

**FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Tuesday, December 20, 2016**

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at Dover Shores Community Center, 1400 Gaston Foster Road, Orlando, Florida.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Maria Caban

**STAFF PRESENT**

Lisa Early, Director Families Parks and Recreation  
John Perrone, Parks Division Manager  
Adamaris Ramirez, Board Secretary-Acting  
Peter Effaldana, Cultural Arts Manager  
Dustin Wheeler, Center Manager  
Tara Russakov, FPR Marketing Coordinator  
Chris Wallace, Lake Eola Park Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kevin Dunleavy 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 November 15, 2016 meeting was moved by Celeste Thomas, seconded by Ricky Ly and unanimously approved.

**LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK BANNER REQUESTS**

Applicant/Organization:	Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner:	Astronaut - Your Journey Begins on Earth exhibit
Banner Display Dates:	January 4, 2017 – May 14, 2017

It was moved by Ricky Ly and seconded by Gary Cahen to approve the "Astronaut – Your Journey Begins on Earth" 25ft x 14ft banner located on the side of the Orlando Science Center building. The motion carried unanimously.

**LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK REQUESTS**

George Wallace of United Arts and Orlando Fringe came before the board seeking approval to use Loch Haven Cultural Park for the Arts for All event on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The event is held in collaboration with 47 cultural organizations including the Shakespeare Theatre, Orlando Museum of Art, Mennello Museum of Art, Orlando Science Center and the Orlando Fire Museum to promote and bring an array of interactive exhibits for all ages. Some of the museums will be free and open to the public during the event. Parking is limited, but SunRail, which is a sponsor, will be free that day. It was moved by Gregory

Reynolds, and seconded by Jason Reynolds, to approve the use of the park for this purpose. The motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

Lisa Early reported that the City will dedicate a memorial to Gino Nicolas at the John H. Jackson Community Center on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and will organize a Green-Up event at the same site as part of Seedlings for Civil Rights on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>) from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. An invitation to both events will be extended to Board members. Ms. Early then introduced Ms. Tara Russakov as FPR's new Marketing Coordinator. Ms. Russakov is organizing both events. Ms. Russakov graduated from University of Florida and has work experience in both public relations and media. Greg Reynolds welcomed Ms. Russakov and commented on the need for more publicity for the city's community centers and FPR's diverse services. Lastly, Ms. Early reported on a City Parks Project FPR has been involved with in collaboration with the non-profit organization Downtown CREDO. As part of this project, CREDO invited artists to create limited edition posters of city parks. The artwork has now been completed, with posters available for sale. The artwork was also compiled to create a coffee table book for purchase, which Lisa presented to the Board. Proceeds from the sales of the book, and limited edition posters also being sold online, will go to the Orlando Community and Youth Trust, Inc. and Downtown CREDO. Board members expressed interest in purchasing these items; information on how to do so will be sent to the Board by email.

John Perrone, Parks Division Manager, reported that staff is working with Commissioner Tony Ortiz to organize the ribbon cutting of the new fitness trail at Park of America. Date and time will be emailed to Board members once the event has been scheduled. Lake Eola Park will host several holiday events, including the Nutcracker performed by the Russian Ballet of Orlando at the Amphitheater on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Lake Eola Park Manager, Chris Wallace was also introduced to the Board, as he will be taking over for Peter Effaldana after Mr. Effaldana's retirement in February 2017.

Dustin Wheeler, Dover Shores Community Center Manager, welcomed Board members to the facility and spoke about the center's many programs and accomplishments. The center is the third time champion for the annual Summer Showcase event, and has partnered with the City of Dublin, Ireland as part of the Common Ground program wherein, among other things, both sites operate a community garden and grow plants from each region.

Kevin Dunleavy asked about Board members conducting visits/evaluations of FPR sites in the new year. A conversation ensued and Ms. Early stated that a list of sites to be evaluated will be brought to the Board to discuss at the next meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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