



## Meeting Minutes

Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Meeting  
December 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, Myrurgia (Maggie) Pichardo, Carole Simmons, Maxine Simson, Glinda Townsley

City Liaison: Amy Jean-Baptiste, Assistant Director of Leisure Services

### Open Discussion

### Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 2, 2023 was made by Gilbert Lenchus and seconded by Maggie Pichardo. The motion carried without opposition.

### New Business

New Business was moved to the start of the meeting and agenda to accommodate the speaker, Reilly Bridgers, Intern from the City Manager's Office.

### Shop Sunrise

An overview was given of the City of Sunrise's gift card incentive program designed to encourage support for Sunrise businesses. Residents can earn gift cards by visiting registered businesses. A detailed list of businesses can be viewed on the City's website. There is no cost to the businesses to register, they only have to offer special or discounted items/services. Funding for the program is provided through A.R.P.A. (American Rescue Plan Act).

### Sunrise Residential Programs

Amy Jean-Baptiste shared information regarding additional A.R.P.A. funded programs, including the fence repair assistance program, in which residents are reimbursed up to \$500 for fence upgrades.

### Upcoming Special Events

- 12/8- Grinchmas Family Dance, 7-8:30 pm, Civic Center – Tickets \$5 per person
- 12/9- Arts & Crafts Festival/Winter Wonderland, 10 am - 4 pm, Santa 10 am - 1 pm - Welleby Park
  - Admission: FREE for Festival, \$5 for kids 12 and under for Winter Wonderland

### Upcoming Theatre Shows and Programs

- The Nutcracker Ballet- 12/8 at 7 pm, 12/9 at 2 pm and 7 pm, 12/10 at 4 pm - reserved seating: \$35
- Disney's The Little Mermaid, presented by Broadway Kids Studio
  - 12/16 at 2 pm and 6 pm, 12/17 at 2 pm - reserved seating: \$25
- Christmas with the Ricardos- 12/19 at 7 pm, reserved seating: \$20
- The Grinch: Family movie and Meet & Greet- 12/22 at 6:30 pm, reserved seating: \$7

### Old Business

Amy Jean-Baptiste shared the participation numbers for recently held events and shows:

### Past Special Events

- 11/11- Veterans Day Ceremony- Civic Center Theatre, 10:30 am- 200
- 11/17- Tunes 'n Trucks, Sunrise Sportsplex, 6 - 9 pm- Mr. Nice Guy (classic rock)- 600
- 12/1- Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony- 1,400

### Past Theatre Shows and Programs

- 11/9, 7 pm- Blues Brothers Tribute Band, reserved seating: \$20- 92
- 11/17, 6 pm- Art Gallery Reception, Art on Fire-Just Add Water (Gold Coast Watercolor Society)- 75

### Cultural Festival Wrap Up

Amy Jean-Baptiste thanked the board for their contributions with the planning of the event and their assistance during the event.

Glinda Townsley shared that the event was nicely done. The children really like the rides. The food truck prices seemed a little more reasonable this year and she liked the placement of the vendors. Ms. Townsley asked if the dancers could perform on stage as to see them better. Amy Jean-Baptiste responded that the dancers are intermission performers and are there to engage the crowd while the stage is being set up for the next band.

Maxine Simson shared that she really enjoyed interacting with the crowd with the fan giveaways.

Aura Lopez shared that the plant giveaway was better organized this year. All the plants were given away. The City is hoping to provide additional plants for next year.

### **Board Discussion**

Aura Lopez asked how long members of the public are allowed to stay at a board meeting. Amy Jean-Baptiste responded that these are public meetings and all are welcome to speak during the open discussion portion of the meeting and continue to stay for the entirety of the meeting.

Gilbert Lenchus asked if a Menorah could be included where other holiday decorations are displayed. He was assured that the City recognizes Hannukah and Kwanzaa, as well as Christmas in the holiday decorations.

Glinda Townsley wished all Happy Holidays and hoped to see everyone in the New Year.

### **Adjournment**

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

Transcribed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary