

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, October 18, 2016

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at Rock Lake Community Center, 440 North Tampa Avenue, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Dunleavy
Ricky Ly
Celeste Thomas
Gregory Reynolds
Jason Reynolds
Maria Caban
Liana Leal
Gary Cahen
Allison Bekavac

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Stacy Anne Marrero, Board Secretary
Peter Effaldana, Cultural Arts Manager
Stephanie Colon, Administrative Specialist
Denise Riccio, FPR Planning and Grants Manager
Douglas Metzger, Project Manager I
Adamaris Ramirez, Seasonal Assistant
Marlon Poteat, Center 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.

ELECTIONS

The committee charged with nominating the Board's fiscal year 2016-2017 officers was comprised of Celeste Thomas and Allison Bekavac. In this capacity, Allison Bekavac opened the meeting by informing the Board that Kevin Dunleavy had been nominated to serve as the 2016-2017 FPR Board Chair and Liana Leal as Vice-Chair. The slate was moved by Allison Bekavac and seconded by Liana Leal, and the vote carried unanimously. The gravel was passed to Kevin Dunleavy who said a few words of thanks to the Board for the nomination.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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Approval of minutes for the September 20, 2016 meeting was moved by Liana Leal, seconded by Celeste Thomas and unanimously approved.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Museum of Art
Reason for banner: Festival of Trees
Banner Display Dates: October 22, 2016 – November 2, 2016

It was moved by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Maria Caban to approve the "Festival of Trees" 12ft x 16ft banner. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Museum of Art
Reason for banner: 2016 Fall Exhibitions
Banner Display Dates: October 22, 2016 – November 2, 2016

It was moved by Gregory Reynolds and seconded by Gary Cahen to approve the “2016 Fall Exhibition” 12ft x 16ft banner which combines three previous banners into one banner. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Neanderthal Ball
Banner Display Dates: October 18, 2016 – November 6, 2016

It was moved by Liana Leal and seconded by Jason Reynolds to approve the “Neanderthal Ball” 10ft x 4ft banner located roadside along Princeton Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: School Break Camps
Banner Display Dates: November 7, 2016 – December 16, 2016

The Board expressed concern for the lack of diversity in the picture as well as the advertisement for the board games shown in the banner. Peter Effaldana said he would take all the concerns back to the Orlando Science Center and will report back next month on the outcome. Gregory Reynolds made a motion to approve as discussed the “School Break Camps” 8ft x 4ft garage banner and seconded by Celeste Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK REQUESTS

Peter Effaldana reported to the Board that the re-dedication of the Orlando Fire Museum, which was originally approved at the September Board meeting will be re-scheduled to sometime in December due to Hurricane Mathew.

Applicant: Orlando Museum of Art

Ms. Grace from Orlando Museum of Art came before the board to request One Way Valet, Inc. to provide valet parking at a rate of \$5.00 per vehicle for patrons attending the Festival of Trees events starting on November 11, 2016 through November 20, 2016. Ms. Grace noted that there is one change this year in which they are seeking approval to allow the volunteers to park along the brick driveway on East Rollins Street during the event. Each volunteer will have a parking notice on their dashboard and will leave all emergency contact information and keys with the valet representatives in case of an emergency so that their vehicles can be moved. A motion was made by Gregory Reynolds and seconded by Celeste Thomas to approve One Way Valet, Inc. to offer valet parking for the Festival of Trees events as well as to offer volunteer parking. The vote carried unanimously.

UNDER I-4 PRESENTATION

Doug Metzger, Project Manager for the City of Orlando, presented information about Under-I to the Board.

The I-4 Ultimate construction, which is currently underway and scheduled to conclude in 2021, will result in completely rebuilt overpasses through the Downtown core, that will be both higher and wider than the previous I-4 bridges, thus presenting an opportunity to create a special urban community park Downtown, called Under-I. Under-I is currently in the conceptual stage of design and is subject to change as the design development process continues.

Under-I is envisioned to be a 9.75-acre urban community park beneath the I-4 bridge decks in Downtown Orlando. This area is generally bound on the North by W. Washington Street, W. Church Street on the South, Hughey Avenue on the west and Garland Avenue on the east. Under-I will be high-caliber urban community park, designed to provide City of Orlando residents with a better quality of life. It will be artistic, fun and provide the latest technology in recreation, lightning and safety.

There are five types of programmed areas envisioned within Under-I to provide patrons with a collection of functionally similar activities: Heritage Block, Urban Athletics Block, Family Time Block, Events Block and Market Block. Involved parties are Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), City of Orlando and other community organizations, agencies, private vendors and sponsors yet to be determined

Board members discussed/asked questions/gave input regarding parking availability, security, amenities, as well as plans for a skate park facility at the site. With regard to the latter, concern was expressed that it would attract more skaters downtown possibly resulting in damage to private properties as skaters downtown would likely practice their sport on downtown building amenities such as stairways and railings.

REPORTS

Peter Effaldana reported on behalf of John Perrone on a few upcoming park events: the Come Out with Pride parade and the Veteran's Day parade will both be held on November 12, 2016; the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5k Walk will be held at Lake Eola on October 29, 2016 and the Annual Fiesta in the Park will be held the weekend of November 5th at Lake Eola Park. Lastly, Peter reported that The Veg Fest will be held at Orlando Festival Park on October 22, 2016 with live entertainment, speakers, yoga, children's activities, vendors showcasing their veggie delights and more.

Marlon Poteat, Center Manager, reported on behalf of Rodney Williams that the Recreation Division invites the Board to attend the Engelwood Neighborhood's Annual Haunted House event on October 28, 2016. Mr. Poteat also reported that the Annual "Where the Fun Starts" Recreation Golf Tournament hosted by Commissioner Stuart will be held on October 22, 2016 at Dubsdread Golf Course.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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