

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, December 19, 2017

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at Bill Frederick Park, 3401 South Hiawassee Road, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Liana Leal
Gary Cahen
Gregory Reynolds
Allison Bekavac
David Riccardi
Kevin Dunleavy
Holly Kapherr

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jason Reynolds
Maxine Risper

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Early, Director of Families, Parks and Recreation
John Perrone, Parks Division Manager
Stacy Anne Marrero, Board Secretary
Christopher Wallace, Cultural Arts Manager
Denise Riccio, FPR Planner and Grants Manager
Cheryl Rainsberger, Center Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Dunleavy called the meeting to order at 11:06 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 21, 2017 meeting was moved by Holly Kapherr, seconded by Gary Cahen, and unanimously approved.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Museum of Art
Reason for banner: Antiques Vintage & Garden Show 2018
Banner Display Dates: February 6, 2018 – February 20, 2018

It was moved by David Riccardi and seconded by Gary Cahen to approve the (6) 2 x 4 ft. banners on the light post in the parking lot and a 12 x 16 ft. banner on the corner of Mills Street and Rollins Avenue for the upcoming "Antiques Vintage & Garden Show". The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Museum of Art
Reason for banner: State of Excellence – Treasures from Florida Private Collections
Banner Display Dates: January 16, 2018 – April 30, 2018

It was moved by David Riccardi and seconded by Gary Cahen to approve the (6) 2 x 4 ft. banners on the light post in the parking lot and a 20 x 15 ft. banner facing Mills Avenue beneath the Orlando Museum of Art's letters for the upcoming "State of Excellence – Treasures from Florida Private Collections". The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: The Mennello Museum of Art
Reason for banner: Grace Hartigan – 1960 – 1965, The Perry Collection
Banner Display Dates: January 19 – March 11, 2-18

It was moved by David Riccardi and seconded by Gary Cahen to approve the "Grace Hartigan 1960-1965, The Perry Collection" from January 19, 2018 – March 11, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Indian Horizon of Florida
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds: Park Rental, OPD Fees, Permitting Fees
Date of Event: March 4, 2018
Location: Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake

Hari Singh, President of Indian Horizon of Florida, presented to the Board on behalf of his annual Holi 2018 Festival. This festival is a free event to the public celebrating the arrival of spring with cultural arts and festivities. It has drawn big crowds for the last 4 years. A motion was made by Gregory Reynolds and seconded by Allison Bekavac to approve up to \$1,500 to cover City costs associated with this event contingent upon approval of an 18A permit for the event. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Denise Riccio came before the Board to give a brief overview of the two new parks soon to be constructed in the Lake Nona area. The first, "East Airfield Park," will comprise an estimated 25 acres and boast the following amenities: a softball field, Babe Ruth/pony field, and two little league fields, all of which will be lighted; recreational trail; fountain feature in the lake; concession area; restrooms; maintenance facility; 160 parking spaces; and a playground.

The second park, "Laureate Park," will house four lighted multi-purpose fields with bleachers; a recreational trail; restroom/concession area; pavilions; playground and shade structure; bicycle parking; and 217 parking spaces. A future water adventure park will be built and operated next to the park by a private company.

Ms. Early stated that staff will update the Board on the following projects at the next Board meeting: Lake Lorna Doone Park, Grand Avenue School, and the Orlando Tennis Centre/Packing District project. After discussion the Board agreed for the January meeting to last an hour and a half to accommodate the time it will take to cover these presentations. It was also agreed that staff would arrange for the Board to be updated regarding the Under-I project at a future meeting.

REPORTS

Lisa Early reported that the City has approved a minor re-organization of the Families, Parks and Recreation Department to better position the department to leverage and manage grant and donor funds for its children's programs. Ms. Early stated that she would present more details at the next meeting, and would send a PowerPoint presentation to Board members, prior to the meeting, to facilitate their understanding of the changes.

John Perrone reported that the renovation of Gilbert McQueen park and playground is underway. Equipment will be delivered in January and the project completed sometime in late January or early February. Mr. Perrone reported that after an extensive hiring process, the Department has chosen Mr. Quincy Richardson to serve as the Lake Eola Park Manager. Mr. Richardson has served successfully as the Manager of Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake since 2015, and will be invited to the next Board meeting for everyone to meet.

Chris Wallace reported that Santa has been staying at the Lake Eola House for the past few weeks, and has been a big hit, averaging 350 citizens visiting him each night. His final two days at the Eola House will be December 22nd and 23rd from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cheryl Rainsberger, on behalf of Rodney Williams, reported that the Recreation Division is gearing up for School Vacation Days, a full time camp program that operates during the holidays.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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