

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, August 19, 2014

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at Primrose Plaza, 595 North Primrose Drive, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Celeste Thomas
Latria Leak
Gregory Reynolds
Stephanie Appel
Maria Caban
Gary Hasson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Wendy Mathisen
Rachel Andre

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Early, Director of Families, Parks and Recreation Department
Stacy Anne Mahar, Executive Assistant
Clifford Charlton, Youth Sports Coordinator
Peter Effaldana, Parks and Cultural Arts Manager
David Wagg, Parks Assistant Division Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Celeste Thomas called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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

Approval of minutes for the July 15, 2014 meeting was moved by Gregory Reynolds and seconded by Gary Hasson and unanimously approved.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization:	Vets Fighting Breast Cancer d/b/a Help the Vets, Inc.
Amount Requested:	\$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds:	Park Rental and Trophies
Date of Event:	March 7, 2015
Location:	Harbor Park, Lake Baldwin Perimeter

Neil Paulson from Help the Vets, Inc. gave a brief overview of the March 7, 2015 event. Help the Vets, Inc. will hold an "Orlando Marathon, Half Marathon and a 5K" on March 7, 2015 at Harbor Park in Lake Baldwin to offer a low cost economical marathon to raise money for trial research with three medications used for a vaccine for breast cancer and to promote fitness in the Orlando area. After reviewing anticipated City costs associated with the event, a motion was made by Gregory Reynolds and seconded by Stephanie Appel to approve up to \$750.00 for City costs associated with this event. The vote carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization:	South of Downtown Orlando Main Street, Inc.
Amount Requested:	\$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds:	Christmas Trees and Ornaments
Date of Event:	December 7, 2014
Location:	Lake Beauty Park

Connie White from South of Downtown Orlando Main Street, Inc. gave a brief overview of the December 7, 2014 event at Lake Beauty Park. The event "Light up Downtown South" is an event to kick the holiday season in Downtown South. The event will consist of Christmas tree lighting with choral groups from the local schools and lighting of a twenty (20) foot Community Christmas tree. The purpose of this event is to bring together residents and businesses in the local Downtown South Community and create a sense of pride in the area. The event will help promote the area just south of Downtown Orlando. A motion was made by Stephanie Appel and seconded by Gary Hasson to table the request until the event is fleshed out, including an accounting of anticipated City costs associated with the event. The vote carried unanimously.

LOCH HAVEN BOARD REQUESTS

Applicant: Council 101

Elizabeth Farnetic and Lori Cleary from Council 101 came before the Board to request approval to have One-Way Valet, Inc. to provide valet parking for all patrons attending the "Festival of Trees" events starting Friday, November 14, 2014 through Sunday, November 23, 2014 as done throughout the previous years. One Way Valet, Inc. will manage the lot during the duration of the Festival. A motion was made by Stephanie Appel and seconded by Gary Hasson to approve One Way Valet to offer valet parking for this event. The vote carried unanimously.

Applicant: Orlando Shakespeare Theater

Lisa Hardt from Orlando Shakespeare Theater came before the board to request One Way Valet, Inc. to provide valet parking for patrons attending the Les Miserables production during the time frame of September 10, 2014 through October 12, 2014. A motion was made by Gary Hasson and seconded by Stephanie Appel to approve One Way Valet, Inc. to offer valet parking for each showing of Les Miserables. The vote carried unanimously.

LOCH HAVEN BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Museum of Art / Council 101
Reason for banner: Festival of Trees
Banner Display Dates: November 3, 2014 – November 24, 2014

It was moved by Gregory Reynolds and seconded by Stephanie Appel to approve the 15 ft. x 18 ft. banner will hang on the front façade of the Orlando Museum of Art facing Mills Avenue for the "28th Annual Festival of Trees" event. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Repertory Theatre
Reason for banner: Upcoming Shows
Banner Display Dates: Dates listed below

It was moved by Latria Leak and seconded by Gary Hasson to allow the Orlando Repertory Theatre to hang the following banners on the front of the Orlando Repertory Theatre entrance as well as the marquee on Mills Ave.:

- "The Borrowers – August 14, 2014 – September 29, 2014 for the Mills Ave. banner and – August 19th – September 29, 2014 for the front of building banner"
- "Click, Clack, Boo! – September 29, 2014 – November 10, 2014 for the Mills Ave. banner and – August 19th – November 10, 2014 for the front of building banner "
- "A Christmas Story – November 10, 2014 – January 2, 2015 for the Mills Ave. banner and – September 29th – January 2, 2015 for the front of building banner"
- "The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg – January 2, 2015 – February 23, 2015 for the Mills Ave. banner and – November 10th – February 23, 2015 for the front of building banner"
- "Diary of A Worm, A Spider, and a Fly – February 23, 2015 – April 6, 2015 for the Mills Ave. banner and – January 2nd – April 6, 2015 for the front of the building banner"

“Shrek the Musical – April 6, 2015 – May 18, 2015 for the Mills Ave. banner and – February 23rd – May 18, 2015 for the front of the building banner”

The vote carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Science Learning Made Fun
Banner Display Dates: September 8, 2014 – January 26, 2015

It was moved by Gregory Reynolds and seconded by Gary Hasson to approve the 25 ft. x 14 ft. banners on the building facing west on Princeton to be used as filler banners when there is not an upcoming show going on at the site. The vote carried unanimously.

REPORTS

David Wagg, Assistant Division Manager for Parks reported on behalf of John Perrone. Mr. Wagg reported that seventy-six (76) trees were planted in July. He also informed the Board that National Public Lands Day will be celebrated on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at Bill Fredrick Park at Turkey Lake Park and that the next Movieola event is scheduled for August 29, 2014 at Lake Eola Park, on the East Lawn. The movie that will be shown is Monsters University, scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.

Clifford Charlton, Youth Sports Coordinator, reported on behalf of Rodney Williams. Mr. Charlton reported that the Recreation Division will host its 8th Annual Golf Tournament on October 4, 2014 at Dubsdread Golf Course. Clifford also went on to report that this Saturday, August 23, 2014 the City’s youth football league will kick off at Emery Hamilton Fields located near the Fairgrounds. Lastly, he reported that the City Children’s Choir is recruiting new members.

Lisa Early reported that the City’s annual budget hearings will take place in September. Along with the City budget, Commissioners will be considering a millage rate increase. It is anticipated that if an increase is approved, it will alleviate some of the significant funding constraints that have faced the FPR Department over the past several years, including potentially providing funds for needed improvements/renovations/repairs at some Families, Parks and Recreation facilities starting October 1, 2014. Ms. Early also reported that the Recreation Division anticipates being awarded a CDBG grant to install a new playground at Citrus Square Recreation Site. This center is located on Orlando Housing Authority property and is in dire need of renovation. Additionally, the Recreation Division will received CDBG funds to renovate the playground at Englewood Neighborhood Center and to build a pavilion at Hankins Park Recreation Site.

Lisa also went on to report the City is in discussion with Orange County Public Schools to establish a pilot suspension center at the Dr. James R. Smith Neighborhood Center. Students who are suspended from school will go to the site to continue their education until they are allowed back at their school. The goal is to prevent suspended students from falling behind in their studies, while also ensuring that they are supervised when out of school. The school district will pay all costs of staff (teachers, security, and others) associated with the program, and will only operate it during morning and early afternoon hours when school is usually in session, thus not interfering with the City’s afterschool or summer programs at the site.

In closing Lisa reported that a longtime Parramore Kidz Zone youth, who is also a counselor at the Dr. J. B. Callahan Neighborhood Center, Daquan Barnes Williams, will appear on the show “America’s Got Talent” at 9:00 p.m. on Wesh TV as part of Extreme Dance Team. Lisa asked Board members to vote for Orlando’s hometown kid.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Anne Mahar

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Board Secretary