



Meeting Minutes

Leisure Services Advisory Board

May 6, 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, Hazel Kistow-Vasquez, Larry (Todd) Shipley, Tonya Nolen Williams

Absent: Satnarine Ricketts-Weller

City Liaison: Kevin Pickard, Director of Leisure Services

Open Discussion

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2024 Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting was made by Lorelei Boyden and seconded by Tonya Nolen Williams. The motion carried without board opposition.

Old Business

Past Special Events

- 4/5, 9am-12pm- World Health Day- SAC- 300 attendees/ 45 vendors

Lorelei Boyden shared that she was pleased with the Senior Center event, and all of the resources provided which included how to find health insurance and how to receive a daily wake-up call.

- 4/6- 10am-1pm- Earth Day- Sawgrass Sanctuary- 1,600
- 4/12, 6-9pm- Tunes 'N Trucks- Soul Circus Cowboys- SAC- 800
- 4/13, 10am-12pm- Autism Swims- Civic Center Pool- 55
- 4/19, 7-9pm- Special Populations Spring Fling Dance- 94 participants/ 44 family members
- 4/20, 8am- SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION- Civic Center- 600 registered, 60 waiting list
- 4/27, 11am-2pm- Community Resource Fair- City Park- 1,200 attendees/55 vendors

This was the first event working with the Police Department, which previously held their own resource fair at Sam's Club. Attendees were provided valuable resources, entertainment, and free food distribution.

Past Theatre Shows and Programs

- 4/5, 6-9pm- Art Gallery Reception- Civic Center Art Gallery- 65
- 4/17, 6:30pm- Louder than a Bomb Florida Indy Finals- Civic Center Theatre- 73
- 4/18, 7pm- Douglas, (rhythmic and romantic bolero songs)- 106
- 4/21, 2pm- The Three Mess-Keteers- (funny educational children's show)- 46
- 4/26, 6-9pm- Theatre/Art Gallery- 15 performers
- 4/27, 7pm- Brazilian Voices: Jazz Across Cultures- 189

New Business

Youth Athlete of the Month- The board reviewed the nominations from the Recreation Baseball and Softball programs. Discussion followed. The board recommended that Christopher Hyser and Payton Cerny receive the Youth Athlete of the Month Awards. The nominees will be recognized at the May 14th City Commission Meeting.

Summer Camp Registration Update- New this year, a one-day, in-person only registration was held in the Civic Center Ballroom, starting at 8:00 a.m. on a first come, first served basis. Staff enrolled 600 campers and placed 60 on the waiting list. Parents did have to wait some time in line, but the process was fair and transparent. Some improvements will be made next year, but on the whole, the process was a success.

July 4th Events- Leisure Services staff is busy preparing for the biggest event day of the year. The day starts with our parade on Sunset Strip and Family Fun Day activities at City Park. The theme for this year is "Under the Sea." The evening celebration in the Amerant Bank Arena parking lot will include food vendors, kids' rides, and a concert featuring The Cover Girls and Lisa Lisa. The evening concludes with fireworks.

July Board Meeting- The July meeting has been cancelled due to the July 4th events preparation. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 5, 2024.

Upcoming Special Events

- 5/10, 6-9pm, Tunes 'N Trucks- Havoc 305- Sportsplex
- 5/11, 8:30am-3pm- Champions of Chess- SAC Multipurpose Building
- 5/27, 9am- Memorial Day Ceremony- Civic Center Theatre

Upcoming Theatre Shows and Programs

- 5/4, 8pm & 5/5, 1pm & 5:30pm- Disney's Newsies Jr. (Inside Out Theatre)- reserved seating \$20
- 5/18, 7pm & 5/19, 1pm & 6:30pm- Into the Woods (Inside Out Theatre)- reserved seating \$20
- 5/30, 7pm- Celebration of Ballet- Reserved seating \$35
- 5/31, 7pm- Lyrically Speaking: Voices in Time (bluapple Poetry Network)- general admission- FREE

Good of the Order

Lorelei Boyden shared that while reading the monthly staff reports, she appreciates how much work Leisure staff does throughout the City and in assisting with set-up and break-down for all types of events. Ms. Boyden commended Amanda Tomlinson for conducting the amazing cooking class for the seniors.

Tonya Nolen Williams shared that she recently visited another park that provided buckets and trash grabbers for those who would like to assist in picking up trash while in the park. Kevin Pickard responded that it is a great concept in larger parks that do not have staff on duty. Facility Attendants at each Sunrise park work diligently to keep our parks clean. Board members agreed that they do a great job!

Danny Perez was happy to share that Police have been enforcing the traffic at the intersection at N.W. 44th Street and N.W. 115th Terrace especially with the high volume of park activity through baseball season. He asked about the shade structures in the dog park. Kevin Pickard responded that the structures have been built but the vines planted have been slow growing and we are hoping the upcoming rainy season will help with that.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Peter Fox and seconded by Tonya Nolen Williams. Motion carried without board opposition.

Transcribed by: _____

Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary