



## **Meeting Minutes**

Leisure Services Advisory Board

August 1, 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, Tonya Nolen Williams, Danny Perez, Larry (Todd) Shipley

**Absent:** Hazel Kistow-Vasquez, Satnarine Ricketts-Weller

**City Liaison:** Maria Little, Deputy Director of Leisure Services

## **Open Discussion**

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 6, 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**

Past Events- Maria Little shared information about the previous month's special events.

- Tunes & Trucks – Approximately 1,000 people attended the last concert of the season at City Park.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Events- The parade had a large number of participants this year. There were more people at this year's concert/fireworks but the exact number has not been reported by the Arena at this point. Danny Perez shared that he heard all good things from residents that attended the event.
- SAC Grand Re-Opening - An estimated 500 people attended the event. Attendees were excited to see the outdoor basketball courts and new gymnasium.
- Welleby Park Grand Re-Opening - Approximately 2,500 people attended the long-awaited opening of the renovated park and brand-new dog park. Tonya Nolen Williams asked about the free pavilion rentals. Maria Little responded that the City is offering Sunrise residents one free pavilion rental per household from August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023. Danny Perez shared that he received overwhelmingly positive feedback from people that attended. Todd Shipley shared a concern that the dog park does not have enough shade and hopes that there will be additional poop stations added throughout the park since the entire park is now dog-friendly.

## **New Business**

- Youth Athlete of the Month- The board reviewed the nominations from the Recreation Basketball program. Discussion followed. The board recommended that Isabella Alberto and Elijah Mobley receive Youth Athlete of the Month Awards. The nominees will be recognized at the September 13<sup>th</sup> City Commission Meeting.

Upcoming Events/Programs – Maria Little shared a list of upcoming events, including:

- National Night Out - Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The outdoor event is held at the Municipal Complex, in front of the Public Safety Building.
- Back to School Round-Up - Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Sunrise Civic Center. Sunrise K-12 students will receive a drawstring backpack filled with school supplies and a grade appropriate book. Representatives from schools will be on hand to answer any questions about the new school year.
- Comic Con - Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Sunrise Civic Center. This is an all-ages day of fantasy and fun, including gaming, demos, panels, photo ops and cosplay contest. Entry Fee: Adults-\$10, Kids-\$7.
- 9/11 Ceremony- The City continues to honor the victims, heroes and survivors of the 2001 terrorist attacks on America. The Ceremony starts at 8:30 a.m. in the Civic Center Theatre. There will be distinguished speakers and light refreshments.

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Todd Shipley asked if the kid's bikes and coupes will always be out at the new Safety Town at Welleby Park. Maria Little responded that is yet to be determined because the park is very busy and at this time is difficult for the Facility Attendant to be available and keep track of them. Mr. Shipley asked if there were Pickleball courts in the City. He was informed that courts are set up at SAC Multipurpose gym and the Civic Center gym. Pickle ball lessons are also offered at the Civic Center.

Peter Fox shared that residents are delighted to be back enjoying the park. He mentioned a resident concern about butterflies and if certain types of plants could be planted. Maria Little provided Mr. Fox with the contact information for the City's Sustainability Officer.

Tonya Nolan Williams shared that residents are concerned about the lack of parking outside the Library and Civic Center. Maria Little responded that the City is aware that parking is not ideal but there are plans in the works to expand the parking lot.

Danny Perez shared that he has received many positive responses from residents regarding the parks. He asked if the bicycle rodeo will be coming back. Maria Little responded that staff is currently working with the Police Department to plan the event.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Peter Fox. Motion carried without board opposition.

Transcribed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary