

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, December 17, 2013

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at Dubsdread Golf Course, 549 West Par Street, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rachel Andre
Celeste Thomas
Joseph Yarid
Wendy Mathisen
Gregory Reynolds
Latria Leak
Gary Hasson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephanie Appel

STAFF PRESENT

Stacy Anne Mahar, Executive Assistant
Peter Effaldana, Cultural Arts Manager
John Perrone, Parks Division Manager
David Wagg, Assistant Parks Division Manager
Joseph Caesar, Recreation Center Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Rachel Andre 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 November 19, 2013 meeting was moved by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Wendy Mathisen, and unanimously approved.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization:	SPCA of Central Florida
Amount Requested:	\$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds:	Park rental costs
Date of Event:	February 8, 2014
Location:	Lake Eola Park

Helen Preston, Manager of Special Events for SPCA of Central Florida gave a brief overview of the February 8, 2014 event. SPCA of Central Florida will hold their annual "Paws in the Park" at Lake Eola Park on February 8, 2014. The purpose is to raise money for SPCA to provide programs such as Pet Food Xpress, Project F.A.I.T.H., Pet Visitation Program, Animal Cruelty and Neglect Investigations, Human Education, Animal Sheltering, Community Veterinary Clinics and F.A.S.T. HELP to the Central Florida Area. A motion was made by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Wendy Mathisen to approve up to \$250.00 for City costs associated with this event. The vote carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization:	Born to Fly International
Amount Requested:	\$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds:	Park rental costs
Date of Event:	January 15, 2014
Location:	Lake Eola Park

Tomas Lares and Diana Scimone from Born to Fly International Inc. gave a brief overview of the upcoming “In Our Own Backyard – 6th Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day” at Lake Eola Park on January 25, 2014. Human trafficking is modern day slavery exercised through forced labor, debt bondage, involuntary servitude, forced marriage, and commercial sexual exploitation, and the victims of human trafficking are citizens and immigrants, men, women, and children. The event will have booths of agencies combating human trafficking, music, testimony of survivors, and free ID and fingerprinting stations. A motion was made by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Gregory Reynolds to approve up to \$1,500 for City costs associated with this event. The vote carried unanimously.

LOCH HAVEN REQUESTS

Applicant / Organization: Orlando Museum of Art / Council 101

Cheryl Belfay, with Orlando Museum of Art came before the Board to request permission to allow One-Way Valet to offer complimentary valet parking for their upcoming annual “Antiques Vintage & Garden Show” Gala party. The event will take place on February 13, 2014 and the cars will be parked at the Orlando Repertory Theater. A motion was made by Joseph Yarid and seconded by Wendy Mathisen to allow One-Way Valet to offer valet parking for this event. The vote carried unanimously.

Applicant / Organization: Orlando Mennello Museum

Frank Holt with the Orlando Mennello Museum came before the Board to request permission to allow One Way Valet to offer valet parking to patrons attending their annual “Patrons Party” on February 25, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. A motion was made by Joseph Yarid and seconded by Wendy Mathisen to allow One-Way Valet to offer valet parking for this event. The vote carried unanimously.

Applicant / Organization: Orlando Mennello Museum

Frank Holt with the Orlando Mennello Museum came before the Board to request permission to hold the “13th Annual Folk Festival” on February 8th and 9th in Loch Haven Park. The event will have off-duty officers on site controlling the sale of alcohol. A motion was made by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Gary Hasson to approve Orlando Mennello Museum to hold the “13th Annual Folk Festival” in Loch Haven Park. The vote carried unanimously.

BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Museum of Art
Reason for banner: Antiques Vintage & Garden Show
Banner Display Dates: February 7th-17th, 2014

It was moved by Joseph Yarid and seconded by Wendy Mathisen to allow the Orlando Museum of Art to display the proposed 15’ x 18’ banner for the upcoming “Antiques Vintage & Garden Show”. The vote carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Mennello Museum
Reason for banner: 15th Anniversary Season: The Art of the American West
Banner Display Dates: January 17, 2014 – April 7, 2014

It was moved by Joseph Yarid and seconded by Gregory Reynolds to allow the Orlando Mennello Museum to display the proposed 5’ x 20’ banner for the upcoming “The Art of the American West: Southwestern Allure: The Art of the Santa Fe Art Colony”. The vote carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Joseph Caesar, Center Manager of the Dr. J.B. Callahan Neighborhood Center reported on behalf of Rodney Williams. Mr. Caesar reported that registration for the Junior Magic basketball league starts this weekend and is hosted at five locations within the City of Orlando serving an estimated six hundred (600) youth. Joe also reported that an NCAA basketball tournament will be held this weekend at the Orlando Downtown Recreation Complex.

John Perrone reported that all eight (8) See Art sculptures have been installed and will be lit each night for residents to enjoy while walking around Lake Eola Park. Other sculptures in the collection are located at the Orlando History Center and the corner of Orange Avenue and Church Street. John also reported that minor renovations are being made at Bill Frederick Park to improve its ADA accessibility, including making one of the cabins ADA accessible

John also informed the Board that park construction will commence at Park of Americas in approximately February, with an expected park opening in Winter of 2014. The site will house the City's first off-leash dog park. Nutter Park, located at the corner of McGuire Blvd. and Bennett Road, was recently renovated and is now being heavily utilized by the neighborhood. He reminded Board members that on February 15, 2014, the City will hold its annual Wetlands Festival in Christmas, Florida.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Anne Mahar

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Board Secretary