



Meeting Minutes

Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
January 6, 2022

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by City Liaison, Kevin Pickard, Director of Leisure Services.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: John Barrant, Charmaine Donald, Gilbert Lenchus, Myrurgia Pichardo, Carole Simmons, Glinda Townsley

Absent: Martha Martinez,

City Liaison: Kevin Pickard, Director of Leisure Services

Open Discussion

Introduction of Board Members

Kevin Pickard, Director of Leisure Services, introduced himself and welcomed the new and returning board members. Each board member was introduced and then spoke a little about themselves. All were excited for what is to come in the new year.

Selection of Board Officers

Charmaine Donald and Glinda Townsley were selected as Chair and Vice-chair, respectively. As the board's Chair, Charmaine Donald assumed the role of moderator for the rest of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2021 meeting was made by Glinda Townsley and seconded by John Barrant. The motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Marketing to the Sunrise Lakes Phases- Following an inquiry from Carole Simmons at the last board meeting, Leisure Services staff members reached out to Sunrise Lakes representatives to advertise the Theatre show schedule and Senior Center programs calendar at the clubhouses.

Holiday Tree Lighting - The third annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony was enjoyed by about 1,000 people. Guests received free hot chocolate and cookies and took pictures at various photo areas. A choral group from the Senior Center, Franklin Academy's handbell and recorder groups and a yuletide carolers group performed on stage.

Art Festival Featuring Winter Wonderland- An estimated 2,100 people attended the Arts & Crafts Festival and 2,300 attended the Winter Wonderland event. The arts and crafts event featured handmade items, food vendors and local businesses and nonprofit organizations. Students from local schools performed musical and dance acts on the community stage. Winter Wonderland featured snow, inflatables, holiday games, arts and crafts, and photo opportunities with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Sixteen people participated in a free outdoor yoga class held before the event and led by the Civic Center's yoga instructor.

Children's Holiday Party- 96 children & families attended the yearly event held at the Doubletree Hotel. Each child received 6-7 toys and had pictures taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

New Business

MLK Events- Kevin Pickard shared the schedule of events to be held during the annual celebration of the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

- Saturday, 1/15 - 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.- Poetry Workshop for teens in the Art Gallery
- Saturday, 1/15 - 2:00 p.m. - Movie - Race
- Sunday, 1/16 - 6:00 p.m. - Opening reception for Art Gallery exhibit
- Sunday, 1/16 - 7:00 p.m. - Concert – Tribute to Whitney Houston and Donna Summer.

Admission is free, but pre-registration is required.

Art Gallery Reopening- Kevin Pickard announced that the Cultural Arts staff is once again scheduling exhibitions/shows for the Art Gallery. They are doing their best to honor commitments to artists scheduled before the COVID-19 shutdown and getting the word out to local artists for future shows.

Board Discussion

Gilbert Lenchus suggested a chess show/event for the Theatre. Kevin Pickard shared that the City works the National Scholastic Chess Foundation to run an annual tournament. The City also participates in the Mayors' Chess Challenge with other cities and sets up chess boards at all special events.

Carole Simmons suggested an Open Mic event for adults at a local restaurant as she used to attend them near her former residence. Kevin Pickard replied that it might be a better fit for the Chamber of Commerce and that he would reach out to them.

Glinda Townsley shared that she attended a New Year's Eve event and thought the band might be a good choice for one of the Sunrise special events. Kevin Pickard replied that he will have staff reach out to them for details.

Adjournment

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

Transcribed by: _____

Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary