



Meeting Minutes

Cultural Affairs Advisory Board

February 1, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Sunrise Civic Center Community Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by 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

City Staff: Sean Todd, Recreation Supervisor, Cultural Arts

Open Discussion

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes (with correction) from the meeting on January 4, 2024 was made by Maxine Simson and seconded by Aura Lopez. The motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Past Special Events - Participation numbers for recently held events:

- 1/5, 6:30pm, Drive-in Movie- The Super Mario Bros. Movie- 100 cars
- 1/13 and 1/14, MLK Celebration
 - Poetry Workshop- 10
 - Movie "Devotion"- 133
 - Night of the Arts- 300
- 1/19, 7pm, Tunes & Trucks Concert featuring: The Rock Show- 1,000
- 1/20, 10am-1pm, City Hall Grand Opening- 500

Past Theatre Shows and Programs - Participation numbers for recently held shows:

- 1/7, 2pm, Dance Factory Kids show- 62
- 1/19, 7pm, Lyrical Lounge- 30
- 1/27, 8pm; 1/28, 1pm & 5:30pm, Freaky Friday the Musical – 3 shows- 629 total

New Business

Comic Con- Guest speaker Chris Novoa, from the podcast Fanatically Correct, has been working with the Cultural Arts staff in planning the upcoming Comic Con. Mr. Novoa was excited to share that the event will celebrate all arts, providing a taste of animation, acting, gaming, and cosplay. He will be the moderator for the Question & Answer session with an impressive line-up of speakers to include Ernie Rays Jr. from The Last Dragon movie and the television series, Sidekicks. Attendees will also enjoy stand-up comedy and Dr. Who trivia.

Aura Lopez asked when the cosplay would take place and how the process is going to run. The response was that there would be a pre-registration during the day and the cosplay will be held at the end of the day.

Upcoming Special Events

- 2/2- 6:30pm, Outdoor Movie- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem
- 2/3, 10am-1pm, Woofstock- Welleby Park
- 2/9, 6-9pm, Tunes & Trucks Concert featuring: Fusion Band- City Park
- 2/17, 8-10:30am, Family Fishing Derby- Welleby Park
- 2/23, 6pm, Baseball/Softball Opening Night- Sportsplex
- 3/2, 11am-6pm, Comic Con- Civic Center
- REMINDER- 3/13, 7-9pm, Taste of Sunrise- Civic Center

Upcoming Theatre Shows and Programs

- 2/3, 2pm & 7pm, Terms of Endearment (Curtain Call Playhouse), reserved seating: \$20
- 2/4, 2pm, Disney's The Jungle Book Kids (Inside Out Theatre), reserved seating: \$20
- 2/9, 7-9pm, Lyrical Lounge Teen Open Mic Night- Art Gallery
- 2/13, 7pm, Neil Diamond Tribute- reserved seating: \$20
- 2/24, 7pm and 2/25, 1pm & 6:30pm, Anastasia: The Musical (Inside Out Theatre) reserved seating: \$20

Board Discussion

Maxine Simson shared that the Grand Opening of City Hall was a very well-organized event and she enjoyed the speeches, as well as all of the giveaways which included an umbrella, souvenir coin, pin, and a piece of the old building. Ms. Simson asked if the Shop Sunrise program has expanded in any way. Amy Jean-Baptiste responded that she will reach out to the Economic Development team for information.

Adjournment

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

Transcribed by: _____
Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary