



Meeting Minutes

Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
April 6, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the board's Vice-chair, Aura Lopez.

Moment of Silence Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Aura Lopez, Jennifer Martinez-Bre, Myrurgia (Maggie) Pichardo, Maxine Simson

Absent: Gilbert Lenchus, Carole Simmons, Glinda Townsley

City Liaison: Kevin Pickard, Director of Leisure Services

City Staff: Amy Jean-Baptiste, Assistant Director of Leisure Services

Open Discussion

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 2, 2023 was made by Maxine Simson and seconded by Maggie Pichardo. The motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Past Events - March Participation Numbers:

- 3/4- Comic Con-- 11am at Civic Center- 1,134
The event continues to have good success. Attendees responded well to the expanded layout.
- 3/11- Safety Expo/Classic Car Show – 10am-1pm at Welleby Park- 1,800
- 3/17- Tunes & Trucks - 6pm at Civic Center- Tom Sartori (Top 40)- 1,000
- 3/25- Earth Day Festival- 10am-1pm at Sawgrass Sanctuary- estimated 1,500
- 4/1- Royal Egg Hunt- 10am at Sportsplex- 2,500
Kevin Pickard shared that changing all egg hunts to start at the same time proved to be successful. Staff received great feedback from attendees.
- Mean Girls-High School Edition- 3/11, 2pm & 7pm and 3/12, 2pm- 3 shows- 636
- Piano Men- 3/20, 7pm- 154
Maggie Pichardo attended and shared that the show was very well done.
- The Savannah Sipping Society- 3/25, 7pm and 3/26, 2pm- 2 shows- 190
- Encanto- 4/2- 165

New Business

Cultural Affairs Staff- Sean Todd, the new Recreation Supervisor in the Theatre, shared his extensive background in theatre and events. He has a sincere love of the Arts and is excited to be here in Sunrise.

Mr. Todd shared a few volunteer opportunities during upcoming Theatre and Art Gallery events:

- Open Mic Night- greet the students and hand out snacks.

- Louder than a Bomb Finals- serve as judges.
- Theatre Shows- serve as ushers.
- Art Gallery Exhibit Opening- invited board members to greet attendees.

Aura Lopez inquired about the opportunity to survey the attendees after shows and events, be ambassadors at events. Ms. Lopez asked for more advance notice of upcoming events.

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

- 4/7- 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

Kevin Pickard shared events scheduled through July, but the board will be sent a list of events scheduled up until September for planning purposes.

Board Discussion

Aura Lopez shared that with Sean Todd's background, she is looking forward to seeing what he will bring to Sunrise. Kevin Pickard added that Sean Todd will take the lead in the planning of the Sunrise Superstars event that this board created. The event will be discussed further at next month's meeting. Ms. Lopez asked about the planning of the July 4th events. Kevin Pickard responded that the board involvement will be discussed next month as well.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maggie Pichardo and seconded by Jennifer Martinez-Bre. The motion passed without opposition.

Transcribed by: _____
Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary