



Meeting Minutes

Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
May 4, 2023

Call to Order

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

Moment of Silence Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Gilbert Lenchus, Aura Lopez, Jennifer Martinez-Bre, Myrurgia (Maggie) Pichardo, Carole Simmons, Maxine Simson, 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 April 6, 2023 was made by Maxine Simson and seconded by Aura Lopez. The motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Past Events - April Participation Numbers:

- Tunes & Trucks- 6pm at Civic Center- Cadillac Blue (Country)- RAIN OUT
- Family Resource Fair- 11-2pm at City Park- 1,000 attendees and 65 vendors
- Family Dance: "Encanto" theme, 7-8:30pm- 100- sold out
- Art Gallery Exhibit- Visions of Women- Opening reception- 150. Aura Lopez and Maxine Simson attended and shared that the artists were eager to show their work, staff did a wonderful job putting everything together and the food layout was spectacular. Jennifer Martinez-Bre asked if there was entertainment. Kevin Pickard responded that there wasn't and that entertainment is provided at the request of the artists.
- Theatre Show - In the Heights- 3 shows- 857
- Oscar Wind Park Grand Re-Opening- Aura Lopez attended and shared that her children enjoyed the park. The City has scheduled community meetings later in May and June, looking for input on what other amenities residents would like to see added to the park.

New Business

Sunrise Superstars Event- Kevin Pickard gave an overview of the talent show, which was created by the Cultural Affairs Advisory Board. The winners of the talent show will perform at the Cultural Festival. Carole Simmons suggested giving a trophy to the winners as well. The event was planned very quickly last year, and with more time for planning this year, all are hoping to get the word out to more people. The Board reviewed the flyer from the last year and agreed to keep the same categories. The flyer will be updated for the next meeting.

The October board meeting will be moved to October 12th and the talent show will be held afterwards. The board members were asked to be the judges as they were last year and all agreed. Maxine Simson asked about the criteria for judging. Criteria will be discussed at a later date.

July 4th Events- Kevin Pickard shared some details of the day's events:

- Parade- The parade theme this year is "Lights, Camera, Action!", there will be a combination of City and community group floats. Board members viewed a map of the parade route. They were asked to check their calendars for availability to act as parade judges.
- Concert & Fireworks- The nighttime celebration will be held outdoors at the FLA Live Arena. The event will probably start a little later this year. The exact start time has not been decided at this point.

Upcoming Special Events

- 5/12-Tunes & Trucks- 6pm at Civic Center- Johnny Wild & the Delights (50s &60s)
- 5/13- Champions of Chess- 8:30-3:30pm at SAC Multipurpose Center
- 5/29- Memorial Day Ceremony- 9:00am at Civic Center Theatre

Upcoming Theatre Shows/Programs

- 5/7- The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition- 1pm & 5:30pm, reserved seating \$20
- 5/20- Short Play Festival- 2pm & 7:00pm, reserved seating \$20
- 6/2- Fusho Daiko- 7pm, reserved seating \$20

Board members were asked to inform staff if there were any upcoming shows or events that they were interested in being involved in.

Board Discussion

Adjournment

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

Transcribed by: _____
Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary