



Meeting Minutes

Leisure Services Advisory Board

November 6, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by board chair, Danny Perez.

Moment of Silence

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 October 2, 2023 Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Peter Fox. The motion carried without board opposition.

Old Business

Past Events

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

- 10/14- Sunrise Jazz in the Park- 250

Lorelei Boyden shared that it was a lovely event. She liked that there was a children's entertainment area and liked the personal touch when vendors interacted with the crowd and asked for feedback. Kevin Pickard stated that the City didn't market this event in enough time but hopes to have more time to advertise for the next one.

- 10/21- Trick or Trot 5k & Kids Dash- 703 total (Adults 632/ Kids 71)
- 10/28- Boo Bash- 2,500

There was a great turnout for the resident only event. The board members that volunteered as judges for the costume contest shared that they enjoyed themselves and there were some tough choices with so many great costumes. Tonya Nolen Williams stated that she was impressed with the decorations.

- 11/4- Cultural Festival- 2,500

There was a very good turnout for this year's festival. Todd Shipley shared that he received positive feedback. Hazel Kistow-Vasquez stated that the Bollywood dancers interacted a lot with the crowd. Danny Perez suggested the bands engage the crowd with a little bit of their cultural background before they start playing.

- 10/21, 2pm & 7pm, 10/22, 2pm- Rent (Broadway Kids)- 3 shows-129, 158, 129= 416 total
- 11/4, 7pm and 11/5, 1pm & 6pm- Spring Awakening (Inside Out Theatre)

Taste of Sunrise Information- The board was informed that tentative date for the event is March 24, 2024. City staff is waiting for final confirmation from the Chamber of Commerce.

New Business

Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

A presentation of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan was given by Danyl Noel, Engineer in the Public Works Division of the Utilities Department. Mr. Noel shared that he is working with a consultant in updating bicycle and pedestrian mobility throughout the City of Sunrise. He introduced the website “walkbikesunrise.com” and walked through the ways that residents can give feedback regarding any challenges and concerns about walking and biking safety. There will be other opportunities for residents to share their ideas and concerns, including community meetings and special events.

Upcoming Special Events

- 11/11- Veterans Day Ceremony- Civic Center Theatre, 10:30am
- 11/17- Tunes & Trucks, Sunrise Sportsplex, 6-9pm Mr. Nice Guy (classic rock)

Upcoming Theatre Shows and Programs

- 11/9, 7pm- Blues Brothers Tribute Band, reserved seating: \$20
- 11/17, 6pm- Art Gallery Reception, Art on Fire-Just Add Water (Gold Coast Watercolor Society)

Good of the Order

Peter Fox shared that the water fountains at the south end of Oak Hammock Park need some repairs. Kevin Pickard responded that he will have the maintenance staff take care of the issue and that if possible, when water fountains throughout the City’s facilities are in disrepair they will be replaced with the newer bottle filler water fountains.

Lorelei Boyden shared that she recently visited Cypress Preserve Park for the first time and enjoyed the surroundings, she really liked the tree canopy.

Danny Perez shared that he had previously witnessed a situation with an abandoned dog at Welleby Park’s dog park and it was handled well by facility staff. Mr. Perez asked if there are surveillance cameras in the park. Kevin Pickard responded that there aren’t cameras at this time but there is a plan to install them.

Mr. Pickard informed the board that State of Florida has recently passed a law that prohibits local governments from passing ordinances banning specific dog breeds.

Danny Perez shared information about the “If their whistle is green, they are under 18” Campaign, which focuses on the most vulnerable sports officials, as they are more easily influenced. The motivation is to encourage adults to pay more attention to those under the age of 18 and make an effort to influence them in a positive way. Kevin Pickard responded that he likes the idea and will look further into it for our programs.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Lorelei Boyden. Motion carried without board opposition.

Transcribed by: _____

Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary