

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday May 16, 2017

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at John H. Jackson Community Center and Pool, 1002 West Carter Street, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason Reynolds
Allison Bekavac
Gregory Reynolds
Liana Leal
Kevin Dunleavy
Ricky Ly
Maria Caban
Gary Cahen
Holly Kapherr

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Early, Director of Families, Parks and Recreation
John Perrone, Parks Division Manager
Stacy Anne Marrero, Board Secretary
Chris Wallace, Lake Eola Park Manager
Frederick Cintron, Center Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Dunleavy called the meeting to order at 11:02 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 April 18, 2017 meeting was moved by Gregory Reynolds, seconded by Maria Caban, and unanimously approved.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK BANNER REQUESTS

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 Liana Leal and seconded by Ricky Ly. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: The Mennello Museum of American Art
Reason for banner: The Beautiful Mysterious Series
Banner Display Dates: May 2017 – September 13, 2017

Approval of this 70ft x 124ft banner on park grounds was moved by Liana Leal and seconded by Ricky Ly. The motion carried unanimously.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Nicole Higgins with Downtown Credo came before the Board to thank Board members for approving a grant for their “3rd Annual Orlando Together Parade” which celebrates Orlando’s diverse community. This year, eight (8) floats were built by Credo volunteers alongside staff and children from City neighborhood centers and paraded through Parramore. Centers from District 3 were the winners of the best float challenge.

Applicant/Organization: MAN-UP Mentoring, Inc.
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds: Facility rental; insurance; permitting
Date of Event: June 10, 2017
Location: Hankins Park

Samantha Wallace, Founder and President of MAN UP Mentoring, Inc. gave a brief overview of the June 10, 2017 event. MAN UP Mentoring, Inc. will hold a “MAN UP n’ Cook” event on June 10, 2017 at Hankins Park. 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 Gregory Reynolds to approve up to \$750 to cover City costs associated with this event and seconded by Liana Leal. The vote carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: DeVos Sport Business Management
Amount Requested: \$1,425.00
Purpose of Funds: 18A Permits; OPD fees; park rental
Date of Event: June 10, 2017
Location: Wadeview Park

Mark Miller representing DeVos Sport Business Management came before the Board to seek funding for the “CommUNITY Rainbow Run 4.9K” to be held on June 10, 2017 to help continue to bring the community together in remembrance of the PULSE tragedy. The 4.9k run will be a first event in hopes of becoming an annual fundraiser that takes place at Wadeview Park and surrounding areas. A motion was made by Liana Leal to approve up to \$1,500 to cover City costs associated with this event and seconded by Ricky Ly. The vote carried unanimously.

MEMORIALS AND MONUMENTS

Richard Forbes, the City’s Historical Preservation Officer came before the Board to seek approval to place a Florida Historical Marker recognizing Nobel Peace Prize winner John Mott at the site of the old Mott house on East Washington Street near the Eola House in Lake Eola Park. The marker will tell the story of John Mott and where he lived on East Washington Street.

A motion was made by Gregory Reynolds to recommend the placement of the Florida Historical Marker to the Orlando City Council. The motion was seconded by Allison Bekavac. The vote carried unanimously.

SITE VISITS

Gary Cahen gave an overview of his site visit to Park of Americas which is located east of the Executive Airport. Mr. Cahen said overall the park is in incredible condition and highlighted some of the amenities including two dog runs, half mile walking path with exercise stations, pre-set domino tables, playground, and a huge open space for different types of activities. Mr. Cahen recommended that Board members visit the park to experience all its amenities.

REPORTS

Lisa Early reported that she traveled to New York City on behalf of Parramore Kidz Zone to receive an award of \$50,000 from America's Promise Alliance. Mrs. Early also reported that two youth were presented the Gino Nicolas Memorial Scholarship from the Kiwanis Club of Orlando Foundation at the May 15th City Council meeting.

Mrs. Early went on to report on the discussion that occurred at the May 15th City Council meeting regarding the Confederate Soldier statue at Lake Eola Park, including the decision to relocate the statue to Greenwood Cemetery. Board members inquired as to the outcome of the letter they had sent to the Mayor and City Commissioners asking for funds to be budgeted to expand programs for older youth in order to prevent juvenile crime. Ms. Early stated that she has made a recommendation to include funding in the City's FY2017-18 budget to expand hours at four sites, as follows: John H. Jackson Neighborhood Center (proposal is to close at 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays, instead of the current hours, which are 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays), and Engelwood Neighborhood Center, Northwest Neighborhood Center and the Dr. James R. Smith Neighborhood Center (proposal is to close at 11:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday instead of the current hours, which are 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday). This would also enable the Recreation Division to operate midnight basketball programs at the latter three (3) sites on Friday and Saturday nights. Ms. Early agreed to report back to the Board on the progress as the budget process moves forward.

Mr. John Perrone, Parks Division Manager reported that on June 12, 2017 Mayor Buddy Dyer will attend the Orlando Love: Remembering our Angels event at the Lake Eola Amphitheater in which elected officials will hold a one-year remembrance ceremony for the PULSE tragedy. The ceremony will include remarks by community leaders, musical performances along with a memorial reading of the 49 names of those whose lives were taken during the tragedy.

Mr. Perrone also made note of the following events: May 18, 2017 the Howard Middle School Spring Band will perform at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Eola amphitheater; Taste of Haiti Festival will be held on June 3, 2017 at Gaston Edwards Park; and the Fringe Festival is starting this Thursday and running until May 31, 2017 at Loch Haven Park.

Mr. Frederick Cintron, Center Manager of the John H. Jackson Neighborhood Center, representing the Recreation Division on behalf of Rodney Williams, reported that the Recreation Division's girls mentoring program recently took thirty-eight youth to the Dr. Phillips Performing Arts Center to see the show "Matilda". Mr. Cintron also reported that Orlando City Soccer Club converted an old volleyball court to a Futsal court at the Engelwood Neighborhood Center.

In closing Mr. Cintron reported that the Jackson Center has teamed up with Delaney Park Little League to offer baseball camps to thirty youth in the neighborhood. The youth played in their first tournament this past weekend and had a great time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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