

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, February 16, 2016

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at Mayor Carl T. Langford Park / Neighborhood Center, 1808 East Central Street, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason Reynolds
Celeste Thomas
Stephanie Appel
Gregory Reynolds
Kevin Dunleavy
Maria Caban
Liana Leal

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ricky Ly
Luis Ortiz

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Early, Director of Families, Parks and Recreation
John Perrone, Parks Division Manager
Stacy Anne Mahar, Board Secretary
Peter Effaldana, Cultural Arts Manager
Stephanie Colon, Administrative Specialist
Krista Gray, Center Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Gregory Reynolds called the meeting to order at 11:01 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 January 19, 2016 meeting was moved by Celeste Thomas and seconded by Maria Caban and unanimously approved.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK

Carl Rendek with the Orlando Philharmonic came before the Board to seek approval to hold "Let the Games Begin!" family friendly "Orlando Philharmonic" free concert sponsored by Dr. Phillips Charities on Saturday, February 27, 2016 in Loch Haven Cultural Park. The event will start at 12:30 p.m. with pre-concert activities including an instrument petting zoo, food trucks and fun activities for the whole family. A motion was made by Kevin Dunleavy and seconded by Celeste Thomas to approve the use of Loch Haven Cultural Park for this event. The motion carried unanimously.

Peter Martinez with Juice Bike Share Program came before the Board to seek approval to set up temporary bike share program stations at Loch Haven Cultural Park during special events. The availability of event bike valet will decrease parking demand, provide alternative transportation options and offset carbon emissions. A motion was made by Liana Leal and seconded by Maria Caban to approve the pop up bike share stations at Loch Haven Cultural Park for future events. The motion carried unanimously.

Scottie Campbell from Orlando Science Center came before the Board to seek approval to have a Bike Share Station permanently installed on Orlando Science Center property near their current bike racks. Mr. Campbell informed the Board that after the trial run for "Electronicon" the Science Center was very pleased and received great feedback from participants. A motion was made by Stephanie Appel and seconded by Celeste Thomas to approve the Orlando Science Center to install a permanent bike station within their property in Loch Haven Cultural Park. The motion carried unanimously.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Hands On Harley-Davidson
Banner Display Dates: February 23, 2016 – May 1, 2016

It was moved by Liana Leal and seconded by Celeste Thomas to approve the “Hands-On Harley Davidson” 10ft x 4ft banner located roadside along Princeton Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: The Wizard of Oz
Banner Display Dates: February 23, 2016 – May 1, 2016

It was moved by Liana Leal and seconded by Celeste Thomas to approve the “The Wizard of Oz” 10ft x 4ft banner located roadside along Princeton Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Science Camps 2016
Banner Display Dates: February 23, 2016 – March 22, 2016

It was moved by Liana Leal and seconded by Celeste Thomas to approve the “Summer Camps 2016” 8ft x 4ft banner to be placed above the garage. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Museum of Art
Reason for banner: Summer Art Camps
Banner Display Dates: March 15, 2016 – August 12, 2016

It was moved by Liana Leal and seconded by Celeste Thomas to approve the 12’x16’ ft. “Summer Art Camps” banner located facing Mills Avenue on the right corner of building. If the summer art camps sell out, the Orlando Museum of Art will replace this banner with the “Steve Lotz and Will Cotton” banner. The motion carried unanimously.

FUNDING REQUEST

Applicant/Organization: In Power Events
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds: Park Rental, permit fees, insurance fees and police fees
Date of Event: March 14, 2016
Location: Lake Eola Park

Colette Ferrell with In Power Events gave a brief overview of the “2nd Annual It’s Just Yoga Health Festival” on March 13, 2016 at Lake Eola Park. The purpose is to educate the public about the health benefits of yoga and to introduce healthy products to those attending the festival. The one day festival will be open to the public with various yoga classes and a health fitness marketplace. Members of the public will be able to participate in the yoga classes on a donation basis, with all the donations going to the New Hope for Kids non-profit. Board members reviewed the budget for the program and asked questions of Ms. Ferrell related to whether the projected \$4,750 in net profit from the event would be distributed to New Hope for Kids, or be kept by Ms. Ferrell as personal/business income (in addition to the \$2,000 budgeted for her to receive as the event manager). Based upon her response, several Board members expressed concern that the City’s contribution would in fact support private profit as opposed to public benefit. A motion was made by Stephanie Appel and seconded by Kevin Dunleavy to deny this request. The motion carried four to three.

Applicant/Organization: Rotary Club of Orlando
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds: Park Rental
Date of Event: March 19, 2016
Location: Lake Eola Park

Mark Adams with Rotary Club of Orlando gave a brief overview of the March 19, 2016 event. The Rotary Club of Orlando will hold the “Great Rotary Swan Boat Race” at Lake Eola Park. The purpose of this event is to fundraise and to raise awareness for Rotary-sponsored organizations such as Horse Tales Literacy Program; Christian Service Center Love Pantry; and Second Harvest Food Bank. The Great Rotary Swan boat race pits teams of racers against each other in a light-hearted fun series of three boat heats on Lake Eola and through elimination a winner is determined. A motion was made by Kevin Dunleavy and seconded by Celeste Thomas to approve up to \$1,500 for City costs associated with this event. The vote carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Wadeview Park Neighborhood Association
Amount Requested: \$500.00
Purpose of Funds: Permit and Movie Rental
Date of Event: March 13, 2016
Location: Wadeview Park

Genie Tuten, President of the Wadeview Park Neighborhood Association gave a brief overview of the “Movie in the Park” showing of “Into the Woods” on March 13, 2016 in Wadeview Park. The purpose is to provide the surrounding neighborhoods and citizens with a free family-friendly event and to promote community involvement. The Association is voluntary, does not collect dues, and will carry out a City Green Up at the park the weekend before the event in order to qualify for a fee waiver when they rent the park for the movie. The Association is seeking the grant to cover various costs associated with the event, including fees for renting the movie, paying insurance, and loudspeaker permit fees. A motion was made by Kevin Dunleavy and seconded by Liana Leal to approve up to \$500.00 for costs associated with this event. The vote carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: IDEAS for Us
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds: Park rental fees and insurance fees
Date of Event: April 10, 2016
Location: Harbor Park at Baldwin Park

Chris Castro and Ricardo Williams with IDEAS for Us gave a brief overview of the “Walk for Trees” event on April 10, 2016 at Harbor Park. The purpose is to raise funds to support Mayor Dyer and the City of Orlando’s “One Person, One Tree” initiative and the organization’s urban forest goals. Attendees will walk around Lake Baldwin and receive a tree at the end of their walk as well as enjoy vendors, music, and food, all aimed at getting citizens excited about the tree program and getting tree planted on homeowners lawns across the City. A motion was made by Kevin Dunleavy and seconded by Stephanie Appel to approve up to \$1,500 for City costs associated with this event. The vote carried unanimously.

REPORTS

For the Director’s report, Lisa Early reported that, per the Board’s request at its previous meeting, Denise Riccio, FPR’s Planning and Grants Manager, would come before the Board to update members regarding the building proposed for the southeast corner of Rosalind Avenue and Central Blvd., abutting Lake Eola Park. Ms. Riccio intended to be present at today’s Board meeting, but due the Municipal Planning Board running late, was unable to attend and therefore will attend the March Board meeting instead.

Ms. Early also reported that the City is considering creating a dog park on a portion of Constitution Green and that several long term staff of the Parks Division are retiring at the end of February.

Ms. Early also reported that Orlando City Soccer Foundation has leveraged additional donor funds with which they will convert a tennis court into a futsal court (hard court soccer) at Hankins Park, similar to the one they created at John H. Jackson Community Center. Lastly, Ms. Early reported that as a result of the realignment of Livingston Street, some physical adjustments will be made at the Orlando Tennis Center and the Orlando Pottery Studio to accommodate the roadway. A \$70,000 grant from USTA will allow the City to realign the fencing/court configuration at the Orlando Tennis Center, without loss of any courts, and the City is currently looking into options to move a storage unit that houses kilns used by the Orlando Pottery Studio.

Finally, Ms. Early reported that the City is considering leasing several Orlando Tennis Centre courts to the UTSA for a period of approximately 6 months while their national facility is being built in Lake Nona.

Krista Gray, Langford Park Neighborhood Center Manager reported that Tobias Harris with the Orlando Magic will be at the Dr. James R. Smith Neighborhood Center today at 3:30 p.m. for an event. Ms. Gray also reported that the L. Claudia Allen Senior Center will hold its Annual Black History Event on February 27, 2016. The Recreation Division is also hosting a co-ed youth flag football league from March 5 through April 14, 2016 through a partnership with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

John Perrone, Parks Division Manager, reported that the Downtown Food and Wine Festival and the Orlando Philharmonic Concert are two of the bigger events taking place within the next two weeks. Mr. Perrone also reported that Pleasant Valley playground is now complete and the ribbon cutting date will be announced soon with a formal invite going out to all the Board members.

Gregory Reynolds, Board Chair noted several items he would like to discuss at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Anne Mahar
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