

**FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2016**

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at the John H. Jackson Community Center and Pool, 1002 West Carter Street, Orlando, Florida.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jason Reynolds  
Ricky Ly  
Celeste Thomas  
Stephanie Appel  
Gregory Reynolds  
Maria Caban

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Liana Leal  
Kevin Dunleavy

**STAFF PRESENT**

Stacy Anne Mahar, Board Secretary  
Peter Effaldana, Cultural Arts Manager  
Stephanie Colon, Administrative Specialist  
Eric Cressor, Acting Center Manager  
Denise Riccio, FPR Planner and Grants Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

Gregory Reynolds called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public requested to speak before the Board.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

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Approval of minutes for the February 16, 2016 meeting was moved by Celeste Thomas, seconded by Maria Caban and unanimously approved.

**LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK**

**Orlando Fringe Festival**

George Wallace with the Orlando Fringe Festival came before the Board to seek approval to hold the "25<sup>th</sup> Orlando Fringe Festival" at Loch Haven Cultural Park from May 18 to 31<sup>st</sup> as well as approval to keep the park and beer tent open until 1:30 a.m. The Orlando International Fringe Festival is an unjuried theatre festival that draws over 30,000 patrons who enjoy about 80 shows, hundreds of pieces of visual art and dozens of children's shows. It was moved by Ricky Ly and seconded by Celeste Thomas to approve usage of the park for this event, and to extend park hours during the period May 18 to 31, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

**Orlando Repertory Theatre**

Emily Freeman with the Orlando Repertory Theatre came before the Board to seek approval to have an estimated fifty to seventy flags placed outside the building for the month of April as part of Flags of Hope for Child Abuse Prevention month. The flags are made by youth on special sun proof fabric which reflects the sun. It was moved by Jason Reynolds and seconded by Ricky Ly for the placement of these flags for the month of April. The motion carried unanimously.

**LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK BANNER REQUESTS**

Applicant/Organization:	Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner:	Science of Wine
Banner Display Dates:	March 16, 2016 – May 2, 2016

It was moved by Ricky Ly and seconded by Stephanie Appel to approve the "Science of Wine" 10ft x 4ft banner located roadside along Princeton Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

**FUNDING REQUEST**

Applicant/Organization: LOF Adaptive Skiers  
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00  
Purpose of Funds: Permit Fees/Park Rental Fees/Fire Fees  
Date of Event: April 9-10, 2016  
Location: Lake Ivanhoe Park

Julie Bettosini with LOF Adaptive Skiers gave a brief overview of the "LOF Sunshine Splash" on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The purpose of this event is to provide quality adaptive water skiing services for disabled participants in the Orlando area. The event offers children and adults with disabilities the opportunity to water ski while engaging in physical activity, social interaction, and the demonstration of competence to themselves, their families and the community. A motion was made by Jason Reynolds and seconded by Celeste Thomas to approve up to \$1,500 for City costs associated with this event. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Central Florida Navy League  
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00  
Purpose of Funds: Park Rental / Permitting Fees / Police Officers  
Date of Event: April 2, 2016  
Location: Blue Jacket Park

Christopher Townsend with the Central Florida Navy League gave a brief overview of the April 2, 2016 event entitled "Wounded Warrior Lone Sailor 5K & 10K" to be held at Blue Jacket Park. The event is to honor our Nation's wounded heroes and Orlando's rich Navy heritage as well as raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project, Camaraderie Foundation and Lone Sailor Memorial being constructed at Blue Jacket Park. A motion was made by Stephanie Appel to approve the amount of \$1,500 to cover City costs associated with this event even though this is the third time the applicant has come before the Board but given that one year they did not seek reimbursement. The motion was seconded by Ricky Ly and passed with a vote of five to one, with Gregory Reynolds voting against.

**REPORTS**

At the request of the Board, Denise Riccio, Families, Parks and Recreation Planning and Grants Manager reported on the building proposed for the southeast corner of Rosalind Avenue and Central Blvd., abutting Lake Eola Park. Ms. Riccio reported that the proposed building will no longer impact Lake Eola Park due to deed restrictions on the property. Gregory Reynolds reported that he favors a concept similar to the Post Lakeside building where the building's activity flows seamlessly into the park and citizens don't see the back of a building and the consequent deliveries and storage activity that often occur at the rear of buildings and become an eye sore for park patrons. A motion was made by Stephanie Appel and seconded by Celeste Thomas for the Board to generally support proactive integration of the building into the park and to be informed of cases such as this one prior to them going before the City's Municipal Planning Board (MPB), so that the FPR Board can provide input. The motion carried unanimously.

Denise Riccio also reported that the City is studying the possibility of establishing a Parks Impact Fee. The City currently does not have a dedicated funding source for park expansion or construction, so as the City's population increases, the amount of parkland per resident declines. If approved, an impact fee would be levied on new single and multi-family housing developments since they contribute to population growth and thus demand for parks. When the study is complete, a copy will be made available to Board members.

Stephanie Colon reported on behalf of the Parks Division. Two large events will take place at Lake Eola: Spring Fiesta on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Corporate 5K on April 7, 2016. Both events bring thousands of people to Lake Eola Park.

Gregory Reynolds, Board Chair noted that at the next Board meeting he would like hear about FPR's marketing activities, including efforts to get FPR's events and programs posted on "NextDoor."

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stacy Anne Mahar*  
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