



Meeting Minutes

Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
November 2, 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 October 12, 2023 was made by Gilbert Lenchus and seconded by Maggie Pichardo. The motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

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

Past Events

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

Board members shared that the event was well received. Suggestions were made to move the food tent closer to the music area and have two entrances so it is convenient for people walking from the east or west of the park. It was nice that there was a children's entertainment area. It was stated that overall, the vibe was good.

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

Aura Lopez had a great experience as a judge for the costume contest. She stated that overall the event was well done and it was nice to see so many families together. Limiting the event to Sunrise residents made for a more enjoyable experience for all.

Theatre Shows and Programs

- 10/21, 2 pm and 7 pm, 10/22, 2 pm- Rent (Broadway Kids); 3 shows: 129, 158, and 129 = 416 total

Cultural Festival

Amy Jean-Baptiste reviewed the event schedule with the board. Kevin Pickard thanked the board members for all of their input in planning the event and judging the Sunrise Superstars talent show. All are looking forward to seeing the winners perform at the Cultural Festival. The winners will be recognized at the November 14th City Commission meeting.

Board members confirmed their schedules to cover the board booth and distribute the giveaways.

New Business

Cultural Arts Program- Inside Out Theatre

Inside Out Theatre Director, Robin Braun, spoke of the organization's partnership with the City and the programs offered at the Civic Center Theatre. The theatre company offers classes for anyone 9 years of age and up. Each session ends with a theatre production. They also offer a summer intensive program. The board viewed clips from a few of the performances and were very impressed with our local talent.

Upcoming Special Events

- 11/4 - Cultural Festival, City Park, 5 pm - 9 pm
- 11/11 - Veterans Day Ceremony- Civic Center Theatre, 10:30 am
- 11/17 - Tunes 'n Trucks, Sunrise Sportsplex, 6 pm – 9 pm; Mr. Nice Guy (classic rock)

Upcoming Theatre Shows and Programs

- 11/4, 7 pm and 11/5, 1 pm and 6 pm - Spring Awakening (Inside Out Theatre)
- 11/9, 7 pm - Blues Brothers Tribute Band, reserved seating: \$20
- 11/17, 6 pm - Art Gallery Reception, Art on Fire-Just Add Water (Gold Coast Watercolor Society)

Board Discussion

Adjournment

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

Transcribed by: _____
Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary