



Meeting Minutes

Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Meeting

September 1, 2022

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by board Vice-chair, Glinda Townsley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: John Barrant, Gilbert Lenchus, Glinda Townsley, Myrurgia (Maggie) Pichardo, Carole Simmons

Absent: Charmaine Donald

City Liaison: Kevin Pickard, Director of Leisure Services

Open Discussion

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2022 meeting was made by Gilbert Lenchus and seconded by Maggie Pichardo. The motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Past Events

- Back to School Round-Up - Approximately 3,000 people attended. All backpacks were given away. Students also received additional books throughout the event area.
- Comic Con - 1,712 tickets sold. Larger crowd than last year. Added 20 more vendors. The Theatre filled with spectators enjoying the 75-participant Cosplay Competition.
- Snow White, Before the Dwarves- 109 tickets total were sold for the two shows.

Cultural Festival Update

- Sunrise Superstars Talent Show- Kevin Pickard shared that a few applications have already been received for the talent show. Board members confirmed that they are all willing to stay later than usual to serve as judges for the talent show.

New Business

Upcoming Theatre/Art Gallery Events

- Lyrical Lounge/ Open Mic Night - Friday, 9/16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Art Gallery
- Art Gallery Reception - Works by Susan Buzzi will be held on Sunday, 9/18 at 4:00 p.m.
- Johnny Peers & The Muttville Comix - Saturday, 9/24 at 2:00 p.m.

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

- Grand Opening of Rourke Pool & Splash Pad- Saturday, 9/10 at 2:00 p.m.
- 9/11 Ceremony- Sunday, 9/11 at 8:30 a.m.
- Kids' Fishing Derby- Saturday, 9/17, Welleby Park at 8:30 a.m.
- Mayors Chess Challenge- Saturday, 9/24, Civic Center Ballroom at 10:00 a.m.
- Soca Step Class- Friday, 9/30, City Park at 7:30 p.m.

Board Discussion

Gilbert Lenchus asked who was responsible for planting the trees along Weston Road. Kevin Pickard responded that he will send Mr. Lenchus the contact information. Mr. Lenchus asked if the chess boards are provided at the Mayors' Chess Challenge. Kevin Pickard responded that the City does supply the chess boards but all are welcome to bring their own.

Carol Simmons asked if the City has a memorial tree program. Kevin Pickard responded that the City currently has a Memory Tree Program in the parks and it is handled by the Leisure Services Department.

Adjournment

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

Transcribed by: _____
Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary