



Meeting Minutes

Cultural Affairs Advisory Board

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

Sunrise Civic Center Community Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by board vice-chair, Aura Lopez.

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Gilbert Lenchus, Aura Lopez, Jennifer Martinez-Bre, Myrurgia (Maggie) Pichardo, Maxine Simson

Absent: Carole Simmons, Glinda Townsley

City Liaison: Kevin Pickard, 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 March 7, 2024 was made by Gilbert Lenchus and seconded by Maggie Pichardo. The motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Past Special Events - Participation numbers for recently held events:

- 3/9, 10am-1pm- Classic Car Show w/ Bike Safety Expo- Welleby Park- 2,000
- 3/13, 7-9pm- Taste of Sunrise- Civic Center Ballroom- 514
- 3/15, 6-9pm- Tunes & Trucks- Studio 54- Flamingo Park- 550
- 3/30, 10am-1pm- Royal Egg Hunt- Sportsplex- Postponed from 3/23- 600 children/1,800 total

Aura Lopez shared that she appreciated the streamlined event being held after the previous week's rainout. It was orderly, prompt and everyone looked happy.

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

- 3/9, 2pm & 7pm, 3/10, 2pm- 13: The Musical- by Broadway Kids Studio- 3 shows- 477 total
- 3/15, 6-9pm- Lyrical Lounge Writing Workshop- 27, Open Mic performers- 32
- 3/23, 7pm, 3/24, 2pm- The Cemetery Club- by Curtain Call Playhouse- 2 shows- 140 total

New Business

Brazilian Voices- Guest speakers, Viviane Neves and Loren Oliveira from the award-winning South Florida female vocal ensemble gave an overview of their upcoming theatre performance. Their "Jazz Across Cultures" concert demonstrates the connection between American jazz and its Brazilian cousin, bossa nova. The Girl Choir of South Florida will be special guests joining the performance. Ms. Neves shared that they were named the 2022 Non-Profit Organization of the Year for their performances at hospitals and assisted living facilities. They created a virtual performance for people with Autism during COVID and recently performed the Quiet Bossa-Jazz for All, an interactive performance piece designed to inform and entertain, with the accompaniment of the audience using soft percussion instruments.

Kevin Pickard shared that the City of Sunrise runs an Autism Swims event and will be happy to share their information.

Upcoming Special Events

- 4/5, 9am-12pm- World Health Day- SAC
- 4/6- 10am-1pm- Earth Day- Sawgrass Sanctuary
- 4/12, 6-9pm- Tunes 'N Trucks- Soul Circus Cowboys- SAC
- 4/13, 10am-12pm- Autism Swims- Civic Center Pool
- 4/19, 7-9pm- Special Populations Spring Fling Dance- Civic Center Ballroom
- 4/20, 8am- SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION- Civic Center
- 4/27, 11am-2pm- Community Resource Fair- City Park

Upcoming Theatre Shows and Programs

- 4/5, 6-9pm- Art Gallery Reception- Civic Center Art Gallery
- 4/17, 6:30pm- Louder than a Bomb Florida Indy Finals- Civic Center Theatre- General Admission \$5
- 4/18, 7pm- Douglas, (rhythmic and romantic bolero songs)- Reserved seating \$20
- 4/21, 2pm- The Three Mess-keteers- (funny educational children's show)- Reserved seating \$7
- 4/27, 7pm- Brazilian Voices: Jazz Across Cultures- Reserved seating \$20

Board Discussion

Gilbert Lenchus asked who the contractor is working on the new Amphitheatre and when it will be completed. Kevin Pickard responded that Styles Construction is the contractor and the plan is to be completed by in the Spring of 2025.

Adjournment

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

Transcribed by: _____
Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary