

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, May 15, 2018

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at the Northwest Community Center and Pool, 3955 W.D. Judge Drive, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Holly Kapherr

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Early, Director, Families, Parks and Recreation Department
John Perrone, Parks Division Manager
Stacy Anne Marrero, Board Secretary
Christopher Wallace, Cultural Arts Manager
Tara Russakov, Marketing / Communications Coordinator
Stephanie Mendoza, Parks Administrative Specialist

CALL TO ORDER

Liana Leal called the meeting to order at 11:02 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 April 17, 2018 meeting was moved by Gary Cahen, seconded by Maxine Risper, and unanimously approved.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK REQUESTS

Track Shack / Orlando Science Center

Kim Bruno with Track Shack came before the Board to seek approval to hold the "Celebration of Running 5K Run/Walk" on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at Loch Haven Cultural Park. The 5K Run/Walk will have an estimated 2,500 participants. It was moved by Kevin Dunleavy and seconded by Allison Bekavac for approval of usage of Loch Haven Cultural Park on August 18, 2018 for this event. The motion carried 7 to 0 with David Riccardi recusing himself from voting due to a relationship with Orlando Science Center.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Shakespeare Theatre
Reason for banner: 2018/2019 Upcoming Shows
Banner Display Dates: May 16, 2018 through May 16, 2019

It was moved by Kevin Dunleavy to approve the three (3) 62" x 120 "banners for the upcoming "Children's Series, Signature Series and Welcome to the 30th Anniversary Series" that will be displayed on the marquees outside of the Shakespeare Theater. The motion was seconded by Jason Reynolds. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Lisa Early reported that three (3) city park projects are competing to win a \$20,000 grant as part of the 2018 Meet Me at the Park Earth Month Campaign. They are: Ivey Lane Fitness Area (installation of fitness equipment in Ivey Lane Park); Engelwood Neighborhood Center Adjustable Basketball Goals (installing six basketball goals that adjust to any height between 4 feet and 10 feet so young children and people with disabilities can more easily play basketball there); and Hankins Park Orchard (planting fruit trees in the park). The department received a check today for \$20,000.00 and expects to find out today which of the projects won the most votes.

Ms. Early also reported the department is in the process of filling two positions. First is a Facilities Project Maintenance Manager who will manage all the department's facility maintenance projects. After an extensive search, the department has selected Mr. Gabriel Lara, who is expected to start within the next two weeks. Second is a new Fiscal Manager. The current Fiscal Manager, Ms. Renee Jackson, retired at the end of April. The department has received 61 applications, and narrowed the list down, and will begin interviews within the next two weeks.

Ms. Early also reported that, as part of budget preparation for 2018/2019, the FPR Department is seeking additional funds for the following: 1) Maintenance and operation of two new parks currently in construction in the Lake Nona area; 2) Pay rate adjustments for seasonal employees; and 3) funding for the After School All-Stars to be able to serve middle schoolers at new middle schools that have opened/are opening around the city.

In closing, Ms. Early noted that the department will seek input from residents in the area of the "Packing District" (between Princeton Street, Colonial Drive, John Young Parkway and Orange Blossom Trail) regarding what they would like to see at the new park to be constructed there (within what is feasible given site limitations). The FPR Board will be involved in this process at a date soon.

Kerry Blackshear, Northwest Neighborhood Center Manager, reported on behalf of Mr. Rodney Williams, stating that the Recreation Division is also gearing up for summer camp. The City's summer camp is ten (10) week long at fifteen (15) locations. Mr. Blackshear invited the Board to attend the Recreation Summer Showcase on July 26, 2018 at the Dr. Phillips Performing Arts Center where participants perform on the big stage for their families and guests.

John Perrone, Parks Division Manager introduced Stephanie Mendoza, the new Administrative Specialist who replaced Stephanie Colon. Ms. Colon was recently promoted Manager at Bill Frederick Park, after Quincy Richardson took on the position of Lake Eola Park Manager. Mr. Perrone also reported that the playground at Northwest Community Center will be replaced after the summer.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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