



## **Meeting Minutes**

Leisure Services Advisory Board

September 15, 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, Hazel Kistow-Vasquez, Tonya Nolen Williams, Danny Perez, Satnarine Ricketts-Weller

**Absent:** Peter Fox, Larry (Todd) Shipley

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

### **Open Discussion**

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes (with modifications) from the August 1, 2022 Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting was made by Danny Perez and seconded by Lorelei Boyden. The motion carried without board opposition.

### **Old Business**

Past Events- Kevin Pickard shared information about the previous month's special events:

- Back to School Round-Up- All backpacks were given away. Students also received additional books throughout the event area. Hazel attended and shared that there was a great turnout.
- Comic Con- The event continues to grow more popular each year. There were over 1,700 tickets sold and 120 vendors in all. Tonya Nolen Williams attended with family and enjoyed the speakers and gaming area.
- 9/11 Ceremony- Sunrise continues to honor the victims and heroes of the terrorist attacks. There were about 50 people in attendance.

### **New Business**

Youth Athlete of the Month- The board reviewed the nominations from the Recreation Flag Football and Cheerleading program. Discussion followed. The board recommended that Eden Sereg and Emmanuel Partridge receive Youth Athlete of the Month Awards. The nominees will be recognized at the October 11th City Commission Meeting.

Kevin Pickard shared photos of Isabella Alberto and her family at August's commission meeting. He shared that Isabella was not informed before the meeting that she was going to receive the award, she was very surprised and you could see her excitement in the photos.

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

- Kids' Fishing Derby- Saturday, 9/17 at Welleby Park. Prizes will be awarded in several categories. Admission is free but pre-registration is required.
- Parks for Pollinators- Lorelei Boyden shared that she'll be attending the event on Saturday, 9/17 at Oak Hammock Park. Participants will learn how to use iNaturalist to help collect data while participating in a family-friendly, naturalist-led walk. Attendees can also complete a Sunrise BioBlitz Bingo card to win an eco-friendly prize.
- Mayors Chess Challenge- Saturday, 9/24 in the Civic Center Ballroom. Started by Mayor Ryan, the open play event brings families from around the county together. If you're new to the game, there will be instructors on hand to help!
- Sunrise Superstars Talent Show- Thursday, 10/6 in the Theatre. The winners will perform at the Cultural Festival in November. The judges will be the Cultural Affairs Advisory Board members.

October Board Meeting- Board members agreed to the October Board Meeting being held at the new Sunrise Athletic Complex Multipurpose Center.

### **Good of the Order**

Lorelei Boyden shared her concern for children skateboarding at City Park. Kevin Pickard shared the Park Ranger phone number, #954-849-0071. The ranger serves as the facility attendant's supervisor and can assist in cases like this.

Satnarine Ricketts-Weller asked if Kevin Pickard would speak at the Sunrise Lakes Phase I monthly meeting. Mr. Pickard responded that he would be happy to attend and bring a Senior Center representative as well. Ms. Ricketts-Weller also asked about a previous discussion to put a bench in at Welleby Park in honor of previous advisory board member, Ellen Moltz. Mr. Pickard responded that staff is currently working on a memorial program for the parks.

Danny Perez asked if there is more to be done at Welleby Park. Kevin Pickard responded that the contractor is still working through some of the final touches to include umbrellas going up over the tables at the boardwalk. The City is also working on ideas to put additional shade in the dog park.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lorelei Boyden and seconded by Tonya Nolen Williams. Motion carried without board opposition.

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

Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary