



**CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP
CITY OF PARKLAND
AGENDA**

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

at 6:30 PM

**Commission Chamber
6600 University Drive
Parkland, FL 33067**

Live Streaming at www.cityofparkland.org/ccm

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. PRESENTATION**

Autism Friendly City

ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD, AGENCY OR COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTERS CONSIDERED AT SUCH HEARING OR MEETING HE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE HE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. (FLORIDA STATUTE 286.0105)

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT AND FLORIDA STATUTE 286.26, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK NO LATER THAN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT (954) 753-5040 FOR ASSISTANCE.



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Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2020

AGENDA SUMMARY

Agenda Item: 4.1

WORKSHOP

SHORT TITLE: Autism Friendly City

SUBMITTED BY: Carole Morris

MEETING GROUP: City Commission

SPONSOR:

ORIGIN OF REQUEST: City Commission

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This is a policy decision so no staff recommendation is provided.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategy: Quality of Life Experiences

Goals & Actions by Strategy: Foster a more fully informed community that strengthens community character

BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

Recently, Mayor Hunschofsky attended an event wherein the City of Delray Beach was recognized as an “autism friendly” city. It was requested that staff provide more information about this designation.

In Broward County, the program is managed through the UM-NSU CARD Autism Friendly Initiative. The program is relatively new, having been introduced in 2019, and at present there are two entities designated as "autism friendly" in Broward County - Young at Art Museum and the Broward Performing Arts Center. The goal of the autism friendly initiative is to build a more welcoming community for citizens of all abilities by partnering with community entities interested in having a more positive impact on the lives of people diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and their families. This is done at no cost to the city/business partner.

The "autism friendly" designation involves a couple of components and is tailored to the needs/desires of the city/business partner. The first step would be training for city personnel. This training would be conducted by UM-NSU CARD staff and focuses on strategies to accommodate both residents and employees or volunteers on the autism spectrum. The training could be completed on-site and would require employees take part in a 1-2 hour training session. The next level would be to consult with UM-NSU CARD on autism friendly strategies for facilities, programming and messaging. The third level would address strategies for being an autism friendly employer.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cost to the City for training/participation.