



## **Meeting Minutes**

Leisure Services Advisory Board  
October 4, 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, Tonya Nolen Williams, Danny Perez, Satnarine Ricketts-Weller, Larry (Todd) Shipley

**City Liaison:** Kevin Pickard, Director of Leisure Services

### **Open Discussion**

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2021 Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Peter Fox. The motion carried without board opposition.

### **Old Business**

- Mask Mandate- Masks are required inside all City-owned and leased buildings. The mandate will be re-evaluated at the end of the month.
- Back to School Round-Up- A total of 836 backpacks containing school supplies were given away at the annual event. Remaining backpacks were given to Sunrise schools for distribution. The event featured 15 Sunrise schools, 17 vendors, Panthers' mascot, Victor E. Rat and Roar Corps, as well as representatives from Sunrise Code Enforcement, Fire Rescue and Police. The backpack line moved a little slowly at first, but picked up once the books were moved to a different area to give people more time to choose.
- Comic-Con- The number of event tickets sold totaled 1,237. School of Rock band played for over two hours. Seventy-five people registered for Cosplay. Tonya Nolen Williams shared that she attended with her family and they enjoyed the event. She liked the Trivia and Q & A sections.
- 9/11 Ceremony- This year was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic events. Approximately 100 people were in attendance.
- Oak Hammock Park Maintenance Update- As a follow up to Peter Fox's concern about a bare space that needs planting at Oak Hammock Park, it was determined that plants previously planted were not sustainable and that a hardscape design is probably the best option.

### **New Business**

Leisure Services Staff Update- Shantel Richards, new Recreation Supervisor of the Athletic Club, Village Multipurpose Center and Tennis Center was introduced to the board. Shantel shared program updates and plans for new programs at the Civic Center that include line dancing, zumba, volleyball and pickleball. The focus at the Tennis Center is a community outreach program offering free tennis lessons to residents. The Village Multipurpose Center staff has planned new programs for City Park to include a walking program, field day and pickleball.

## Upcoming Events/Programs

- Mayors Chess Challenge- This program has been postponed due to safety concerns.
- Fall Harvest Festival- The annual event will be held on Saturday, 10/16, 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the Sunrise Sportsplex.
- Tunes & Trucks- The first concert of the series to be held on Friday, 10/8 at the Civic Center Amphitheater will feature the Latin jazz group Cachi y Saoco Nuevo. Food trucks open at 6:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:00 p.m.
- Trick or Trot 5K and Kids' Dash- The race will be held on Saturday, 10/23 at Markham Park. The 5K starts at 7:30 a.m. and the Kids' Dashes start at 8:00 a.m.
- Boo Bash- The family-friendly Halloween event will be held on Sunday, 10/31, 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. at City Park.
- Hocus Pocus- The interactive theater show will take place on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

## **Good of the Order**

Tonya Nolen Williams expressed her interest in the Hocus Pocus show. Kevin Pickard shared that staff is making strides in bringing in family events to the Civic Center Theatre. Tickets can be purchased online or in person at the box office.

Hazel Kistow-Vasquez asked about advertising for new programs. She was informed that we share information on social media, the City's website, opt-in email distributions and through direct mail distribution of Horizons magazine to Sunrise residents.

Satnarine Ricketts-Weller shared that she is going to bring in more information about Netball. Shantel Richards informed the board that plans are in the works for programming Netball at City Park.

Peter Fox shared that he receives a lot of questions from residents about when Welleby Park will reopen. Kevin Pickard responded that the contractor is slowly working towards completion but there isn't any new information about an opening date. Peter shared a photo of a bicycle "fix it" station. Kevin Pickard informed the board that several of these stations are being installed throughout the city.

Todd Shipley asked where the Winter Wonderland is being held this year. Kevin Pickard responded that the event will be held at the Sportsplex since Welleby Park is not open yet. Todd suggested a Sunrise resident golf tournament at Springtree.

Danny Perez shared that he enjoyed a lot of running during his vacation out of state and he noticed signage with distances posted along the way. Kevin Pickard shared that distance signs are posted at all of the city parks along the walking paths.

## **Adjournment**

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