



Meeting Minutes

Leisure Services Advisory Board
August 2, 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, Danny Perez, Satnarine Ricketts-Weller, Larry (Todd) Shipley

Excused: Ellen Moltz, Tonya Nolen Williams

City Liaison: Kevin Pickard, Leisure Services Director

Open Discussion

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2021 Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Peter Fox. The motion carried without board opposition.

Old Business

- Champions of Chess Tournament- There were 74 participants, which is smaller than usual but a good number considering it was the first in-person tournament since the Covid-19 shutdown.
- July 4th Events- There were 39 floats in the parade, about 1,000 people in attendance. The Family Fun Day had about 500 people in attendance at City Park. There were an estimated 20,000 people at the Bash. It was a hot sunny day. Kevin Pickard shared that the City set up a misting tent to help relieve the heat. Danny Perez shared that attendees enjoyed the music and the amazing fireworks show.

New Business

G.O. Bond Projects Update

- Welleby Park- The contractor's progress continues to be very slow as they get closer to the completion of their scope of work. The City has begun their own work that includes updating signs and painting the concrete pillars along the fence line in an effort to prevent any further delay in opening the park once the contractor completes their project.
- Veterans Park- The contractor is very close to completion, but there is no definite date of opening yet.
- Oscar Wind Park- The intermediate phase is about to begin with removing the portables and cleaning up the area to make open greenspace. Fencing will be added and the playground will be renovated.
- Sunrise Athletic Complex- The park is being renovated in phases. Total completion date is planned for June 2022 but they are ahead of schedule and doing great work. One portion of the park is open to accommodate the tackle football program.
- Village Pool- Construction continues on the building but the pool is completed and open to the public.
- Lakeside Park- The newly named park on Sunrise Lakes Boulevard near Sunrise Lakes Phase I, has just a few finishing touches needed to include installation of a light pole and a new sign. There isn't an

opening date yet. Hazel Kistow-Vasquez asked if the area can be mowed more often. Kevin Pickard responded that he will send a request to the contractor.

Upcoming Events/Programs

- Back to School Round-Up - Saturday, August 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the Civic Center.
- Sunrise Comic-Con – Saturday, August 14th, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Cosplay contest at 6:00 p.m. Held at the Civic Center.
- Summer Mini Camp- There are still spots available for Mini Camp. Peter Fox asked if masks are required for the campers. Kevin Pickard responded that masks are recommended but not required at this time.

Involvement in Special Events

Kevin Pickard stated that the board as a whole or individually are always welcome to take part in any of the special events if they are interested.

September Meeting

The board discussed alternate meeting dates as the first Monday of the month is Labor Day and the City is closed for the holiday. Kevin Pickard informed the board that they will be contacted if an alternate date can be found without conflicts.

Good of the Order

Peter Fox reported that the water fountain at the north end of Oak Hammock Park is still not working and that the landscape is encroaching the walking path. There is also an area at the south entrance that has never been planted. Kevin Pickard stated that he will forward the information to the Facility Maintenance division.

Hazel Kistow-Vasquez complimented the staff on a job well done with the July 4th events.

Satnarine Ricketts-Weller asked if there is any space for a cricket field in the city. Kevin Pickard responded that there isn't space for a full field but the new greenspace at City Park can be used and that it was actually planned with cricket in mind. Flamingo Park field has been used previously as well.

Todd Shipley shared that he is happy to help out at Soccer ratings this year. He has started letting his beard grow out in preparation of playing Santa, along with his wife who will play Mrs. Claus, at Winter Wonderland and the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Danny Perez stated that he would like to help out if volunteers are needed for the Trick or Trot race event. He shared that he enjoyed a tour of a few of the parks with another resident recently and was impressed with the Flamingo Park splash pad.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Hazel Kistow-Vasquez. Motion carried without board opposition.

Transcribed by: _____

Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary