



## **Meeting Minutes**

Leisure Services Advisory Board

April 3, 2023 - Oscar Wind Park

## **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,

**Absent:** Larry (Todd) Shipley, Satnarine Ricketts-Weller

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

## **Open Discussion**

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2023 Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting was made by Tonya Nolen Williams and seconded by Lorelei Boyden. The motion carried without board opposition.

## **Old Business**

Past Events – Kevin Pickard shared the participation numbers for recently held events and shows:

- 3/11- Safety Expo/ Classic Car Show – 10am-1pm at Welleby Park- 1,800

Danny Perez received good feedback from residents. Combining the two events was successful. Hazel Kistow-Vasquez asked if the event will continue to be combined. Kevin Pickard responded that it will stay a combined event and possibly add a “touch a truck” component in the future.

- 3/17- Tunes & Trucks - 6pm at Civic Center- Tom Sartori (Top 40)- 1,000
- 3/25- Earth Day Festival- 10am-1pm at Sawgrass Sanctuary- Numbers not confirmed/estimated 1,500
- 4/1- Royal Egg Hunt- 10am-1pm at Sportsplex – 2,500

Kevin Pickard shared that changing all age group egg hunts to start at the same time proved to be very successful. Staff received great feedback from attendees.

## Past Theatre Shows

- Mean Girls-High School Edition- 3/11, 2pm & 7pm and 3/12, 2pm- 3 shows- 636
- Piano Men- 3/20, 7pm- 154
- The Savannah Sipping Society- 3/25, 7pm and 3/26, 2pm- 2 shows- 190
- Encanto- 4/2- 165

## **New Business**

Youth Athlete of the Month- The board reviewed the nominations from the Recreation Baseball and Softball programs. Discussion followed. The board recommended that Kameron Decembert and Haven Grandinetti

receive Youth Athlete of the Month Awards. The nominees will be recognized at the May 9<sup>th</sup> City Commission Meeting.

### Upcoming Special Events

- 4/14- Tunes & Trucks- 6pm at Civic Center- Cadillac Blue (Country)
- 4/22- Family Resource Fair- 11-2pm at City Park- Free Admission
- 4/28- Family Dance: "Encanto" theme, 7-8:30pm- \$5 per person

### Upcoming Theatre Shows/Programs

- 4/4- Argentine Tango- 2pm- \$20 reserved seating
- 4/7- Two Guys Comedy Show- 7pm- \$20 reserved seating
- 4/21-5/27- Art Gallery Exhibit- Visions of Women- Opening reception 4/21 at 6pm
- 4/29- In the Heights- 7pm- \$20 reserved seating

### **Good of the Order**

Lorelei Boyden shared that she wasn't able to attend the Cinderfit class held at City Park but is hoping that it will be offered again in the near future. Kevin Pickard shared that attendance was small due to inclement weather, but he is hoping that they will come back again. Ms. Boyden stated that the Soca Step class continues to be very popular.

Peter Fox shared that the new mulch at Oak Hammock Park looks great and the park is well maintained.

Danny Perez shared a resident concern regarding bright lights coming from Sunrise Athletic Complex that shine on to the street. Kevin Pickard responded that the lights have been added for security reasons. He will ask if the lights could possibly be shifted a little, without disturbing any homes in the area.

Kevin Pickard responded to Mr. Perez's inquiries about the following parks:

- Dog Park- Staff is installing a different type of grass for better maintenance. One section has to be closed off in order for the new grass to grow in properly, then the other section will be installed. Signs addressing the closure are posted at both sides of the off-leash area.
- Welleby Park Splash Pad closure- Staff is waiting for a new part to be delivered to complete repairs.
- Veteran's Park construction update- Mr. Pickard is hoping to have a more concrete plan to share with the board at next month's meeting.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Peter Fox and seconded by Tonya Nolan Williams. Motion carried without board opposition.

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

Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary