

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at John H. Jackson Community Center, 1002 West Carter Street, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Celeste Thomas
Wendy Mathisen
Maria Caban
Gary Hasson
Latria Leak

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rachel Andre
Stephanie Appel
Gregory Reynolds

STAFF PRESENT

Stacy Anne Mahar, Executive Assistant
David Wagg, Assistant Parks Division Manager
Oneka Burnett-Balthazar, Center Manager
Stephanie Colon, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Celeste Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:57 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 February 18, 2014 meeting was moved by Wendy Mathisen and seconded by Gary Hasson, and unanimously approved.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization:	Darcy J. Foundation
Amount Requested:	\$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds:	Park rental / police
Date of Event:	April 12, 2014
Location:	Lake Baldwin Park

Darcy Johnson from the Darcy J. Foundation, Inc. provided a brief overview of the April 12, 2014 event. The Darcy J. Foundation will hold a "Super Mom 5K Run/Walk" at Lake Baldwin Park on April 12, 2014. The purpose of this event is to create an empowering, uplifting, and inspirational event that celebrates SUPER MOMS everywhere, while understanding that, *"If Mom's Healthy, Everyone's Healthy!"* The event is to help raise funds to benefit the foundation's programs, and a percentage of the proceeds will also benefit a local organization called Compassionate Hands and Hearts Breast Cancer Outreach, to support those needing help battling breast cancer. A motion was made by Latria Leek to approve the amount of \$1,500.00 and seconded by Maria Caban to cover City costs associated with this event. The vote carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization:	Hope with Lupus Foundation, Inc.
Amount Requested:	\$738.00
Purpose of Funds:	Park rental / Entry Fees
Date of Event:	May 4, 2014
Location:	Turkey Lake Park

Yamira Lee Johnson from the Hope with Lupus Foundation, Inc. provided a brief overview of the May 4, 2014 event. The Hope with Lupus Foundation, Inc. will hold a “2014 Hope with Lupus Foundation Walk & Ride” at Turkey Lake Park on May 4, 2014. The event involves a walk around the park and family oriented activities to encourage fellowship and bring awareness to the public about the issues lupus patients deal with. The proceeds of this event will go back to Lupus patients through a voucher system to assist with daily tasks that are often too much for a patient to handle. A motion was made by Wendy Mathisen to approve the amount of \$325.00 to cover City costs associated with this event as well as \$413.00 to cover non-city costs associated with this event for a total of \$738.00 and seconded by Maria Caban. The vote carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization:	Central Florida Navy League
Amount Requested:	\$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds:	Park rental / Permitting Fees
Date of Event:	April 5, 2014
Location:	Blue Jacket Park

Michael Phillips with the Central Florida Navy League provided a brief overview of the April 5, 2014 event. The Central Florida Navy League will hold a “Wounded Warrior Lone Sailor 5K & 10K” at Blue Jacket Park on April 5, 2014. The event is to honor our Nation’s wounded heroes and Orlando’s rich Navy heritage as well as raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project and Lone Sailor Memorial that will lead to the construction of the memorial at Blue Jacket Park.

A motion was made by Gary Hasson to approve the amount of \$925.00 to cover City costs associated with this event as well as \$575.00 to cover non-City costs associated with this event for a total of \$1,500.00 and seconded by Wendy Mathisen. The vote carried unanimously.

LOCH HAVEN BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Museum of Art

Alice Santana from the Orlando Museum of Art came before the Board to request permission to exhibit twelve (12) androgynous cast-iron figures throughout Loch Haven Park. The figures will be placed on the corner of Mills Avenue and Rollins Street and on the Sculpture Plaza. The artist: Steinunn Thorarinsdottir has been working professionally for over 30 years and has exhibited widely in Europe, Japan, USA and Australia. The cast iron figures will be on display starting in July and will be displayed for eighteen (18) months. It was moved by Latria Leeks and seconded by Wendy Mathisen for the approval of the twelve androgynous cast-iron figures with the City’s Engineering Department and Parks Division approval to be displayed in Loch Haven Park. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Philharmonic “Peter and the Wolf” Concert

Carl Rendek with the Orlando Philharmonic came before the Board to request permission to use Loch Haven Park on Saturday, April 12, 2014 to provide a free concert by Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra titled “Peter and the Wolf”. The concert will be a family event that is free and open to the general public. It was moved by Maria Caban and seconded by Gary Hasson to approve the usage of Loch Haven Park for the April 12, 2014 event. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Oneka Burnett-Balthazar, Center Manager reported on behalf of Rodney Williams. Mrs. Balthazar reported that summer camp registration starts April 5, 2014 and all the community centers are actively gearing up for another fun filled summer. Oneka also reported that on April 12th and 13th the Recreation Division will be hosting their “2nd Annual Where the Fun Starts Softball Tournament” at Lake Fairview Park to help raise funds for the Orlando Community & Youth Trust, Inc. The City’s Recreation Division is also seeking out summer lifeguards so if you know of anyone interested they can reach Tyrone Walker at 407-246-4300.

David Wagg, Assistant Parks Division Manager, reported on behalf of John Perrone that the construction of Park of the Americas is in full swing with forty percent (40%) of the sidewalk put down and the sewer connections installed. Mr. Wagg also reported that large events will take place at various parks including several regattas at Bill Frederick Park, where many bookings involve schools from up north. David also informed the board that the E-Waste event at Festival Park had a great turn-out and collected numerous bins full of items to be recycled. On closing, David reported that Spring Fiesta is coming up on April 4th and 5th at Lake Eola Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Anne Mahar

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Board Secretary