

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, June 17, 2014

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at L. Claudia Allen Senior Center, 1840 Mable Butler Drive, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rachel Andre
Celeste Thomas
Gregory Reynolds
Stephanie Appel
Wendy Mathisen
Maria Caban
Latria Leak

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gary Hasson

STAFF PRESENT

Stacy Anne Mahar, Executive Assistant
Herb Williams, L. Claudia Allen Center Manager
Peter Effaldana, Parks and Cultural Arts Manager
John Perrone, Parks Division Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Rachel Andre called the meeting to order at 11:05 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 May 20, 2014 meeting was moved by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Stephanie Appel and unanimously approved.

LOCH HAVEN BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Celebration of Running 5K
Banner Display Dates: August 1, 2014 – August 19, 2014

It was moved by Gregory Reynolds and seconded by Wendy Mathisen to approve the 4 ft x 10 ft. banner along Princeton Street for the upcoming "Celebration of Running 5K" event. The motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Herb Williams reported on behalf of Rodney Williams. Herb stated that Camp Orlando, the City's summer camp is underway at all City recreation centers. The City's summer camp offers assistance by a community support program to those who are eligible is able to receive assistance to cover the summer camp costs. Mr. Williams went on to discuss the various programs that are offered at the L. Claudia Allen Senior Center such as aerobics, Zumba, Seniors First, and the seniors take one field trip a month. Mr. Williams went on to explain that many of the programs offered at the center (such as the Father's Day Luncheon, Summer Banquet and the Senior Corn Festival) are made possible by outside sponsorships. For example, the Father's Day Luncheon was sponsored by the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Summer Banquet is being sponsored by the RAFMAN Club of Orlando. Majority of the field trips and activities are free to the seniors at the L. Claudia Allen Senior Center with the exception of field trips that require transportation.

Gregory Reynolds stated that as Board members travel from facility to facility, they have seen a need for more funding for City parks and community centers. He suggested that the Board send a letter to City officials encouraging such funding. Mr. Reynolds stated that he would draft a letter to bring before the Board at its next meeting. Ms. Leak also requested to see a listing of all the "needs" from community centers and parks to see if there was a way that the Orlando Magic and other organizations she works closely with can partner to take care of some of these "needs".

John Perrone reported that Park of Americas is scheduled to open early this fall. In addition, a grant was awarded to the City to create a trail around the pond at the park, so construction of the trail is expected to commence in Spring 2015. A future FPR Board meeting will be held at the Park of Americas office.

John went on to report that MoviEola at Lake Eola has been a successful event and the next one is scheduled for June 27, 2014. This a free event whereby citizens can picnic in the park as well as purchase food from vendors and watch a movie. John also reported that Fireworks in the Park will take place on July 4th and on July 5, 2014, Gaston Edwards Park will host a fireworks show as well.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Anne Mahar

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Board Secretary