

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, May 19, 2015

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at the Englewood Neighborhood Center, 6123 LaCosta Drive, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gregory Reynolds
Stephanie Appel
Rachel Andre
Maria Caban
Celeste Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jason Reynolds
Ricky Ly

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Early, Director of Families, Parks and Recreation
Adamaris Ramirez, Seasonal for the Directors Office
Freddie Cintron Rivera, Regional Recreation Specialist
John Perrone, Division Manager for Parks

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Eugene Leach, West Lakes Community
Alexander Gill, West Lakes News, LLC
Tangia Smikle, West Lakes Economic Council
Doug Head, West Lakes Community
Barry White, Community Involvement Targeting Youth, Inc. (City, Inc.)

CALL TO ORDER

Gregory Reynolds called the meeting to order at 11:04 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 21, 2015

Approval of minutes for the April 21, 2015 meeting was moved by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Rachel Andre and unanimously approved.

LOCH HAVEN PARK

Valet Parking Dates:

Peter Effaldana reported that on June 11, 2015 Orlando Museum of Art will use One Way Valet, Inc. for valet parking for the Florida Prize Opening.

LOCH HAVEN BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization:	Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner:	Mummies of the World the Exhibition
Banner Display Dates:	June 6, 2015 – November 29, 2015

It was moved by Rachel Andre and seconded by Maria Caban to approve the following three banners for the "Mummies of the World Exhibition":

Banner roadside along Princeton Street – 10ft x 4ft from June 13, 2015 – November 20, 2015

Garage banner along Princeton Street – 10ft x 4ft from June 6, 2015 – June 12, 2015

Side of building banner on Princeton Street – 25ft x 14ft from June 15, 2015 – November 29, 2015

The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Shakespeare Theater
Reason for banner: Various Shows
Banner Display Dates: May 19, 2015 – May 10, 2016

It was moved by Stephanie Appel and seconded by Rachel Andre to approve the following three banners for the following upcoming shows at the Orlando Shakespeare Theater:

- “Welcome to our 27th Season” – 62”x120” from May 29, 2015 – May 10, 2016
- “Celebrating Classic, Contemporary, and Children’s Play - 62”x120” from May 29, 2015 – May 10, 2016
- “Listing of upcoming shows can be found at orlandoshakes.org - 62”x120” from May 29, 2015 – May 10, 2016

The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Museum of Art
Reason for banner: Various Shows
Banner Display Dates: Various dates

It was moved by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Stephanie Appel to approve the following banners for upcoming shows at the Orlando Museum of Art:

- “Summer Art Camps Register Today” – 12ft x 16ft – Mills side right corner of building from June 1, 2015 – August 31, 2015
- “Harold Garde Mid Century to this Century” -- 12ft x 16ft – Mills side right corner of building from September 6, 2015 – November 2, 2015 and again from November 23, 2015 – January 3, 2016
- “Harold Garde Mid Century to this Century” – three pillar banners – 2ft x 4ft parking lot side from November 23, 2015 – January 3, 2015
- “Festival of Trees” -12ft x 16ft – Mills side right corner of building from November 3, 2015 – November 22, 2015
- “Festival of Trees” – three pillar banners – 2ft x 4ft parking lot side from November 3, 2015 – November 22, 2015
- “The Art of Living 2016 Antiques Vintage and Garden Show” - 12ft x 16ft – Mills side right corner of building from February 8, 2015 – February 21, 2015
- “Women of Vision” -20ft x 15ft – Mills side beneath museum letters from January 13, 2015 – April 24, 2016
- “Women of Vision” – three pillar banners – 2ft x 4ft parking lot side from January 13, 2015 – April 24, 2016
- “Orlando Museum of Art Florida Prize in Contemporary Art” - -20ft x 15ft – Mills side beneath museum letters from January 13, 2015 – April 24, 2016
- “Orlando Museum of Art Florida Prize in Contemporary Art” - three pillar banners – 2ft x 4ft parking lot side from June 3, 2015 – September 6, 2015
- “MetaModern” - 20ft x 15ft – Mills side beneath museum letters from September 16, 2015 – December 6, 2015
- “MetaModern” ” - three pillar banners – 2ft x 4ft parking lot side from September 16, 2015 – November 2, 2015

The motion carried unanimously.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: MAN UP Mentoring, Inc.
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds: Park rental; insurance; misc.
Date of Event: June 13, 2015
Location: Central Florida Fairgrounds

Samantha Wallace, Founder and President of MAN UP Mentoring, Inc. gave a brief overview of the June 13, 2015 event. MAN UP Mentoring, Inc. will hold a “MAN UP n’ Cook” event on June 13, 2015 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 Stephanie Appel to approve up to \$1,500 to cover costs associated with this event and seconded by Rachel Andre. The vote carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Per discussion at the April 21, 2015 FPR Board meeting, Lisa Early updated Board members regarding Lake Lorna Doone Park. Ms. Early described work being carried out by LIFT Orlando to foster improvements in the neighborhoods surrounding the Citrus Bowl, recently dubbed the “West Lakes Community.” As part of this work, LIFT has surveyed residents and organized them into committees, one of which is focused upon making improvements at Lake Lorna Doone Park.

According to Ms. Early, West Lakes Committee members have expressed two primary concerns regarding Lake Lorna Doone Park. First, cars are parked there during large Citrus Bowl events and second, the Park is a gathering place for large groups of residents during the week and especially on weekends. Both of these uses sometimes cause damage to the turf due to parking on the grass, and make it difficult for surrounding residents to utilize amenities such as the playground and basketball court. The problem was exacerbated recently with the renovation of the Citrus Bowl, wherein construction vehicles parked on the park for an extended period of time. However, the vehicles have largely left the property, and the construction project has paid for the full cost of repairing any turf that was damaged.

LIFT Orlando has informed the City that it plans to raise funds to make improvements at Lake Lorna Doone Park so that it becomes a fitness-focused and family-friendly place for the surrounding neighborhood. The City has agreed that once LIFT has developed a plan for the Park that is acceptable to residents, the Citrus Bowl, and the City, the City is prepared to enter into an agreement with LIFT allowing them to raise the necessary funds and make the planned improvements. LIFT is currently developing the plan.

West Lakes Committee members in attendance commented. They expressed concern that people pay to park on Lake Lorna Doone Park during Citrus Bowl events, but those revenues don’t revert back to the neighborhood or the park. Ms. Early explained that the Families, Parks and Recreation Department is a \$26 million per year operation that earns only about \$3 million in revenues, and therefore the maintenance of this park, like nearly all other Department operations, is already heavily subsidized by the City beyond the revenues generated through parking.

Ms. Early was asked to clarify the existence of a building on the property that houses the Elks Club. She explained that in 1954 the City deeded that portion of the park in perpetuity to the Elks Lodge to operate a special needs Boy Scouts program there. It is not clear whether such a program is in fact still operating there.

Mr. Barry White with Community Involvement Targeting Youth, Inc. (City, Inc.) noted his organization’s need for youth football fields and asked to use the multipurpose field at Lake Lorna Doone Park for this purpose, and that he would like for a scoreboard and bleachers to be installed. Ms. Early informed Board members that Mr. White is currently going through the process of renting the field in order to meet this need, and that his request presented a good example of how the City has to find a way to best satisfy many divergent recreational needs at Lake Lorna Doone Park.

FPR Board members asked what their involvement should be on this issue. Mr. Reynolds noted that before the Board were to take a position, it would need more information concerning parking plans for the Citrus Bowl. Ms. Early agreed to provide that information at the next Board meeting.

REPORTS

Rachel Andre reported on her site visit to the College Park Community Center and Pool. Ms. Andre reported overall it is a beautiful facility with great amenities. She expressed concern that staff of the Center did not know the pool schedule because the pool is managed by other staff of the Recreation Division; this is an area where customer service needs to be improved. Other maintenance issues Ms. Andre noted were leaking AC ducts and a drinking fountain and garbage can lids that need to be repaired/replaced/removed at the playground. She also questioned why this particular center had such high quality of seating around the video gaming area, when she had not seen such seating at other City recreation centers. Mr. Freddie Cintron Rivera, Regional Recreation Specialist at the Engelwood Community Center, stated that other sites, such as Engelwood, used to have the same seating, but removed the seats because kids were no longer interested in video gaming at recreation sites.

Mr. Cintron Rivera reported on behalf of Rodney Williams. He stated that the centers are finishing up the school year and gearing up for summer camp which is scheduled to begin on June 8, 2015. As in previous years, the Recreation Division will hold a summer showcase at the end of summer camp wherein camp participants perform in front of a live audience. Mr. Cintron Rivera further reported on several capital improvement projects currently underway, including extensive improvements at Engelwood, a new gym floor at the Dover Shores Community Center, and new flooring at the Reeves Terrace Recreation Site. He also discussed the City's Anti-Bullying program.

John Perrone reported on behalf of the Parks Division. He stated with the I-4 project you will see some trees are being cut down but some are being relocated and many will be replaced with new trees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adamaris Ramirez

Adamaris Ramirez for Stacy Anne Mahar
Board Secretary