

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, June 21, 2016

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at L. Claudia Allen Senior Center, 1840 Mable Butler Drive, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Dunleavy
Ricky Ly
Jason Reynolds
Celeste Thomas
Stephanie Appel
Maria Caban
Liana Leal
Allison Bekavac

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gregory Reynolds

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Early, FPR Director
Stacy Anne Marrero, Board Secretary
John Perrone, Parks Division Manager
Stephanie Colon, Parks Administrative Specialist
Herb Williams, Center Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Stephanie Appel 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 May 17, 2016 meeting was moved by Ricky Ly, seconded by Kevin Dunleavy and unanimously approved.

MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

Commissioner Sheehan came before the Board to seek approval for three (3) three foot pink bunny statues in honor of her Aide, Chase Smith who passed away. The pink bunny symbolizes the tradition of Mr. Smith dressing up as a pink bunny every year for many of the neighborhood Easter egg events that were held in Commissioner Sheehan's district. The three foot pink bunny statues sit on a 30" x 30" concrete base and will be placed in Langford Park, Lake Como Park and Colonialtown. The funding and maintenance for these bunnies will be paid for by the Chase Smith Memorial fund which is held in the Strengthen Orlando account. A motion was made by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Ricky Ly to approve the requested pink bunny statues at Langford Park, Lake Como Park and Colonialtown. The motion carried unanimously.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Florida Hospital and Track Shack
Reason for banner: Celebration of Running 5K
Banner Display Dates: July 11, 2016 – August 13, 2016

It was moved by Kevin Dunleavy and seconded by Ricky Ly to approve the "Celebration of Running 5K" 10ft x 4ft banner located roadside along Princeton Street. The motion carried unanimously.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK REQUEST

Track Shack

Kim Bruno with Track Shack came before the Board to seek approval to hold the "Celebration of Running 5K Run/Walk" on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Loch Haven Cultural Park. The 5K Run/Walk will have an estimated 2,000 participants. It was moved by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Stephanie Appel for approval of usage of Loch Haven Cultural Park on August 13, 2016 for this event. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Herb Williams, Center Manager reported on behalf of Rodney Williams. Mr. Williams oversees the L. Claudia Allen Senior Center in which several programs are offered including the Seniors First Meal program and field trips for seniors. Mr. Williams also reported that the Recreation Division's summer camp started on June 13, 2016 with an estimated two thousand and fourteen children (2,014) enrolled at 17 sites around the City.

John Perrone and Stephanie Colon from the Parks Division reported that on July 4, 2016 Lake Eola will hold the City's annual fireworks show from 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. with fireworks starting at 9:10 p.m. This year the estimated attendance will be approximately 120,000 visitors. Eight (8) swan boats will be available from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for \$120.00 and will offer a front row seat as well as table service; this opportunity will go on sale on Monday, June 26, 2016.

Lisa Early reported that Orlando City Soccer Foundation is converting a tennis court at Rock Lake Community Center to a futsal court, making this the third court conversion after ones at the John H. Jackson Community Center and Dr. I Sylvester Hankins Park. Orlando City Soccer players and staff teach soccer to children at these sites. Ms. Early also reported that tennis is expected to grow quickly in Orlando as a result of the upcoming opening of USTA's national headquarters in Lake Nona. Ms. Early also informed Board members that as a result of the recent Pulse nightclub tragedy, a planned City Council workshop on My Brother's Keeper Orlando has been postponed to August 15, 2016 starting at 10:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers. Ms. Early also reported that there are several Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) renovations and expansions underway, and since several of them abut either City parks or recreation centers, the City has been negotiating and approving agreements with OCPS governing the changes. Lastly, Ms. Early reported that today the City will submit a Federal Grant to the U.S. Department of Justice/Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) aimed at reducing youth violence in Orlando. The ask is up to a million dollars over a two year period; if awarded, the federal government will fund a seven month planning processes resulting in a Youth Violence Prevention Plan which, if approved by OJJDP, will result in the release of the remaining funds to implement the plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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