



## **Meeting Minutes**

Leisure Services Advisory Board

March 7, 2022

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by board chair, Danny Perez.

### **Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Lorelei Boyden, Peter Fox, Hazel Kistow-Vasquez, Tonya Nolen Williams, Danny Perez, Larry (Todd) Shipley

**Absent:** Satnarine Ricketts-Weller

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

### **Open Discussion**

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2022 Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Tonya Nolen Williams. The motion carried without board opposition.

### **Old Business**

Greenway - Following an inquiry from Peter Fox regarding benches on the northside of the Greenway, Kevin Pickard shared that he reached out to the South Florida Management District who oversees the Greenway. It was relayed that there are benches on one side of the greenway at this time. Mr. Pickard said that he would reach out to City Management to see if a further discussion/request can be made concerning adding benches to the other side.

### Past Events -

- **Outdoor Movie-** The movie "Boss Baby: Family Business" was shown at City Park to the largest crowd to date. It was shared that due to the continuing popularity of this event, staff is considering bringing in a food vendor for the next movie. Lorelei Boyden shared that she enjoyed the event and the popcorn supplied by the City.
- **Classic Car Show-** The show featured about 130 cars and an estimated 1,000 people were in attendance, a large increase from previous years.
- **Taste of Sunrise-** Board members Lorelei Boyden, Hazel Kistow-Vasquez and Todd Shipley attended. The event sold out the maximum 500 tickets. Overall, the public feedback was great, attendees liked the selection of restaurants and the trays to carry their plates on. Attendees suggested a little more seating be added and possibly moving vendors around or even out of the hallway to reduce the possibility of a bottleneck. Some people commented that they didn't know where to go once inside the venue. Danny Perez suggested sending an email to ticket holders ahead of time with the diagram of the layout to let people know what to expect when they arrive. Kevin Pickard stated that staff is aware of the concerns and are working through the logistics for next year.

## **New Business**

### Parks Opening Update -

- Lakeside Park - Kevin Pickard shared that the park is open. There will be a Grand Opening Ceremony on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- SAC – Phase III is complete and the three baseball/softball fields are open in time for the beginning of the recreation season. Phase IV, which is the last phase of the construction, continues to move along.
- Welleby Park- There is hope that there will be new information to share at April's meeting.

### Leisure Services Staff Update-

- Seasonal Staff - The struggle continues in hiring Seasonal Camp Counselors. Staff has been visiting with students at Piper and Plantation High Schools to bring all the information to them personally. Danny Perez offered to share the information with other organizations as well.
- Recreation Staff – The hiring process is underway for the new positions needed at SAC Multipurpose Center and Village Multipurpose Center.

### Upcoming Events/Programs – Kevin Pickard shared a list of upcoming events, including:

- Tunes & Trucks – The March 11<sup>th</sup> concert will feature the Samantha Russell Band (country/rock) at the Civic Center Amphitheater. Food trucks begin serving at 6:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:00 p.m.
- Lyrical Lounge – The “Teen Open Mic Night” will be held on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Art Gallery.
- Summer Camp Registration deadline is Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Earth Day Festival – There will be live entertainment, great food and family-friendly activities at this year's event, to be held at Sunrise Sportsplex on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## **Good of the Order**

Lorelei Boyden asked if there was a way to find out who owns the property at the corner of NW 64<sup>th</sup> Street and Oakland Park Boulevard because the area is in need of cleaning and it has not been mowed in quite some time. Kevin Pickard responded that he would look into it.

Peter Fox inquired about the renovations being done in the restrooms on the east side of Welleby Park. Kevin Pickard responded that the City hired a new contractor to renovate the restrooms since the eastside of the park is not part of the scope of work included in the G.O. Bond projects.

Danny Perez shared that he is excited to see Public Art coming to our city. Kevin Pickard shared that there is currently “a call to artists” to submit artwork for projects throughout the city.

## **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