

FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, July 17, 2018

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at the Eola House, 512 East Washington Street, Orlando, FL.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Riccardi
Maxine Risper
Kevin Dunleavy
Robert Soviero
Liana Leal

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jason Reynolds
Gary Cahen
Allison Bekavac

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Early, Director of Families, Parks and Recreation
John Perrone, Parks Division Manager
Stacy Anne Marrero, Board Secretary
Denise Riccio, Grants and Planning Manager
Kenneth Pelham, Landscape Architect
Oneka Burnett, Orlando Downtown Recreation Center Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Liana Leal called the meeting to order at 11:00 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 June 19, 2018 meeting was moved by David Riccardi, seconded by Kevin Dunleavy, and unanimously approved.

LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK BANNER REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Bridge Access – Level 2
Banner Display Dates: August 1, 2018 – Ongoing

It was moved by Kevin Dunleavy to approve the garage 8 ft. x 4 ft. banner for the upcoming “Bridge Access – Level 2” starting on August 1, 2018. The motion was seconded by Robert Soviero. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center
Reason for banner: Science Night Live – It’s Social. It’s Science. It’s 21+
Banner Display Dates: August 1, 2018 – August 20, 2018

It was moved by Kevin Dunleavy to approve the 10ft x 4ft banner roadside along Princeton Street for the upcoming “Science Night Live. It’s Social. It’s Science. Its 21+” banner. The motion was seconded by Robert Soviero. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: The Orlando Repertory Theatre
Reason for banner: A Year with Frog and Toad
Banner Display Dates: August 1, 2018 – August 20, 2018

It was moved by Kevin Dunleavy to approve the 6ft x 4ft banner to be hung by the main lobby doors of the Orlando Repertory Theatre for the upcoming “A Year with Frog and Toad” banner. The motion was seconded by Robert Soviero. The motion carried unanimously.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Applicant/Organization: Hemophilia Foundation of Greater Orlando
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds: 18A Permit; OPD & Rental Fees
Date of Event: October 27, 2018
Location: Harbor Park at Lake Baldwin Park

Leah Nash representing the Hemophilia Foundation of Greater Orlando came before the Board to seek funding for the upcoming “Creeping Crawl 5K and Vampire Mile” on October 27, 2018 at Harbor Park at Lake Baldwin Park. The event will feature a Creepy Crawl 5K and Vampire Mile followed by a howling Halloween party, awards ceremony, free frightening food and cackling candy, costume contest as well as ghostly games and petrifying prizes. The purpose of this event is to raise funds to support local families who have a family member who suffers from Hemophilia. A motion was made by Kevin Dunleavy and seconded by David Riccardi to approve funding of \$1,500 for City costs associated with this event. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Muscular Dystrophy Association
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds: Facility Rental / Permitting
Date of Event: September 8, 2018
Location: Lake Eola Park

Brandi Rice representing the Muscular Dystrophy Association came before the Board to seek funding for the upcoming “MDA Muscle Walk of Central Florida” on September 8, 2018 at Lake Eola Park. Ms. Rice provided information about the organization and its mission to help prevent diseases that cause limited movement in children. Events like the Muscle Walk help raise awareness and provide networking opportunities for local families. This fundraiser also supports summer camp for children and respite for caregivers. A motion was made by Kevin Dunleavy and seconded by Robert Soviero to approve funding of \$1,500 for City costs associated with this event. The motion carried unanimously.

Due to a previous schedule conflict, Ms. Liana Leal left the meeting, resulting in the loss of the Board’s quorum. Board members were advised that while they could vote on any additional matters coming before them during the remainder of the meeting, those decisions would have to be ratified by a quorum of members at the next Board meeting.

Applicant/Organization: Friends of Levitt Orlando / The Milk District Main Street
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds: Facility Rental / staging / sound / lighting
Date of Event: August 16, 2018
Location: Festival Park

Ricardo Rodriguez representing Friends of Levitt Orlando came before the Board to seek funding for the upcoming "Third Thursday Community Concert in Festival Park" on August 16, 2018 at Festival Park. The purpose of this event is bring a free concert in the park to gather the community and raise awareness about Friends of Levitt Orlando's mission to construct a cultural arts amenity in Festival Park. The free concert will feature live music, artisan vendors and bring the community together for a fun filled day.

Lisa Early asked FPR Board member Robert Soverio to inform Board members about his involvement with the Milk District Main Street. Mr. Soverio stated that as Director of the Milk District Mainstreet (a tax exempt organization), 50% of his salary is paid via Milk District revenues and the rest is paid via a City Mainstreet grant. Ms. Early then read the following statement provided by the City Attorney's Office in this regard: "No elected public officer is in violation of the conflicting employment prohibition when employed by a tax exempt organization contracting with this or her agency so long as the officer is not directly or indirectly compensated as a result of the contract, does not participate in any way in the decision to enter into the contract, abstains from voting on any matter involving the employer, and makes certain disclosures." Board members asked if the funds in this request would compensate Mr. Soverio, to which he replied no. Based upon this response, and advice of the City Attorney, Board members determined there is no violation of the policy as long as Mr. Soverio abstains from voting after making a disclosure on the records. After Board discussion, a motion was made by Maxine Risper and seconded by David Riccardi. The motion carried four (3) to one (1) with Robert Soverio abstaining. Lacking a quorum, the vote will be ratified at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Lisa Early introduced representatives of the Orlando Ballet and informed the Board that the City of Orlando and the Orlando Ballet have entered into an Agreement whereby, pending the City's planning approvals processes, the Orlando Ballet will demolish the Loch Haven Neighborhood Center and replace it with a new building that will provide studio space for the Orlando Ballet School and the Orlando Ballet Company, as well as headquarters/offices for Orlando Ballet Administrative staff, and a 7,300 square foot ballroom for local public and private functions, including recitals, cultural presentations, private parties, and banquets for up to 450 people. There are several conditions the Orlando Ballet will have to work through in order to get final approval of their plans, one of which is approval from the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. A motion was made by David Riccardi and seconded by Maxine Risper to approve the project as long as the Orlando Ballet meets the conditions set by the City. The vote carried unanimously but, lacking a quorum, will need to be ratified at the next Board meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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