



Meeting Minutes

Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Meeting

June 2, 2022

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Charmaine Donald, Gilbert Lenchus, Martha Martinez, Myrurgia (Maggie) Pichardo,

Absent: John Barrant, Carole Simmons, Glinda Townsley

City Liaison: Kevin Pickard, Director of Leisure Services

City Staff: Amy Jean-Baptiste, Assistant Director of Leisure Services

Open Discussion

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2022 meeting was made by Gilbert Lenchus and seconded by Martha Martinez. The motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Past Events-

- Art Gallery Exhibit/Opening Reception- Works by Guylaine Conquet, Saturday, May 21st. 120 guests enjoyed live music in the Rotunda.
- Tunes & Trucks – Performance by The Rock Show on May 13th at the Civic Center Amphitheater. Great crowd. Approximately 2,200 in attendance.
- Champions of Chess Student Tournament – May 14th in the C.C. Ballroom. 97 participants.
- Mad Hatter Family Dance- Friday, May 14th in the Civic Center Ballroom. 100 registered, 80 attended. D.J. provided music and games for the families.
- Memorial Day Ceremony- Monday, May 29th at 9:00 a.m. in the Civic Center Theatre. 105 attendees. Refreshments were served afterwards. Piper H.S. J.R.O.T.C. presented the colors and performed a flag folding ceremony.

Cultural Festival – Vernon Neeley, Recreation Specialist for special events, led a discussion about the search for bands to play at this year's festival. Martha Martinez suggested looking for a Latin band that plays a wide variety of music while Maggie Pichardo suggested finding a band that plays many musical genres. Charmaine Donald added that the band must be upbeat and be able to engage the crowd, possibly Soca music. Kevin Pickard asked the board to submit any band names for him to share with staff.

New Business

July 4th Events-

- Parade- The parade theme this year is "Game On," a tribute to board games. Kevin Pickard asked for the board's help in spreading the word that applications are still being accepted for parade participants. The parade begins at 9:00 a.m. and is followed by Family Fun Day at City Park. Staff added more games and bounce houses, as well as bringing in a food truck for this year. Charmaine Donald and

Maggie Pichardo expressed interest when the board was asked to serve as judges for the parade. Details will be sent as the day gets closer.

- Concert & Fireworks- The nighttime celebration is held outdoors at the FLA Live Arena. The gates open at 4:30 p.m. The event features bounce houses and games for kids, food and beverage vendors and live performances by three bands: Bobby Rose and the Roze Heyts Band (Reggae), On the Roxx ('80's hits) and Remix (Top 40). Fireworks start at 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming Theatre/Art Gallery Events

Little Shop of Horrors- Saturday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 26 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events/Programs

Tunes & Trucks – The last concert of the year will be held on Friday, June 17th at City Park, featuring the band LaVie Music (Jazz and R&B). Food trucks begin serving at 6:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:00 p.m.

Board Discussion

Gilbert Lenchus asked if the Cultural Festival flyer was completed. Kevin Pickard responded that a few edits were being made. The final draft will be ready to view at next month's meeting.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maggie Pichardo and seconded by Martha Martinez. The motion passed without opposition.

Transcribed by: _____
Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary