



Meeting Minutes

Leisure Services Advisory Board

March 4, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Sunrise Civic Center Community Room

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, Danny Perez, Larry (Todd) Shipley, Satnarine Ricketts-Weller

Absent: Hazel Kistow-Vasquez, Tonya Nolen Williams

City Liaison: Kevin Pickard, Director of Leisure Services

Open Discussion

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2024 Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Lorelei Boyden. The motion carried without board opposition.

Old Business

Past Special Events- Kevin Pickard shared the participation numbers for recently held events:

- 2/9, 6-9pm, Tunes & Trucks (Fusion Band)- City Park- 350
Lorelei Boyden attended and shared that there was a good crowd and enjoyed the great music.
- 2/17, 8-10:30am, Family Fishing Derby- Welleby Park- 35 families
- 3/2, 11am-6pm- Comic Con- Civic Center – 1,500
Todd Shipley attended and shared that the layout was good, he enjoyed the panels and thought that the comedy show was really funny. Overall, it was a great event!

Past Theatre Shows and Programs- Kevin Pickard shared the participation numbers for recently held shows:

- 2/9- Lyrical Lounge/Writing Workshop/ Open Mic – 37 for workshop- 33 performers
- 2/13- Neil Diamond Tribute - 125
- 2/24 & 2/25- Anastasia: The Musical (Inside Out Theatre) 3 shows- 632 total

New Business

Youth Athletic Programs Update- Richard Devaux, Division Director, and Michael Cuminale, Recreation Specialist in Athletics, gave an update of the City's in-house programs, including Baseball & Softball; Basketball; Flag Football & Cheerleading; and Soccer. The Baseball and Softball programs are currently underway with approximately 300 participants. We are partnering with the City of Plantation for Softball. We also sponsor a baseball team that participates in the Challenger Baseball League. Athletic staff is working with 82 volunteer baseball and softball coaches to help each coach have a successful season, offering training videos with skills drills and helpful hints for speaking to parents and game officials. Staff continues to work with the coaches in expanding their Athlete of the Month nominations, which will help this board with selection.

The City offers a 50% registration for one child of each volunteer coach, and with funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), eligible participants can receive a \$50.00 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card.

Upcoming Special Events

- 3/9, 10a-1pm- Classic Car Show featuring Bike Safety Expo- Welleby Park- Free admission
- 3/13, 7-9pm- Taste of Sunrise- Civic Center Ballroom- \$20 in advance/ \$30 at door if available
- 3/15, 6-9pm- Tunes & Trucks- Studio 54- Flamingo Park
- 3/23, 10a-1pm- Royal Egg Hunt- Sportsplex

Upcoming Theatre Shows and Programs

- 3/9, 2pm & 7pm, 3/10, 2pm- 13: The Musical- by Broadway Kids Studio- Reserved seating: \$20
- 3/15, 6-9pm- Lyrical Lounge Writing Workshop and Open Mic- Civic Center Theatre
- 3/23, 7pm, 3/24, 2pm- The Cemetery Club- by Curtain Call Playhouse- Reserved seating: \$20

Good of the Order

Todd Shipley shared that there is so much energy at Welleby Park. Danny Perez added that people are loving the park and all it has to offer with the splash pad, safety town and dog park.

Lorelei Boyden shared that the large buckets at the City Park splash pad are not working properly. Kevin Pickard responded that he will have the maintenance crew check on it.

Peter Fox shared that he noticed there will be condo units built on the lot east of Oak Hammock Park.

Danny Perez asked how the construction is going at Veterans Park. Kevin Pickard responded that the project is moving along quickly at this point and added that the Village Art Plaza project is also moving steadily along.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Todd Shipley and seconded by Satnarine Ricketts-Weller. Motion carried without board opposition.

Transcribed by: _____

Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary