

**FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Tuesday January 17, 2017**

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at Dr J.B. Callahan Neighborhood Center, 101 North Parramore Avenue, Orlando, Florida.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jason Reynolds  
Celeste Thomas  
Allison Bekavac  
Gregory Reynolds  
Liana Leal  
Kevin Dunleavy  
Ricky Ly

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Maria Caban  
Gary Cahen

**STAFF PRESENT**

Lisa Early, Director of Families, Parks and Recreation  
John Perrone, Parks Division Manager  
Adamaris Ramirez, Acting Board Secretary  
Peter Effaldana, Cultural Arts Manager  
Chris Wallace, Lake Eola Park Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kevin Dunleavy called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Doug Head came forth to speak about his concern that Parramore Heritage Park is being converted into a retention pond, advocating that park land – and the loss of park land - is important to the community. After some discussion, Mr. Head was thanked for his remarks.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

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Approval of minutes for the December 20, 2017 meeting was moved by Gregory Reynolds, seconded by Liana Leal, and unanimously approved.

**LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK BANNER REQUESTS**

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center  
Reason for banner: Science Night Live; It's Social. It's Science. It's 21+  
Banner Display Dates: January 17, 2017 – February 19, 2017

Approval of this 10ft x 4ft banner located along Princeton Street was moved by Gregory Reynolds and seconded by Ricky Li. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center  
Reason for banner: Membership All Yours – All Year  
Banner Display Dates: February 19, 2017 – May 7, 2017

Approval of this 8ft x 4ft banner at the parking garage was moved by Gregory Reynolds and seconded by Stephanie Appel. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center  
Reason for banner: Summer Camps 2017  
Banner Display Dates: February 1, 2017 – May 7, 2017

Approval of this 8ft x 4ft banner at the parking garage was moved by Gregory Reynolds and seconded by Stephanie Appel. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center  
Reason for banner: School Break Camps  
Banner Display Dates: February 19, 2017 – March 25, 2017

Approval of this 10ft x 4ft banner along Princeton Street was moved by Gregory Reynolds and seconded by Ricky Li. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: The Mennello Museum of American Art  
Reason for banner: Alice Acock – Waltzing Matilda & Twin Vortexes  
Banner Display Dates: September 2016 – September 2017

Approval of this 70ft x 144ft banner on park grounds was moved by Gregory Reynolds and seconded by Ricky Li. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: The Mennello Museum of American Art  
Reason for banner: Bo Bartlett – American Artist  
Banner Display Dates: January 17, 2017 – May 5, 2017

Approval of this 70ft x 124ft banner on park grounds was moved by Gregory Reynolds and seconded by Ricky Li. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **FUNDING REQUESTS**

Applicant/Organization: The Mennello Museum of American Art  
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00  
Purpose of Funds: 18A Permit; OPD & OFD fees  
Date of Event: February 11, 2017  
Location: Loch Haven Cultural Park

Katherine Page representing the Mennello Museum of American Art came before the Board to seek funding for the upcoming “3rd Annual Indie Folk Festival” on February 11, 2017 in Loch Haven Cultural Park. The festival is dedicated to music, art, picnic and love in the lakeside Sculpture Garden of the museum. The festival will be held from noon to 5:00 p.m. and will be free to the public. The Valentine’s Day themed family picnic features local music, original art vendors plus foodie-friendly goodies and craft beverages for sale. Ms. Page stated that last year there were approximately 4,000 participants and they hope to have about 4,500 this year. A motion was made by Allison Bekavac and seconded by Jason Reynolds to approve funding of \$1,500 for this event. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization:	Asia Trend, Inc.
Amount Requested:	\$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds:	18A Permits; OPD & OFD fees
Date of Event:	February 11, 2017
Location:	Parade – roads surrounding Fashion Square Mall Festival - at Fashion Square Mall

Board member Shally Wong of Asia Trend, Inc. came before the Board to seek funding for the annual “Dragon Parade Lunar New Year Festival” to be held on February 11, 2017 to celebrate the City’s Asian Culture throughout the Mills 50 Main Street corridor. The event will consist of a parade followed by a festival featuring 45 partners/vendors, an array of performances and delicious Asian cuisine. This has been a very popular event attended by participants from around the state, nation and other countries. Ms. Wong has partnered with the Y.E.S.S. organization and Mills 50 Mainstreet which has received five years of grant funding for the same event in the past.

A discussion ensued among FPR Board members regarding the fact that board rules limit funding to no more than five years for the same organization. While Asia Trend is a different organization than Mills 50 Mainstreet, which has already received 5 years of funding for this same event in the past, concern was expressed that the use of a different organization exposed a “loophole” in FPR Board rules.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Gregory Reynolds to approve funding of \$250. It was seconded by Celeste Thomas. The motion carried with only Ricky Li abstaining due to his relationship with Mills 50 Mainstreet and Asia Trend. Board members agreed to amend the guidelines at the next meeting to close the loophole. Gregory Reynolds volunteered to draft an amendment to this effect, to be placed on the agenda for a vote at the next Board meeting.

#### **FIGHTING CRIME IN ORLANDO**

Ricky Li shared his concerns about recent news of crime in Orlando. After discussion, Greg Reynolds agreed to draft a letter to the Orlando City Council advocating for funding of programs for older youth as part of efforts to reduce youth crime. The letter will be presented to the full Board for a vote at the next meeting.

#### **SITE VISITS**

A list of parks and dates was distributed to Board members; each Board member was asked to select the site s/he will visit and evaluate this year, for reporting back to staff and the Board. Members asked that a projector and laptop be available at future meetings so they can make site visit presentations to the Board.

#### **REPORTS**

Lisa Early thanked the Board for their attendance of the Gino Nicolas Memorial unveiling and the Green Up Event earlier in the month. Both events were held at the John H. Jackson Community Center. Ms. Early also reported that Mayor Buddy Dyer’s CityKidz! Buddy’s Benefit for Children event is being organized this year in support of Parramore Kidz Zone (PKZ). Finally, Ms. Early reported that she will attend the Orange County Legislative Delegation meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>, to discuss a proposed Amendment to FS 402.301 to exempt municipalities from child care licensure.

Curtis Manning, Dr J.B. Callahan Neighborhood Center Manager, representing the Recreation Division on behalf of Rodney I. Williams, reported on several events, including a Valentine's Day Dance to be held at the Dover Shores Community Center on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Mr. Manning went on to describe programs at the Callahan Center, including after school programs for youth between the ages of 5 and 14, tutoring, athletics and dance. Ms. Early added that the center also houses a Head Start program for preschool aged children. She then introduced Ms. Toinette Stenson, Manager of the Callahan Head Start program, who led a large group of Head Start children into the meeting room. The children sang and performed several songs, followed by cheers from Board members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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