



Meeting Minutes

Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Meeting

May 5, 2022

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by board chair, Charmaine Donald.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: John Barrant, Charmaine Donald, Gilbert Lenchus, Martha Martinez, Glinda Townsley

Absent: Myrurgia (Maggie) Pichardo, Carole Simmons

City Liaison: Kevin Pickard, Director of Leisure Services

Open Discussion

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2022 meeting was made by Gilbert Lenchus and seconded by Glinda Townsley. The motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Past Events-

- Volunteer Appreciation – City Advisory Board members were honored at this year's luncheon, hosted by the Human Resources Department. Martha Martinez shared that she enjoyed meeting some new people and Glinda Townsley was impressed with the gift bag provided to participants.
- Tunes & Trucks – Friday, April 8th - Motowners (Motown) – There were approximately 2,000 people in attendance, the largest crowd this season.
- Royal Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 9th at the Sunrise Sportsplex – An estimated 3,500 people, including 1,196 paid participants were in attendance. More than 50,000 eggs were given away.
- Spring Fling Dance – Friday, April 22nd at the Civic Center in the Rotunda (held outdoors due to pandemic). The Broward County event for adults with special needs drew 170 participants and they loved the outdoor venue.
- Family Resource Fair – Saturday, April 23rd at City Park. 500 attendees.
- Autism Swims – Saturday, April 23rd at the Sunrise Civic Center - 26 registered participants. Swim team members assisted lifeguards in the water.
- Art Gallery Opening Reception – Friday, April 8th - 60 attendees.
- A Series of Shorts Play Festival – April 23 & 24- Attendance was low possibly due to the price.
- Disney's Descendants the Musical - Both shows were almost sold out. This theatre company has a great following.

Cultural Festival Talent Show Flyer – The board viewed examples of the flyer that will be used for advertising the newly named Sunrise Superstars talent show. The flyer is calls for residents to show their talents and compete for a chance to perform at the Cultural Festival. Board members suggested a few of the designs and agreed to have four age categories for individual performers and two categories (youth and adult) for group performers. Glinda Townsley suggested reaching out to the organizations that performed at previous festivals as well.

New Business

Upcoming Theatre/Art Gallery Events – The board was given an overview of the upcoming events including:

- Art Gallery Exhibit/ Opening Reception- Works by Guylaine Conquet, Saturday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m.

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

- Tunes & Trucks – The May 13th concert will feature the Rock Show at the Civic Center Amphitheater. Food trucks begin serving at 6:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:00 p.m.
- Champions of Chess Student Tournament – Saturday, May 14th in the Civic Center Ballroom.
- Mad Hatter Family Dance – Friday, May 14th in the Civic Center Ballroom.
- Memorial Day Ceremony – Monday, May 29th at 9:00 a.m. in the Civic Center Theatre.

Board Discussion

Gilbert Lenchus asked if the renovations at Oscar Wind Park will include exercise equipment. Kevin Pickard responded that the final design has not been decided at this point but there is a fitness area being planned for the intermediate phase of the project. Mr. Lenchus also expressed an interest in starting and improv group in the City.

Adjournment

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

Transcribed by: _____
Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary