

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, May 20, 2014

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at Orlando Museum of Art, 2416 North Mills Avenue, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rachel Andre
Celeste Thomas
Stephanie Appel
Wendy Mathisen
Maria Caban
Gary Hasson
Latria Leak

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gregory Reynolds

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Early, Families, Parks and Recreation Director
Cheryl Rainsberger, Beardall Senior Center Manager
Oneka Burnett, Jackson Community Center Manager
Peter Effaldana, Parks and Cultural Arts Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Rachel Andre called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public requested to speak before the Board.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, April 15, 2014

Approval of minutes for the April 15, 2014 meeting was moved by Gary Hasson and seconded by Wendy Mathisen and unanimously approved.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization:	Association of Asian Cultural Festivals, Inc.
Amount Requested:	\$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds:	Park rental fees / Permits
Date of Event:	June 1, 2014
Location:	Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake Park

Barbara Lalchand, Director of the Association of Asian Cultural Festivals, Inc. provided a brief overview of the June 1, 2014 event. The Association of Asian Cultural Festivals, Inc. will hold the "13th Annual Indian Arrival Day" on June 1, 2014 at Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake Park. The main purpose is to celebrate Indian heritage and to promote Indian culture in Florida. A motion was made by Stephanie Appel to approve the amount of \$1,500 and seconded by Gary Hasson to cover City costs associated with this event. The vote carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: MAN UP Mentoring, Inc.
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds: Facility Rental Fee / Misc. Costs
Date of Event: June 14, 2014
Location: Central Florida Fairgrounds

Samantha Wallace, Founder and President of MAN UP Mentoring, Inc. gave a brief overview of the June 14, 2014 event. MAN UP Mentoring, Inc. will hold a “MAN UP n’ Cook” event on June 14, 2014 at The Central Florida Fairgrounds. The purpose is to expose vulnerable youth to positive male role models. The event is free and open to the general public but there is a charge to participate in the cooking contest in which Orlando’s best backyard grill masters will be working alongside their mentees in the spirit of teamwork. Mentors and mentees will be together throughout the event as cooks, hosts, pavilion reps, etc. A motion was made by Rachel Andre to approve up to \$1,500 to cover costs associated with this event and seconded by Maria Caban. The vote carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Braves Rowing
Amount Requested: \$850.00
Purpose of Funds: Admission Fees to Park
Date of Event: June, July, August
Location: Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake Park

Robin Butler from Braves Rowing, Inc. gave a brief overview of the Youth Summer Rowing Camp sessions at Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake. The purpose is to provide recreational rowing opportunities for middle and high school aged children. Participants will learn how to row “crew” boats, teamwork and responsibility while having fun. A motion was made by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Wendy Mathisen to approve funding of up to \$850.00 for park admission fees associated with this event. The vote carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Caribbean American Passport Foundation / Greater Orlando Cares
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds: Park Rental Fees
Date of Event: June 22, 2014
Location: Lake Eola Park

Samuel Roberts from Caribbean American Passport Foundation / Greater Orlando Cares gave a brief overview of the “Caribbean American Heritage Festival” on June 22, 2014 at Lake Eola Park. The main purpose is to showcase cultural performances, art, food, and sounds of the Caribbean American community. The event will offer a taste of Caribbean food and beers, health fair, cultural presentations that showcase the unique heritage and history of Caribbean nations, and an arts and craft exhibition. A motion was made by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Stephanie Appel to approve funding up to \$1,500.00 for City costs associated with this event. The vote carried unanimously.

LOCH HAVEN REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center

Madelaine Hartman, Education Manager at the Orlando Science Center came before the Board to request permission to use the Loch Haven bowl for activities in the park during the summer camp months. A motion was made by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Stephanie Appel to approve the Orlando Science Center to use the Loch Haven bowl for their summer camp activities. The vote carried unanimously.

LOCH HAVEN BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Bats
Banner Display Dates: May 20, 2014 through August 31, 2014

It was moved by Gary Hasson and seconded by Celeste Thomas to approve the 8 ft. x 4 ft. garage banner as well as the 10ft x 4ft roadside banner along Princeton Street for the upcoming “Bats” event. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Curious George
Banner Display Dates: May 20, 2014 – August 31, 2014

It was moved by Stephanie Appel and seconded by Celeste Thomas to approve the 25 ft. x 14 ft. banner to be hung on the side of the Orlando Science Center building for the upcoming “Curious George Let’s Get Curious” show. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Orlando Science Center Preschool
Banner Display Dates: July 15, 2014 – September 15, 2014

It was moved by Stephanie Appel and seconded by Gary Hasson to approve the 10 ft. x 4 ft. banner roadside along Princeton Street for the upcoming “Orlando Science Center Preschool Enrollment”. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Orlando Science Center Summer Camp
Banner Display Dates: May 20, 2014 – July 15, 2014

It was moved by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Wendy Mathisen to approve the 10 ft. x 4 ft. banner roadside along Princeton Street for the upcoming “Orlando Science Center Summer Camp Enrollment”. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Museum of Art
Reason for banner: Florida Prize in Contemporary Art
Banner Display Dates: June 1, 2014 – September 14, 2014

It was moved by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Latria Leek to approve the 20ft x 16x banner roadside along Mills Avenue for the upcoming “Florida Prize in Contemporary Art” show. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Lisa Early reported that a new City Commissioner, Regina Hill, will soon be representing District 5. Commissioner Hill’s first City Council meeting will be on June 2, 2014, replacing Commissioner Daisy W. Lynum. Lisa also reported that budget planning has begun for next fiscal year. The City has struggled to balance its budget without further service cuts or a millage rate increase. City departments will present their budget challenges to City Council on June 9, 2014.

Lisa also reported that Dueling Dragons is a dragon boat team of police officers and youth, created by a community volunteer, Andrea Eliscu. Last night a fundraiser was held to raise funds for the team to travel to Chicago for an international dragon boat race. The team has operated for about three years; we expect to send fifty (50) police officers and youth to Chicago.

Oneka Burnett reported on behalf of Rodney Williams. Oneka stated that the Englewood Neighborhood Center is in the running to receive the Jefferson Award for Public Service. The Lead360 Project is a contest whereby young people present information on how they give back to the community. Highlights of what the Englewood Neighborhood Center girls have accomplished include: one of 27 finalists; completed 20 hours of community service; impacted 19 lives; and have raised close to \$200 to assist senior citizens with groceries by selling lemonade. If you would like to vote you can go to the following link: <http://lead360.jeffersonawards.org/challenge/>.

Oneka also reported that the Children's Choir of Orlando under the direction of Delicia Egerton will perform at the House of Blues on June 8, 2014. The Choir consists of fifteen children from different City recreation sites. Lastly, Oneka reported that summer camps are about 80% filled to capacity and the centers are gearing up for their first day of camp in June.

Peter Effaldana reported on behalf of John Perrone. Peter reported that Bill Frederick Park continues to increase attendance and has become a popular site for 5K fundraising events. The park is cheaper and easier to accommodate 5K runs than streets which require street closures and police. Peter also informed the Board that Lake Eola will again host Lake Eola Movieola on May 30, 2014 on the East Lawn.

Peter also informed the board that Loch Haven Park is in the midst of 23rd Annual Fringe Festival. Loch Haven Park is sponsoring the "Growing up in Orlando before Disney" on May 24, 2014. The event is a reunion of citizens with shared childhood memories of Orlando that come together to dance, eat, drink and reminisces.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Rainsberger

Cheryl Rainsberger for Stacy Anne Mahar
Board Secretary