



Meeting Minutes

Leisure Services Advisory Board

October 3, 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, Hazel Kistow-Vasquez, Tonya Nolen Williams, Danny Perez, Satnarine Ricketts-Weller, Larry (Todd) Shipley

City Liaison: Kevin Pickard, Director of Leisure Services

Open Discussion

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2022 Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting was made by Satnarine Ricketts-Weller and seconded by Hazel Kistow-Vasquez. The motion carried without board opposition.

Old Business

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

- Kids' Fishing Derby- 150 enrolled for the event, about double from previous years- great turnout- there were a lot of fish caught. Peter Fox shared that the park has been very busy since re-opening.
- Mayors' Chess Challenge- About 150 players attended. Kevin Pickard shared that his son enjoyed learning the game from the older children.
- Parks for Pollinators- Lorelei Boyden, Tonya Nolen Williams and Peter Fox attended the event at Oak Hammock Park. They shared that it was a fun, well attended and informative event. Peter Fox added that he spoke to Carrie Kashar, the City's Sustainability Officer, about having monarch butterfly gardens in the parks.
- Soca Step Class- Lorelei Boyden shared that she had a lot of fun and was amazed that about 450 people attended the free class. Hazel Kistow-Vasquez added that the instructor has a large following and Soca music is very catchy. Kevin Pickard added that staff is looking for more opportunities to plan at City Park.

New Business

SAC Multipurpose Center Programming- Kevin Pickard shared details of the new layout of the Sunrise Athletic Complex and Multipurpose Center. There are still some small items to be completed by the contractor. Staff is now working to hire a concessionaire. The goal is to provide a concession during the busy hours at the park.

Peter Wolz, the new Operations Supervisor at the SAC Multipurpose was introduced to the board. Mr. Wolz shared the schedule of programs held at the Multipurpose Center, some, including Futzol, are not offered at

the Civic Center. Hazel Kistow-Vasquez asked how the programs are promoted. Peter Wolz responded that our Marketing Department is advertising through social media. Kevin Pickard added that there hasn't been a push on marketing yet because right now the idea is to just let residents come and enjoy the open play time. Danny Perez asked if it has been really busy and Peter Wolz responded that attendance at the facility has been steady since opening. Tonya Nolen Williams asked about age requirements and memberships. Peter Wolz responded that children 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult and membership is free but contracted classes will have fees.

Upcoming Events/Programs – Kevin Pickard shared a list of upcoming events in the busy fall season:

- 10/14 - Hocus Pocus Family Dance at Civic Center Ballroom.
- 10/15 – Fall Festival at Welleby Park.
- 10/21 – Tunes & Trucks- at Civic Center- Featuring La Muneca de la Salsa.
- 10/22- - Trick or Trot 5k at Markham Park.
- 10/29 – Boo Bash at City Park. Lorelei Boyden asked if parking is going to be an issue as it was last year. Kevin Pickard responded that staff has added a shuttle from the City owned lot on N.W. 20th St.
- 11/5 – Cultural Festival at City Park.

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Lorelei Boyden shared that there is water streaming out of the splash pad area. Kevin Pickard stated that he would have it checked out.

Peter Fox shared that there is a tree falling over at Oak Hammock Park, presumably from the recent storm. Kevin Pickard responded that he will have it taken care of.

Satnarine Ricketts-Weller asked what type of show the Fushu Daiko is. She was informed that it is a Japanese drumming program. Kevin Pickard shared that there was a Netball Tournament held at Village Multipurpose Center this past weekend and the program continues to do well.

Danny Perez reminded the board that the Park Ranger phone number was included in last month's Minutes for reference.

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