

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, July 19, 2016

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at Orlando Shakespeare Theatre, 812 East Rollins Street, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gregory Reynolds
Kevin Dunleavy
Ricky Ly
Jason Reynolds
Celeste Thomas
Stephanie Appel
Maria Caban
Liana Leal
Allison Bekavac

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Stacy Anne Marrero, Board Secretary
John Perrone, Parks Division Manager
Robin Payne, College Park Community Center Manager
Denise Riccio, FPR Planning and Grants Manager
Peter Effaldana, Cultural Arts Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Gregory Reynolds called the meeting to order at 11:00 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 June 21, 2016 meeting was moved by Stephanie Appel, seconded by Maria Caban and unanimously approved.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Science Night Live
Banner Display Dates: July 20, 2016 – August 20, 2016

It was moved by Kevin Dunleavy and seconded by Stephanie Appel to approve the "Science Night Live" 8ft x 4ft banner located at the entrance of the parking garage. The motion carried unanimously.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK REQUEST

Orlando Shakespeare Theatre

Melissa Braillard, Director of Marketing Communications for Orlando Shakespeare Theatre came before the Board to seek approval to hold the "4th Annual Open House and Blood Drive" on Saturday, August 13, 2016. The event will take place at the Orlando Shakespeare Theatre but the Blood Drive buses will be parked in the parking lot within Loch Haven Cultural Park. It was moved by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Liana Leal for approval of having the Blood Drive buses in the parking lot of Loch Haven Cultural Park on August 13, 2016 for this event. The motion carried unanimously.

FUNDING REQUEST

Applicant/Organization: Association of Asian Cultural Festivals, Inc.
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds: Park Rental
Date of Event: October 22, 2016
Location: Lake Eola Park

Madan Lall Persaud from the Association of Asian Cultural Festivals, Inc. gave a brief overview of the “Diwali Mela – Festival of Lights” on October 22, 2016 at Lake Eola Park. The purpose of this event is to break the bridges within our ethnic community for a stronger society and bridge the gap between East, West, North and South. The event is to get youth in Central Florida involved in cultural singing, dancing, modeling, and speech. A motion was made by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Ricky Ly to approve up to \$1,500 in City expenses for this event. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Denise Riccio, FPR Grants and Planning Manager updated the Board on the proposed Park Impact Fee to be applied on new multi-family and single-family housing units. Ms. Riccio stated that the City doesn’t have a dedicated funding source for park expansion or construction, so as the City’s population increases, the amount of parkland per resident declines. Ms. Riccio also reported that the City researched 11 cities throughout Central Florida from Lake County to the north, Osceola County to the south and Brevard and Volusia counties to the east. Most cities and counties charge a Park Impact Fee, with fees ranging from approximately \$300 to nearly \$3,100 per unit.

Gregory Reynolds asked the Board to review a draft letter expressing the Board’s support of the proposed Park Impact Fee and encouraged available Board members to attend the upcoming Council meeting to show support for this effort. A motion was made by Stephanie Appel and seconded by Celeste Thomas to approve the draft letter with some minor edits to be signed by Mr. Reynolds on behalf of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Ricky Ly and Stephanie Appel gave a brief overview of the Gino Nicolas Memorial sub-committee meeting that was held on July 6, 2016. They recommended three ways that the Board might appropriately memorialize Mr. Nicolas: raising funds for scholarships in Gino’s name; recruiting mentors for children as part of the My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) initiative; and organizing a “Day of Service” in Gino’s name. After discussion, the Board agreed to carry out the “Day of Service” in conjunction with the potential development of a memorial to Gino at the John H. Jackson Community Center basketball court, and to assist in the recruitment of mentors. It was recommended that a time-line for the “Day of Service” be developed in alignment with development of the memorial, and that the appropriate FPR staff come before the Board to speak about how the Board can assist in the recruitment of mentors. A motion was made by Stephanie Appel and seconded by Maria Caban to implement the “Day of Service in Memory of Gino Nicolas” to be an annual event that the Board members and the community participate in at various City centers as one of the Board’s role. The motion carried unanimously.

Robin Payne, College Park Center Manager reported on behalf of Rodney Williams. Ms. Payne reported that on Thursday, July 28, 2016 the Recreation Division will host its annual City Showcase in which children who attend FPR community centers perform on stage at the Dr. Phillips Performing Arts Center. In addition to their performances, this year the children will offer a special tribute to victims of Orlando’s Pulse nightclub tragedy.

John Perrone reported that there are several Parks projects underway including: Park of Americas; Mathews Park and Constitution Green which will include Downtown Orlando’s first dog run.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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