Dog present out of allowable time

 Dog not between Towers 15 & 16

Only react to complaints or to egregious cases (dog being an obvious disturbance)

If somebody is bitten, ask to have vaccination certificate brought in later

CHECK IT OUT FOR YOURSELF!

PHONE CITY HALL

EXAMPLES: \$\$ GENERATED BY DOG PERMITS FOR THE BEACH
\$\$ COLLECTED IN FINES

WALK ON THE BEACH (DON'T ANNOUNCE YOURSELF.....)

DOG-FRIENDLY LBTS.....

ENFORCEMENT ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF LBTS
NO MATTER WHAT AREA IS DESIGNATED

ENFORCEMENT SUNRISE TO SUNSET, 365 DAYS/YEAR
NO MATTER WHAT DAYS/TIMES ARE DESIGNATED

ENFORCERS MUST **ENFORCE** & PENALIZE WHEN APPROPRIATE

OTHERWISE A FREE-FOR-ALL AS IN FORT LAUDERDALE

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