

**FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at Mayor T. Langford Park and Community Center, Orlando, Florida.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Liana Leal  
Gary Cahen  
David Riccardi  
Kevin Dunleavy  
Holly Kapherr  
Jason Reynolds  
Maxine Risper

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Allison Bekavac  
Gregory Reynolds

**STAFF PRESENT**

Lisa Early, Director of Families, Parks and Recreation  
John Perrone, Parks Division Manager  
Stacy Anne Marrero, Board Secretary  
Christopher Wallace, Cultural Arts Manager  
Denise Riccio, FPR Planner and Grants Manager  
Kenneth Pelham, Landscape Architect  
Krista Gray, Center Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

Liana Leal called the meeting to order at 11:08 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 December 19, 2017 meeting was moved by Kevin Dunleavy, seconded by Maxine Risper, and unanimously approved.

**LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK**

Cheryl Davis on behalf of Junior Achievement of Central Florida came before the Board to seek approval to use Loch Haven Cultural Park for the "4<sup>th</sup> Annual 4.01K Race for Financial Fitness" on April 28, 2018. The purpose of this event is to assist Junior Achievement of Central Florida in their mission of changing lives, families and communities. It was moved by Gary Cahen and seconded by Holly Kapherr to approve use of the park for this purpose on April 28, 2018. The motion carried with Jason Reynolds and David Riccardi abstaining due to their affiliations with Junior Achievement.

## **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 10, 2018
Location:	Mennello Museum of American Art

Katherine Navarro representing the Mennello Museum of American Art came before the Board to seek funding for the upcoming “4<sup>th</sup> Annual Indie Folk Festival” on February 10, 2018 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 family picnic theme features local music, art vendors and foodie-friendly goodies and craft beverages for sale. Ms. Navarro stated that last year there were approximately 2,000 participants and they hope to have about 5,000 this year. A motion was made by Kevin Dunleavy and seconded by Jason Reynolds to approve funding of \$1,500 for this event. The motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Lisa Early introduced Denise Riccio, FPR Grants and Planning Manager and Kenneth Pelham, Landscape Architect who are working on several planned FPR renovation and construction projects. Ms. Riccio introduced Frank Bellomo and Ryan Seacrist with GAI Consultants who presented proposed plans for the renovation of Lake Lorna Doone Park. Improvements will include a lakefront pedestrian path, overlook area, basketball courts, gazebo, splash pad, improved multi-purpose field, barrier-free and fully inclusive playground, community garden, parking lot, elimination of the roadway that divides the park, and water feature in the lake. A building on the property belongs to the Elks but the City is in the final stages of acquiring it to be used for to expand the Park.

Phase 1 of the renovation will commence this week in order to complete it prior to the Pro-Bowl on January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. It will include a white fence and a new scoreboard on the multi-purpose field. The remainder of the renovation will commence once the City enters into an Agreement with Florida Citrus Sports (FCS) authorizing them to carry out the renovations, and committing both the City and FCS to share the cost of the project. Ms. Early stated that she expects the Agreement to go before City Council for approval within the next few weeks.

A significant portion of the park is currently used as a parking lot when large events take place at Camping World Stadium. Jason Reynolds expressed concern about taking the park away from neighborhood use during these events. Ms. Early validated Mr. Reynolds’ concerns and stated that they will be taken into consideration during the process of designing and managing the park. She stated that this practice will decline after the renovation, because the southwestern section of the park, where cars are currently parked during events, will instead house a playground, community garden and splash pad. In addition, revenues generated via the parking of cars at Lake Lorna Doone Park will accrue to the Orlando Community & Youth Trust, Inc. (“the Trust”), a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to support FPR’s programs and facilities. These revenues will be invested in programs that benefit the surrounding neighborhood.

Next, Denise Riccio reported on plans for the Orlando Tennis Centre/Packing District, stating that the project is still in the very early stages. She distributed a drawing showing the approximate location on the Packing District property where the Tennis Centre will be placed.

The relocated Tennis Center will have the same number of courts as the existing Tennis Centre. Several Board members opined that one might expect increased demand at the new site, and asked if it would be feasible to add more courts. Ms. Early stated that while this will be considered during the planning process, she did not think it will be possible because the City's commitment (and funding) was to replicate the Tennis Centre, not expand it. Furthermore, given limited funds and heavy demand for many types of recreational facilities, such as pickle ball, dog parks, and ball fields, not just tennis, it might be judicious, if funds are available, to invest in other types of recreational amenities instead, to address the needs of a broader swath of City residents.

Ms. Early stated that staff will update the Board on the Grand Avenue School renovation project at the next meeting.

### **REPORTS**

Lisa Early reported that since the City has implemented the Parks Impact Fee, it has collected \$997,047 in revenue as of December 2017. The Parks Impact Fee is divided into three zones (North, Southwest and Southeast), and funds generated in each area must be invested in that area. The North area has generated \$67,103, Southeast (where much development is taking place) has generated \$917,292 and Southwest has generated \$12,652 in Impact Fee revenue.

In closing, Ms. Early reported that there will be a monument and memorial application coming before the Board within the next month or two for a proposed statue at Lake Lorna Doone Park. In the 1950's the park's multiple purpose field was configured as a baseball field, and was the site of the nation's first integrated Little League game. Ted Haddock of the Haddock Family Foundation is proposing that a statue memorializing the game, consisting of a white boy and a black boy in Little League uniforms, be placed at the site.

John Perrone reported that the renovation of Gilbert McQueen Park and playground is nearly completed and the Parks Division will begin planning a ribbon cutting. An invitation will be sent to the Board once a date has been set. Mr. Perrone also reported that the installation of a new pavilion at Pleasant Valley Park is about 99% complete and fitness pods are in the process of being installed at Blue Jacket Park.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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