



Meeting Minutes

Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Meeting

June 3, 2021

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by board chair, Glinda Townsley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Aura Abreu, John Barrant, Charmaine Donald, Myrurgia (Maggie) Pichardo, Carole Simmons, Glinda Townsley

Absent: Martha Martinez

City Liaison: Kevin Pickard, Leisure Services Director

Open Discussion

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2021 meeting was made by Maggie Pichardo and seconded by Aura Abreu. The motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

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.

Virtual Lyrical Lounge- 12 attendees enjoyed the spoken word event, but are looking forward to meeting in person.

Memorial Day Ceremony- The first in-person event since the COVID-19 shutdown was well attended. The ceremony was moved indoors due to weather concerns. Safety precautions were taken. Piper High School JROTC presented colors and performed a flag ceremony.

New Business

Piper High School Graduates Parade- Sunrise hosts the 2021 graduating class parade through the Civic Center campus on Monday, June 7th, starting at 6:00 p.m.

July 4th Celebrations – The parade starts at 9:00 a.m. on Sunset Strip. Aura Abreu, Glinda Townsley, John Barrant and Maggie Pichardo volunteered to judge the parade floats. After the parade, the Family Fun Day at City Park continues until 1:00 p.m. At 3:45 p.m. the BB&T Center lot opens for the evening activities. The event features food trucks, kids' games, bounce houses and live musical performances from Reggae Force, the 80's classic rock band Audio Tramp and soul group Gypsy Lane. The fireworks show will start at 9:00 p.m. Entry is free for the July 4th events.

Aura Abreu asked how the community finds out about the events. Kevin Pickard responded that the City advertises on social media, flyers in the water bill, signs placed throughout the city, and the Horizons Magazine, which will begin again with the October-December issue.

Back to School Round-Up- The annual event takes place on Saturday, August 7th at the Sunrise Civic Center beginning at 10:00 a.m. Backpacks filled with school supplies, books, fresh fruits and vegetables will be given away to residents. Local businesses and organizations donate the supplies, but the City supplements what is needed.

Fall Harvest Festival- This event takes place on Saturday, October 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sunrise Sportsplex.

Cultural Festival- This year's event will be held on Saturday, November 13th at the newly renovated City Park. Special Events staff will attend next month's meeting to discuss plans for the event.

Board Discussion

Carole Simmons asked if they could play a part in the Piper parade. The response was that all are invited to participate along the parade route and cheer on the graduates.

John Barrant asked if there are plans for events at the Senior Center. Kevin Pickard responded that there is a calendar of events that Senior Center staff has created for the upcoming months. The calendar is mailed out to members, posted on the City's website or can be picked up at the Senior Center.

Aura Abreu asked about the role of the advisory board. Glinda Townsley explained that the board is asked for input regarding City event planning and serve as liaisons for resident input. Kevin Pickard stated that the board's advisory capacity is taken seriously and staff consistently seek feedback, good and otherwise, to ensure that we are putting on quality events for the community.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carole Simmons and seconded by Aura Abreu. The motion passed without opposition.

Transcribed by:

Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary