



Meeting Minutes

Leisure Services Advisory Board

January 3, 2022

Call to Order

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

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Lorelei Boyden, Hazel Kistow-Vasquez, Danny Perez, Satnarine Ricketts-Weller, Larry (Todd) Shipley

Absent: Peter Fox, Tonya Nolen Williams

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

Danny Perez and Satnarine Ricketts-Weller were selected as Chair and Vice-chair, respectively. As the board's Chair, Danny Perez assumed the role of moderator for the rest of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2021 Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Satnarine Ricketts-Weller. The motion carried without board opposition.

Old Business

Art & Crafts 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, 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. Todd Shipley added that he and his wife Michelle had fun portraying 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, played by Todd and Michelle Shipley. Hazel Kistow-Vasquez shared that she enjoyed the experience helping with set-up, serving food and distributing the gifts to the children.

New Business

Netball Program – Board members were excited to hear that Netball programming is set to start at the Village Multipurpose Center. Satnarine Ricketts-Weller was credited with bringing the community's desire for Netball to the attention of City staff.

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.

Upcoming Events/Programs – Kevin Pickard shared some of the upcoming events including:

- Drive-In Movie- The movie Shrek will be shown at Markham Park on Friday, 1/7 at 6:30 p.m.
- Tunes & Trucks – Havoc 305 will perform at the January 14th concert at the Civic Center and the February 4th concert at City Park will feature Luna Live. Food trucks start serving at 6:00 p.m. and the music start at 7:00 p.m.

Good of the Order

Lorelei Boyden shared her concern for parking at City Park for the Tunes 'n Trucks event since there were issues at the Halloween event. Kevin Pickard stated that the expected attendance at the Tunes 'n Trucks concert is well below that of the Halloween event, so he doesn't foresee any parking issues.

Todd Shipley asked if Piper High School students would be able to add to the art wall next to the school on N.W. 44th Street. Kevin Pickard replied that it would have to be approved by City leadership.

Hazel Kistow-Vasquez asked if the new Lakeside Park is ready to open. Kevin Pickard responded that once Comcast installs call boxes at the site, the opening will be scheduled.

Danny Perez asked if there are plans to bring back a Farmers' Market in the City. Kevin Pickard replied that the City would like to bring it back at the planned Village Art Plaza. Mr. Perez also asked for an update on the current G.O. Bond construction/renovation projects to be discussed at next month's board meeting.

Satnarine Ricketts-Weller asked if temperature machines are installed at any of the parks. Kevin Pickard responded that with CDC guidelines always changing, there are no plans for them at this time.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Hazel Kistow-Vasquez. Motion carried without board opposition. The board adjourned to tour the Senior Center facility.

Transcribed by: _____

Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary