



Meeting Minutes

Leisure Services Advisory Board

November 1, 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 October 4, 2021 Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Peter Fox. The motion carried without board opposition.

Old Business

Tunes & Trucks- There were about 1,000 people that attended the first concert of the season, featuring the band Cachi y Saoco Nuevo, celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Fall Harvest Festival- Approximately 2,000 people attended this year's festival. There were some hiccups with the hayride tractor, but the feedback was positive and attendees enjoyed the games, crafts and petting zoo.

Trick or Trot 5K and Kid's Races- 696 of the 767 registered runners were on hand for the 5th annual event. Many ran in costume and were happy to be back to the in-person race event.

BOO BASH- There were an estimated 4,000 people in attendance, more than expected. Staff replenished candy supplies during the event.

Queens of Soul/Aretha Franklin & Patti LaBelle- 159 tickets were sold for the show. Satnarine Ricketts-Weller attended and reported that the singers were very good and that she would love to see more events like it.

Interactive Movie Hocus Pocus- 248 tickets were sold for the movie. Todd Shipley attended with his family. He shared that many people dressed in costume and enjoyed the trivia and interactions with the live performers.

Senior Halloween Dance- Staff received great feedback from the sold-out crowd.

Family Halloween Dance- This sold-out event, geared towards preschoolers, was a lot of fun for the little ones.

New Business

Cultural Festival Details- Board members viewed the layout and the schedule of events for the upcoming festival and the breakdown of this year's budget compared to the previous two years.

Holiday Season Programs- Kevin Pickard shared that our Social Services team has been busy planning the following programs:

- Thanksgiving food baskets for 200 families
- Christmas food baskets for 100 families
- Children's Holiday Party for 100 children and their families

Staff members work with community partners to secure food donations for the holiday meal baskets. Each child attending the Children's Holiday Party receives five gifts from donations to the City's annual toy drive. Senior Center volunteers and City staff wrap the children's gifts. Board members were invited to assist with the gift wrapping and/or assist with serving the food at the Children's Holiday Party.

Upcoming Events/Programs- Kevin Pickard shared many of the upcoming events which included the following:

- Tunes & Trucks- The November 5th concert at the Civic Center, will feature the classic rock band Riverdown. Food trucks open at 6:00 p.m. and concert begins at 7:00 p.m.
- Tree Lighting Ceremony- December 3, 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. With all of the construction on the campus, the decorations will be located closer to the marquee.
- Arts & Crafts Festival featuring Winter Wonderland- December 11, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the Sportsplex. Admission is free for the festival; Winter Wonderland is \$5.00 for kids 12 and under.

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Tonya Nolen Williams asked where one would drop off toys if interested in donating to the toy drive. Kevin Pickard responded that donation boxes are placed in City office facilities, including the Civic Center.

Hazel Kistow-Vasquez shared that she forwarded the schedule of upcoming programs she received from staff to the residents in her community and they greatly appreciated receiving the emails.

Satnarine Ricketts-Weller asked for more information about events planned for older residents. Kevin Pickard responded that he will have a staff member email the Senior Center calendar to her.

Peter Fox asked if the gas grills are working at the parks and would like more information about the rentals. He was informed that the grills are working and a staff member will email the pavilion rental information to him.

Todd Shipley suggested an Angel Tree for the residents in need. Kevin Pickard responded that he didn't know if something like that would necessarily be the right fit for the City's social services program, but he would check into it.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Tonya Nolen Williams. Motion carried without board opposition.

Transcribed by: _____

Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary