



Meeting Minutes

Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
September 7, 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, Carole Simmons, Maxine Simson

Absent: Myrurgia (Maggie) Pichardo, 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 August 3, 2023 was made by Gilbert Lenchus and seconded by Aura Lopez. The motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

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

Past Events

- 8/5- Back to School Round-Up- 10am-1pm- 3,000+, (all backpacks were given away)

Theatre Shows and Programs

- 8/4 & 8/5- Finding Nemo (Broadway Kids)- 2 shows- 182 and 207= 389 Total
- 8/12- Wonderful Wizard of Oz- 160
- 8/18- Interactive Movie- Goonies/Trivia- 91
- 8/25- Lyrical Lounge/Open Mic Night- 30
- 8/25, 6pm- Art Gallery Reception "The Spirit of this Place" by Phoenix Marks- 75

Sunrise Superstars Update- Kevin Pickard shared that 14 registrations have been received for the talent show to date. They are mostly singers and musicians. A suggestion was made to reach out to dance schools in the City. The talent show will take place immediately after the October 12th board meeting.

Cultural Festival

- Band Selection- Board members watched video performances of 4 different bands; Caribbean, Haitian Kompa, Latin, and Reggae Rock. Discussion followed. They each commented on their likes and dislikes about the music. Kevin Picard thanked the board for their feedback and will take their suggestions back to aid staff in the final choice of performers.
- Board Attendance- Kevin Pickard asked how many board members planned to attend the Cultural Festival so staff would know if the board table and tent is needed. Most of the board tentatively committed to be there but will confirm at next meeting.

New Business

Upcoming Special Events

- 9/11 Ceremony- 8:30am, Civic Center Theatre
- 9/23- Fall Harvest Festival, Welleby Park 10am-1pm- Admission: \$5 (12 & Under)
- 9/30- Mayors' Chess Challenge, SAC Multipurpose Center, 10am-12pm- Free Admission

Upcoming Theatre Shows and Programs

- CANCELLED 9/8, 6:30pm- The Super Mario Bros. Movie, general admission \$7
- 9/15 & 10/20, 7pm- Lyrical Lounge
- 9/16, 7pm- Baila Flamenco Presents "Between Us"- reserved seating \$20
- 9/22, 7pm- Bachelors of Broadway- reserved seating \$20
- 10/6, 6pm-9pm- Tunes & Trucks- City Park- La Muñeca de la Salsa- Free Admission

Kevin Pickard shared that the Tunes & Trucks series is going "on the road," visiting different Sunrise facilities this season while the Civic Center Amphitheater is being renovated.

Mr. Pickard added a few events and shows happening in the month of October, so the board had an opportunity to share if they wanted to be involved in any way.

Board Discussion

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maxine Simson and seconded by Gilbert Lenchus. The motion passed without opposition.

Transcribed by: _____
Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary