

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, November 21, 2017

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at Pottery Studio, 363 North Parramore Avenue, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Liana Leal
Gary Cahen
Gregory Reynolds
Jason Reynolds
Allison Bekavac
David Riccardi
Maxine Risper

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Dunleavy
Holly Kapherr

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
Jason Sugiuchi, Center Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Liana Leal 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 October 17, 2017 meeting was moved by Jason Reynolds, seconded by Gregory Reynolds, and unanimously approved.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Mindbender Mansion
Banner Display Dates: January 3, 2018 – May 15, 2018

It was moved by Gary Cahen and seconded by Jason Reynolds to approve the 25ft x 14ft “Mindbender Mansion” banner from January 3, 2018 through May 15, 2018 on the side of the building facing Princeton Street. The motion carried 7 to 1 with David Riccardi recusing himself from voting due to a direct relationship with Orlando Science Center. The motion carried.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Orlando Science Center Break Camps
Banner Display Dates: November 14, 2017 – January 7, 2018

It was moved by Gary Cahen and seconded by Jason Reynolds to approve the 8ft x 4ft “Orlando Science Center Break Camps” banner from November 14, 2017 through January 7, 2018 located on the garage of the Orlando Science Center. The motion carried 7 to 1 with David Riccardi recusing himself from voting due to a direct relationship with Orlando Science Center. The motion carried.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Gingerbread Lane
Banner Display Dates: November 17, 2017 – January 7, 2018

It was moved by Gary Cahen and seconded by Jason Reynolds to approve the 8ft x 4ft “Gingerbread Lane” banner from November 17, 2017 through January 7, 2018 roadside along Princeton Street. The motion carried 7 to 1 with David Riccardi recusing himself from voting due to a direct relationship with Orlando Science Center. The motion carried.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Otronico
Banner Display Dates: December 11, 2017 – January 15, 2018

It was moved by Gary Cahen and seconded by Jason Reynolds to approve the 8ft x 4ft “Otronico” banner from December 11, 2017 through January 15, 2018 roadside along Princeton Street. The motion carried 7 to 1 with David Riccardi recusing himself from voting due to a direct relationship with Orlando Science Center. The motion carried.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Ballet
Reason for banner: Pottery Sale Today
Banner Display Dates: December 9, 2017

It was moved by Gary Cahen and seconded by Jason Reynolds to approve banner for “Pottery Sale Today 9-4” banner on December 9, 2017 on the Loch Haven Center. The motion carried unanimously.

MONUMENT AND MEMORIALS

Commissioner Sheehan came before the Board to seek approval to add a simple memorial to a planned labyrinth being installed at Colonialtown Square Park. The purpose of the labyrinth is to provide the community a place to meditate and reflect. The memorial will consist of pavers installed at designated locations alongside the labyrinth; the pavers will consist of a heart and the names of the Pulse victims. The Colonialtown neighborhood association has voted unanimously to add the pavers memorializing the June 12, 2016 tragedy. The request has gone through the City’s Monuments & Memorials process and has been approved at all steps along the way. The final step, before approval of the Orlando City Council, is approval by the Families, Parks and Recreation Board. A motion was by Gregory Reynolds and seconded by Maxine Risper to approve the placement of the memorial within the labyrinth. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Ms. Lisa Early reported last month about several infrastructure investments – many of them involving the Families, Parks and Recreation Department:

- Renovation of Lake Lorna Doone Park, in partnership with Florida Citrus Sports. Improvements will include a complete lakefront pedestrian path, splash pad, improved multi-purpose fields, barrier-free playground, a community garden, better parking, and water feature in the lake. It is expected that an agreement with Florida Citrus Sports (FCS), authorizing them to carry out these renovations, and committing both the City and FCS to share the cost of the project, will go before City Council for approval on December 11, 2017.
- A new home for the Orlando Tennis Centre, to address issues related to the development of the Creative Village. The proposed location will be announced soon, possibly before the end of the calendar year.
- Re-purposing of Grand Avenue Elementary School to preserve the community landmark and offer a youth and family recreational center in the Holden Heights neighborhood, including relocation of the Pottery Studio and programming currently at the Downtown Recreation Center.

Board members asked that each project be presented to the Board in order to give the Board members the opportunity to provide input. Ms. Early stated that these would be added to the Board calendar at the December board meeting.

Marcia Hope-Goodwin, Chief Service Officer and Director of Office of Community Affairs and Human Relations introduced the City's Poet Laureate Susan Lilley who recited her "Orlando Seasons" poem for the Board.

Jason Sugiuchi, Center Manager reported that the Recreation Division is hosting several holiday parties including a Christmas Party on December 15, 2017 at the Beardall Senior Center. Mr. Sugiuchi also reported on a partnership with NBA player Quentin Richardson, who is teaching basketball skills, drills and life skills to children at the College Park and John H. Jackson Neighborhood Centers. In closing, Mr. Sugiuchi reported that the Pottery Studio is hosting its annual "Holiday Ornament Workshops" where citizens can paint holiday ornaments.

Christopher Wallace, Cultural Arts Manager, reported on several holiday events at Lake Eola Park: Tree Lighting Celebration on Friday, December 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.; News 6 Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 2nd starting at 6:00 p.m.; Holiday Movies in the Park on Friday, December 8th and 15th; and the Annual Violelectric Holiday Show on Saturday, December 9, 2017 starting at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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