

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, REMOVING BOARD MEMBER SEAN ATKINSON FROM THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS ADVISORY BOARD.

WHEREAS, the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Advisory Board ("Board") was established by the City Commission to promote parks, recreation, cultural arts, special events and golf operations within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Board consists of nine adult member positions and two youth member positions whose interests and focus are on the recreational, athletic or cultural arts aspects of the Department; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 10 Live Oak trees were planted by City staff in advance of the Saturday, October 10 volunteer planting project where five Gumbo Limbo trees and approximately 30 Cocoplums were scheduled to be planted. The planting plan was prepared by the City Arborist; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, October 9, the Hollywood Wildcats, via a detailed email, requested relocation of the planting material and Saturday morning, City staff spoke with the Hollywood Wildcats' President regarding rearranging the Gumbo Limbos and Cocoplums planting locations; and

WHEREAS, City staff informed the Hollywood Wildcat President that the Live Oak tree(s) location discussion would take place on Monday, October 12 with the City Arborist; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, October 10, approximately 10:30 a.m. (30 minutes before the end of the planting project), Sean Atkinson was advised by Robert Ingram (City Recreation Maintenance Supervisor) that he would need to obtain authorization to relocate the Live Oaks, and shortly after 11:00 a.m., City staff working the volunteer planting project gathered the tools and supplies and left the site; and

WHEREAS, between Saturday 11:00 a.m. and Sunday afternoon, eight of the Live Oak trees were re-located; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, October 11 around 1:00 p.m., City staff witnessed a Facebook Live post that showed Sean Atkinson, Tom Lander and others relocating Live Oak trees; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, October 11, David Vazquez returned a call from Tom Lander who was present when the Live Oak trees were moved, and Tom Lander stated that he was unaware that Sean Atkinson did not have authorization to relocate the Live Oak trees; and

WHEREAS, in addition to not having authorization to relocate the Live Oak trees, Sean Atkinson did not have authorization to work at Boggs West field after the volunteer planting project, thereby trespassing on City property; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, and staff liaison to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Advisory Board, recommend the removal of Sean Atkinson based upon his blatant disregard towards City staff authority and trespassing on City property; and

WHEREAS, the City Code Chapter 37.25(B) provides that the City Commission, by a majority vote, may remove any board member for any reason or no reason.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: That Sean Atkinson is removed from the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Advisory Board.

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Section 3: That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY for the use and reliance of the City of Hollywood, Florida, only.

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES

CITY ATTORNEY