

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, March 20, 2018

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at Orlando Museum of Art, 2416 North Mills Avenue, Orlando, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Liana Leal
Gary Cahen
David Riccardi
Allison Bekavac
Robert Soviero
Jason Reynolds
Holly Kapherr

MEMBERS ABSENT

Maxine Risper
Kevin Dunleavy

STAFF PRESENT

John Perrone, Parks Division Manager
Rodney Williams, Recreation Division Manager
Stacy Anne Marrero, Board Secretary
Christopher Wallace, Cultural Arts Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Liana Leal called the meeting to order at 11:03 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 20, 2018 meeting was moved by David Riccardi, seconded by Gary Cahen, and unanimously approved.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK REQUESTS

Paint Orlando Blue / Orlando Repertory Theatre

Renee Schneider came before the Board to seek approval to have blue “flags of hope” placed outside the Orlando Repertory Theatre building for the month of April as part of Paint Orlando Blue Initiative for Child Abuse Prevention month. Each April, The Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families “paints” Orlando blue in honor of National Abuse Prevention Month. The flags are made by youth on special fabric which reflects the sun. It was moved by Holly Kapherr and seconded by Jason Reynolds for placement of these flags for the month of April. The motion carried unanimously.

Orlando Fringe Festival

Jae Nale with the Orlando Fringe Festival came before the Board to seek approval to hold the “27th Orlando Fringe Festival” at Loch Haven Cultural Park from May 16 to 31st as well as approval to keep the park and beer tent open until 1:30 a.m. The Orlando International Fringe Festival is an unjuried theatre festival that draws over 30,000 patrons who enjoy about 80 shows, hundreds of pieces of visual art and dozens of children’s shows.

It was moved by Allison Bekavac and seconded by Robert Soviero to approve usage of the park for this event, including keeping the park and beer tent open until 1:30 (contingent upon the City's 18(a) approval process) and ten (10) feathered flags from May 16th to 31, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Garden Club
Reason for banner: Plant Sale
Banner Display Dates: April 14, 2018

It was moved by Gary Cahen to approve a 3 x 5 ft. "Plant Sale" banner to be placed on the exterior wall of the building. The motion was seconded by Holly Kapherr. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: The Mennello Museum of American Art
Reason for banner: When the Water Rises
Banner Display Dates: March 21, 2018 – June 11, 2018

It was moved by Gary Cahen and seconded by Holly Kapherr to approve the 70 x 144 ft. banner on the front of the Mennello Museum on the east end of the building for the upcoming "When the Water Rises" showing. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Museum of Art
Reason for banner: Enduring Beauty
Banner Display Dates: March 20, 2018 – July 9, 2018

It was moved by Gary Cahen and seconded by Holly Kapherr to approve the 12 x 16 ft. banner on the corner of Mills Avenue and Rollins Street for the upcoming "Enduring Beauty" showing. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Mr. Rodney Williams reported that the Recreation Division's Aquatics team is recruiting lifeguards for the upcoming summer. Applicants can be as young as fifteen years old and the City will put them through the necessary training and get them certified before the summer begins. The Recreation Division is also gearing up for summer camp registration. The Division's partnership with the Orlando Ballet is gearing up for their performance on April 9th at 4:00 p.m. and April 23rd at Loch Haven Center.

In closing, Mr. Williams reported that the Division had sent thirty-six youth to Puerto Rico to engage in community service projects, donate and distribute school and housing supplies, offer assistance to those affected by Hurricane Irma, and tour educational facilities (including colleges).

Mr. John Perrone reported that Gilbert McQueen Park has officially been re-opened as of February 28, 2018, including the dedication of a newly renovated playground. Mr. Perrone also reported that there are several big events coming up at city parks, including: ALS Walk at Lake Eola, the annual Spring Fiesta at Lake Eola on April 7th and the Burger Battle on April 14th at Festival Park

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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