



## **Meeting Minutes**

Leisure Services Advisory Board

June 7, 2021

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by board chair, Danny Perez.

## **Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** Peter Fox, Hazel Kistow-Vasquez, Ellen Moltz, Tonya Nolen Williams, Danny Perez, Satnarine Ricketts-Weller, Larry (Todd) Shipley **City Liaison:** Kevin Pickard, Leisure Services Director

## **Open Discussion**

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2021 Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Peter Fox. The motion carried without board opposition.

## **Old Business**

- Virtual Lyrical Lounge - 12 teens joined the spoken word event. They were happy to be involved virtually but look forward to coming back in person.
- Memorial Day Ceremony - The first in-person event since the COVID-19 shutdown was held indoors due to weather concerns. Safety precautions were taken.
- Drive-In Movie - Approximately 100 cars of people filled the lot to see the movie Croods 2. Attendees enjoyed the movie and some shared that they were thankful for the night out.
- Civic Center Re-opening - The Civic Center offices open to the public on June 1<sup>st</sup> and the Senior Center on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both facilities will be fully operational, including all bus routes and concessions on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Business**

### Upcoming Events

- Piper Graduating Drive-thru Parade takes place tonight through the Civic Center campus.
- Champions of Chess Tournament -This year's tournament will be held on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center Grand Ballroom.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebrations – The parade starts at 9:00 a.m. on Sunset Strip and Family Fun Day at City Park continues until 1:00 p.m. The BB&T Center opens at 3:45 p.m. for the evening activities featuring food trucks, kids' games, bounce houses and performances by Reggae Force, the 80's classic rock band Audio Tramp and the soul group, Gypsy Lane. The fireworks start at 9:00 p.m.
- Back to School Round-Up takes place on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Civic Center.
- The Tunes 'n Trucks concert series will start in October.

Leisure Services Staff - Maria Little, Leisure Services Deputy Director, and Amy Jean-Baptiste, Leisure Services Assistant Director, stopped by to share that the Piper Graduation Parade had ended and that even though it was smaller than last year, those that participated enjoyed themselves and were looking forward to graduation.

### **Good of the Order**

Danny Perez asked about the status of the Welleby Park renovation project. It was shared that the City continues to be hopeful that the project will be close to the finish line in the next few months.

Peter Fox shared that the water fountain at the north end of Oak Hammock Park is not working. Kevin Pickard stated that he will have it checked out.

Hazel Kistow-Vasquez asked who runs the City events and how does the board tie in to those events. Kevin Pickard stated that the City events are planned and run by the Leisure Services employees. Staff relies on board members to share event information with neighbors and advise staff of residents' likes and dislikes. They are always looking for honest feedback and they look to the board members to be the sounding board for residents.

Satnarine Ricketts-Weller would like to bring someone from Leisure Services to Sunrise Lakes and share programs and events schedules with the residents. Kevin Pickard stated there was a plan for that prior to the COVID-19 shutdown and hopefully will be planned again once all employees are back and the department is fully operational.

Tonya Nolen Williams shared that Leisure Services staff was very helpful when her family recently joined the Athletic Club. She hopes the Drive-In movies continue because they were fun for the family.

Ellen Moltz inquired if the new park project at Sunrise Lakes Phase I is completed. There was a request from the residents to add some fencing around the area and the project should be complete once that is done.

Todd Shipley shared that the bike lane on Sunset Strip continues to be very dangerous as cars are using the bike lane for passing other cars. He drives by City Park daily and is so excited to see that it is always filled with people. The renovations made have had a huge impact on the surrounding community.

### **Adjournment**

Danny Perez stated that it was great to be back in person. He was thankful for the Memorial Day Ceremony and it was emotional for him. He asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Satnarine Ricketts-Weller. Motion carried without board opposition.

Transcribed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary