



Meeting Minutes

Leisure Services Advisory Board

November 7, 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: Maria Little, Deputy Director of Leisure Services

Open Discussion

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2022 Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Satnarine Ricketts-Weller. The motion carried without board opposition.

Old Business

Past Events- Maria Little shared the participation numbers for recently held events:

- Hocus Pocus Family Dance - 112
- Fall Harvest Festival at Welleby Park - 4,500
Danny Perez shared that he had great feedback from attendees.
- First Tunes & Trucks Concert of the Season Featuring La Muñeca de la Salsa - 1,000
- Trick or Trot 5K - 571
Maria Little shared that there were fewer registrants this year. Nevertheless, although other nearby races were held on the same day, we had a great crowd and it was a fun event.
- Boo Bash at City Park - 6,000
Peter Fox had fun judging the costume contest and there were some very creative costumes.
- Fushu Daiko - 171
- Beetlejuice Interactive Movie - 99
Tonya Nolen Williams attended and said it was a fun event. Danny Perez commented that staff is doing a great job advertising the theatre events through social media.

New Business

Aquatics Division Programming- Maria Little introduced the City's new Aquatics Supervisor, Kendra Eckstrom to the board. Ms. Eckstrom spoke about her professional background and coming from Minnesota. She was happy to share that she is busy bringing new lifeguards on board and is hoping to have a full staff very soon. The City's private swim lessons started up again and are popular with residents. Lorelei Boyden asked if lessons are available for adults. Ms. Eckstrom responded that swim lessons are available for anyone over the age of 18 months.

Upcoming Theatre/Art Gallery Events

- 11/12 & 11/13 - Something Rotten (Inside Out Theatre)
- 11/16 - Word Up! Poetry Slam
- 11/19 - Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, Interactive Movie Experience

Upcoming Events/Programs

- 11/5 - Cultural Festival
- 11/11- Veteran's Day Ceremony
- 11/18 - Tunes & Trucks at the Civic Center featuring Greatest Decades of Rock
- 12/2 - Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Good of the Order

Todd Shipley asked about the Cultural Festival. Maria Little responded that the festival was well-attended this year. The Sunrise Superstars audition winners performed and were a big hit. Attendees really enjoyed the 7' "SUNRISE" photo-op. Lorelei Boyden said that what she enjoyed most was seeing the diversity among the people in attendance.

Todd Shipley asked what the rule is regarding the use of golf carts in the parks as they have been seen driving throughout a few of the parks. Maria Little responded that staff was directed to treat golf carts as they would any other road vehicle and park in a parking spot once they enter. Ms. Little said she would speak to staff about adhering to the directive.

Peter Fox shared his concern regarding the use of Round-Up at the parks, as it affects endangered bumble bees and other wildlife. Maria Little responded that she believes there is a condition that was added to the contract to stop using the product as we are trying to adhere to the City's "Good and Green" initiative. She will look into the issue.

Satnarine Ricketts-Weller shared that Sunrise Lakes Phase 4 residents are looking forward to Kevin Pickard and Senior Center Staff attending the homeowner meeting later in the month.

Danny Perez suggested a social services program for people to donate any left-over hurricane supplies to the needy. Maria Little responded that she will take the idea back to staff.

Adjournment

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

Transcribed by: _____

Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary