

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, February 20, 2018

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at Dr. J.B. Callahan Neighborhood Center, 101 North Parramore Avenue, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Liana Leal
Gary Cahen
David Riccardi
Kevin Dunleavy
Allison Bekavac
Robert Soviero
Jason Reynolds
Maxine Risper

MEMBERS ABSENT

Holly Kapherr

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Early, Director of Families, Parks and Recreation
David Wagg, Parks Assistant Division Manager
Stacy Anne Marrero, Board Secretary
Christopher Wallace, Cultural Arts Manager
Denise Riccio, FPR Planner and Grants Manager
Curtis Manning, Center Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Liana Leal called the meeting to order at 11:01 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 January 16, 2018 meeting was moved by Kevin Dunleavy, seconded by Jason Reynolds, and unanimously approved.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: 2018 Summer Camps
Banner Display Dates: February 21, 2018 – June 30, 2018

It was moved by Jason Reynolds to approve an 8 x 4 ft. "2018 Summer Camps" garage banner on Princeton Street, with the proviso that the logo on the t-shirt of one of the children in the photo be photo-shopped out. The motion was seconded by Gary Cahen. The motion carried 7 to 1 with David Riccardi recusing himself from voting due to a relationship with Orlando Science Center and Kevin Dunleavy abstaining from voting. The motion carried.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Science of Wine
Banner Display Dates: February 27, 2018 – April 29, 2018

It was moved by Jason Reynolds and seconded by Gary Cahen to approve the 10 x 4 ft. banner on the roadside along Princeton Street for the upcoming “Science of Wine” event. The motion carried 8 to 1 with David Riccardi recusing himself from voting due to a relationship with Orlando Science Center. The motion carried.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Lie Down or Stand Up
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds: Rental Fees, permitting and park technicians
Date of Event: March 3, 2018
Location: Lake Eola Park

President Sean VanGerena presented before the Board on behalf of Lie Down or Stand Up’s Walk, Roll or Run event. This organization was started by Mr. VanGerena, who suffered from and persevered through traumatic brain injury (TBI), in hopes of bringing awareness and fellowship with those who have suffered TBI or have a loved one who has. There will be live entertainment, interactive games, films and fun for all to enjoy. A walk will follow the festivities. Since this is the third year this organization will be funded, per grant guidelines a motion was made by Kevin Dunleavy to approve \$850 and seconded by Allison Bekavac. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Talia’s Legacy Children’s Cancer Foundation
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds: Rental Fees, permits and other fees
Date of Event: March 17, 2018
Location: Blue Jacket Park

Desiree Castellano, President of Talia’s Legacy Children’s Cancer Foundation presented before the Board for the upcoming “Talia’s Legacy Pet Walk for Childhood Cancer” on March 27, 2018 at Blue Jacket Park. The purpose of this event is to raise funding and awareness for childhood cancer and to provide financial support for the organization’s pet therapy program. A motion was made by Kevin Dunleavy to approve \$1,500 for costs associated with this event and seconded by Jason Reynolds. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Denise Riccio, FPR Grants and Planning Manager, came before the Board to present an overview of draft plans to renovate Grand Avenue Elementary School. The project will preserve the historic building, be designed to offer youth and family programs at the site, and relocate the Pottery Studio and programming currently offered at the Downtown Recreation Center.

Since the existing building does not meet ADA standards, the design will bring the building into ADA compliance. In addition to renovating the existing building, the project will add a gymnasium, fitness areas, and space for the Orlando Pottery Studio, with all work done in close collaboration with the City's Historic Preservation Officer to ensure compliance with pertinent policies and codes. The project is expected to be completed in 2020.

REPORTS

Lisa Early reported that Mayor Dyer and City Commissioners will cut the ribbon on the newly renovated Gilbert McQueen Park and playground on February 28, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. Board members are invited to attend. Ms. Early also reported that the City has begun planning the Fiscal Year 2018-91 budget; Board members will be kept up to date as the process moves forward.

Curtis Manning, on behalf of Rodney Williams, reported that the Orlando Pottery Studio will have an exhibit at the Orlando Regional History Center, displaying the history of the Pottery Studio, and that the City's Junior Magic Basketball League is underway with several hundred children participating from throughout the City.

David Wagg reported on behalf of John Perrone, stating that the number of events taking place at City parks will increase over the coming months, as our busy rental season approaches. Mr. Wagg reiterated that he hopes Board members will be able to attend the ribbon cutting at Gilbert McQueen Park on February 28th.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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