



## Meeting Minutes

Leisure Services Advisory Board

June 5, 2023

## 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, 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 June 5, 2023 Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Lorelei Boyden. The motion carried without board opposition.

## Old Business

### Past Events /Theatre Shows and Programs

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

- 5/12-Tunes & Trucks- 6pm at Civic Center- Johnny Wild & the Delights (50s &60s)- **750**

Attendance was lower than normal but was probably due to there being both Panthers Hockey and Miami Heat playoff games scheduled that same night. Todd Shipley attended and shared that the singers had great voices and there was a lot of dancing.

- 5/13- Champions of Chess- 8:30-3:30pm at SAC Multipurpose Center- **87**
- 5/29- Memorial Day Ceremony- 9:00am at Civic Center Theatre- **100**
- 5/7- The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition- 2 shows- **579**
- 5/20- Short Play Festival- 2 shows- **110**
- 6/1-Art Gallery Reception- Ben Gamla - (middle school student artists) - **100**
- 6/2- Fusho Daiko Drummers- **120**

Lorelei Boyden attended and shared that it was an amazing show. They have performed here before and were brought back due to their popularity.

## New Business

Athlete of the Month (Youth Programs)- The board reviewed the nominations from the City's recreation programs. Discussion followed. It was stated that there were very deserving nominees and it was a tough decision. The board recommended that Grace Chinigo from Hoopster Basketball Academy and Jacob Alonzo from the Karate Program receive Youth Athlete of the Month Awards. The recipients will be recognized at the July 11<sup>th</sup> City Commission Meeting.

Village Art Plaza- Kevin Pickard shared the renderings of the layout and design of the construction project that is now underway. The design includes murals and sculptures and there will be a grassy area for small entertainment groups. The City is bringing in new businesses to include a brewery with an outdoor “beer garden” space that will hopefully draw people to the area. Completion is expected to be early in 2024. Danny Perez asked if parking will be an issue. Kevin Pickard responded that staff will schedule programs at times that will be beneficial to the surrounding area. Lorelei Boyden asked about the upkeep of the area in front of the stores. Kevin Pickard responded that the City will be more involved with that as we move forward with construction.

July Board Meeting- The board acknowledged that the July board meeting will be cancelled due the conflict with the July 4<sup>th</sup> Events.

### Upcoming Special Events

- 6/16- Tunes & Trucks- 6-9pm, City Park- Valerie Tyson Band
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Events- Parade/Concert & Fireworks
- 8/1- National Night Out- 5-8pm, Civic Center Campus
- 8/5- Back to School Round-Up- 10-am-1pm, Civic Center Campus
- Art Gallery Receptions-
  - 7/14- Broken Glass Brought to Life – Artist: Orel Ferguson
  - 8/25- The Spirit of this Place (nature photography) – Artist: Phoenix (from The Penn Women)

### Upcoming Theatre Shows

- 6/9, 7pm & 6/10, 2pm & 7pm- Grease-School Edition, reserved seating \$20
- 6/9, 7/14, 8/25- Lyrical Lounge/Teen Open Mic Night, Writing Workshop at 6pm, Open Mic at 7pm
- 7/10-7/30- Inside Out Theatre Camp, Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm (Heathers)
  - Performance- 7/29 at 7pm, 7/30 at 2pm
- 8/4, 7pm & 8/5, 3pm- Finding Nemo, reserved seating \$20 (Inside Out Theatre)

### **Good of the Order**

Peter Fox shared his concern that the portion of the Greenway just outside of Welleby Park is in need of maintenance and asked who is responsible. Kevin Pickard responded that it is the County’s responsibility and will forward the information.

Hazel Kistow-Vasquez asked if there is any new information on the Veterans Park construction project. Kevin Pickard responded that there isn’t anything new to share but will update the board as soon as he knows.

Danny Perez asked if the dog park is still partially closed due to planting of new grass. Kevin Pickard responded that it is now fully open and that with new funding, staff can purchase a better fence to use when they have to rest portions of the off-leash areas. Mr. Perez shared that he is happy to see the bike lanes connecting to other cities, even though it has taken some years to complete. He also wanted to commend facility reservation staff for their expertise and friendly disposition when he recently reserved a facility for a family function.

### **Adjournment**

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

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

Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary