



Meeting Minutes

Cultural Affairs Advisory Board

March 7, 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, Jennifer Martinez-Bre, Myrurgia (Maggie) Pichardo, Maxine Simson, Glinda Townsley

Absent: Aura Lopez, Carole Simmons

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 from the meeting on February 1, 2024 was made by Maxine Simson and seconded by Maggie Pichardo. The motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Past Special Events - Participation numbers for recently held events:

- 2/2- 6:30pm, Outdoor Movie- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem- 175
 - 2/3, 10am-1pm, Woofstock- Welleby Park- 1,700
 - 2/9, 6-9pm, Tunes & Trucks (Fusion Band)- City Park- 350
 - 2/17, 8-10:30am, Family Fishing Derby- Welleby Park- 35 families
 - 3/2, 11am-6pm- Comic Con- Civic Center- 1,500
- Glinda Townsley shared that some of her students attended and said they had a great time!

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

- 2/3, 2pm & 7pm- Terms of Endearment (Curtain Call Playhouse)- 2 shows- 133 total
- 2/4, 2pm, Disney's The Jungle Book Kids (Inside Out Theatre)- 126
- 2/9, 7-9pm- Lyrical Lounge- Teen Open Mic Night- 49 total
- 2/13, 7pm- Neil Diamond Tribute- 125
- 2/24, 7pm & 2/25, 1pm & 6:30pm- Anastasia: The Musical (Inside Out Theatre) 3 shows- 632 total

Shop Sunrise- As a follow-up to Maxine Simson's inquiry about how the City advertises the Shop Sunrise program, Amy Jean-Baptiste shared that in addition to the City's website and community outreach visits by staff, large Shop Sunrise signs have been posted throughout the City.

New Business

Jason Taylor Foundation- Seth Levit, Executive Director gave an overview of the spoken word program, and competitions, in which the City of Sunrise has partnered with for 10 years. Dubbed the "Super Bowl of poetry," Louder Than a Bomb Florida (LTABFLA), a Jason Taylor Foundation arts and education project as part of its Omari Hardwick blueapple Poetry Network, features a friendly spoken-word competition between school-based poetry teams from across the state. While LTABFLA places a heavy emphasis on team, the

Jason Taylor Foundation also celebrates outstanding individual performances, culminating in the Louder Than a Bomb Florida "Indy" Finals which are headlined by the top 10 individual poets from the entire festival, which will be at Sunrise Civic Center in April. The board viewed a video of the first ever individual champion, Zoharian Williams, who is a Piper High School Graduate.

Lyrical Lounge Teen Open Mic Nights are presented in collaboration with the Jason Taylor Foundation and the Omari Hardwick blueapple Poetry Network to provide a creative outlet for poets, musicians and other artists. The City's monthly Teen Open Mic now includes a writing workshop facilitated by a teaching artist. The workshop begins at 6:00 pm and students can take the stage at 7:00 pm. Attire and poems that match the monthly theme are encouraged, and audience members are welcome.

There are judging opportunities for local competitions available and anyone interested can contact Sean Todd at the Civic Center Theatre.

Glinda Townsley was given information how to get Sunrise Middle School involved in the poetry/spoken word program.

Upcoming Special Events

- 3/9, 10a-1pm- Classic Car Show w/ 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- Free admission
- 3/23, 10a-1pm- Royal Egg Hunt- Sportsplex- \$5 per participant 12 yrs. & under

Upcoming Theatre Shows and Programs

- 3/9, 2pm & 7pm, 3/10, 2pm- 13: The Musical- by Broadway Kids Studio- Reserved seating: \$20
- 3/15, 6pm-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

Board Discussion

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gilbert Lenchus and seconded by Jennifer Martinez-Bre. The motion passed without opposition.

Transcribed by: _____
Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary