



## Meeting Minutes

Leisure Services Advisory Board  
October 7, 2024, 6:00 p.m.  
Sunrise Civic Center Community Room

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by board Vice-chair, Todd Shipley.

## Moment of Silence

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Roll Call

Present: Lorelei Boyden, Peter Fox, Hazel Kistow-Vasquez, Tonya Nolen-Williams, Larry (Todd) Shipley  
Absent: Danny Perez, Satnarine Ricketts-Weller  
City Liaison: Maria Little, Deputy Director of Leisure Services

## Open Discussion

## Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes (with amendment) from the September 9, 2024 Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting was made by Tonya Nolen Williams and seconded by Peter Fox. The motion carried without board opposition.

## Old Business

### Past Special Events/Past Theatre Shows and Programs

Maria Little shared the attendance for last month's events and shows:

- 9/11- 8:30am- Remembrance Ceremony, Civic Center Theatre- 95
- 9/14- 8:30-10:00am- Kids Fishing Derby, Welleby Park- 41 kids / 70 ppl
- 9/21- 10am-1pm- Fall Harvest Festival, Welleby Park- 3,937
- 9/28- 10am-12pm- Mayors' Chess Challenge- SAC Multipurpose Center- 118
- 10/5- Veterans Park Grand Opening- 200
- 9/20- 6-9pm- Lyrical Lounge- Workshop/Open Mic Night- 21 performers/ 35 total attendance

## New Business

Introduction of Assistant Director of Leisure Services- Nicolas Ortiz, newly hired Assistant Director, shared his background in Parks and Recreation, most recently having worked for Broward County. Mr. Ortiz shared that he is happy to be here and excited for the opportunity to work in Sunrise. Board members welcomed him, and shared their excitement for what is happening in our parks.

Veterans Park Overview- The board was informed that the park is now open fully to the public daily from 8:00 a.m. to dusk. The park honors the U.S. Military with an elevated monument, adjacent to a meditation labyrinth, and a large boundless playground with a zip-line. There will be shade structures added in the near future.

Memorial Brick Paver Program- The City is now taking orders for memorial bricks for display at Veterans Park. Information can be found on the City's website.

New Monthly Veterans Breakfast Program- The new program is tentatively scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center and will continue to take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

2025 Board Applications- Maria Little reminded the board that it is time to apply to serve on the advisory board for next year.

Upcoming Special Events

- 10/18- Friday, 6-9pm, Tunes & Trucks, Oscar Wind Park- Catabella Music (Hispanic Heritage Month)
- 10/19- Saturday, 7am, Trick or Trot and Kids' Dash, Markham Park
- 10/25- Friday, 6:30-8:30pm, Soccer Opening Night, Sportsplex
- 10/26- Saturday, 3-6pm, Boo Bash, City Park

Upcoming Theatre Shows and Programs

- 10/11- Friday, 7-9pm, Lyrical Lounge/Open Mic Night

**Good of the Order**

Lorelei Boyden commended staff for the seamless order of the Veterans Park Grand Opening event. Ms. Boyden shared that the outside fence and curb area around Village Pool needs some tidying up. She added that the Pink Zumba event held this month was enjoyable and it was nice to honor cancer survivors that attended.

Todd Shipley asked how the Athlete of the Month program is introduced and explained to coaches. Maria Little responded that she will speak to staff about the ways the information is shared. Mr. Shipley asked how hurricane preparation information is shared with residents. The response was that information is shared through the City's website and social media. Ms. Little also explained that Sunrise does not give out sandbags as the City is not in a flood zone.

**Adjournment**

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

Transcribed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Karen Gallagher, Board Secretary