

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

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at Rock Lake Community Center, 440 North Tampa Avenue, Orlando, Florida.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Maxine Risper  
Andrick Lewis  
Gary Cahen  
Liana Leal  
Kevin Dunleavy  
Robert Soviero

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Sarah Davila  
David Riccardi  
Allison Bekavac

**STAFF PRESENT**

Lisa Early, Director of Families, Parks and Recreation  
John Perrone, Parks Division Manager  
Christopher Wallace, Cultural Arts Manager  
Stacy Anne Marrero, Board Secretary  
Eric Cressor, Acting Center Manager  
Andy Kittsley, Forestry Manager  
Kenneth Pelham, Landscape Architect

**CALL TO ORDER**

Liana Leal called the meeting to order at 10:59 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public requested to speak before the Board.

**ELECTIONS**

The Board Nominating Committee, charged with nominating the Board's fiscal year 2018-2019 officers, was comprised of Kevin Dunleavy and Liana Leal. On behalf of the Board Nominating Committee, Mr. Kevin Dunleavy nominated Gary Cahen to serve as the 2018-2019 FPR Board Chair and David Riccardi as Vice-Chair. The slate was moved by Maxine Risper and seconded by Andrick Lewis, and the vote carried unanimously. The gravel was passed to Gary Cahen who said a few words of thanks to the Board for the nomination.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board September 18, 2018**

Approval of minutes for the September 18, 2018 meeting was moved by Kevin Dunleavy, seconded by Liana Leal, and unanimously approved.

**Families, Parks and Recreation Nomination Committee Meeting - September 18, 2018**

Approval of the nomination committee minutes for the October 8, 2018 meeting was moved by Liana Leal, seconded by Maxine Risper, and unanimously approved.

### Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Annual Report

Approval of the annual report for the 2017-2018 year was moved by Kevin Dunleavy, seconded by Maxine Risper, and unanimously approved.

### **LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK BANNER REQUESTS**

Applicant/Organization: Orlando Science Center  
Reason for banner: Winter Break Camps  
Banner Display Dates: November 12, 2018 – December 24, 2018

It was moved by Liana Leal to approve the 10ft. x 4ft “Winter Break Camps” banner to be placed roadside along Princeton Street. The motion was seconded by Robert Soviero and carried unanimously.

### **LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK REQUESTS**

PJ Albert, Managing Director of the Orlando Shakespeare Theatre came before the Board to request permission to install a shade structure within the Theatre’s courtyard. This will allow the Orlando Shakespeare Theatre to offer more outside events while also providing shade for visitors to the theatre. The Theatre will be responsible for all costs associated with the install and upkeep. A motion was made by Andrick Lewis and seconded by Kevin Dunleavy to approve the request to add a shade structure within the courtyard. The motion passed unanimously.

### **FUNDING REQUESTS**

Applicant/Organization: Whipping Childhood Cancer, Inc.  
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00  
Purpose of Funds: Amphitheatre and labor fees  
Date of Event: January 27, 2019  
Location: Lake Eola Park

Jenny Silviano with Whipping Childhood Cancer gave a brief overview of the upcoming “Whipping Childhood Cancer Annual Golden Walk” on January 27, 2019 at Lake Eola Park. The event aims to raise awareness about childhood cancer and raise funds for families to offset costs associated with having a child with cancer. The event will consist of a walk around Lake Eola with guest speakers and a memorial for children who have lost their lives to cancer. A motion was made by Kevin Dunleavy and seconded by Andrick Lewis to approve up to \$850.00 in City expenses for this event. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization: Miles of Help through Christ  
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00  
Purpose of Funds: Facility Rental  
Date of Event: November 17, 2018  
Location: Lake Eola Park

Augustin Martinez of Miles of Help through Christ gave a brief overview of the “9<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving for the Homeless & Poor” event on November 17, 2018 at Lake Eola Park. The purpose of this event is to provide a traditional Thanksgiving meal to those who are not fortunate enough to have a Thanksgiving meal. The organization provides assistance to the homeless and their families throughout the year through various feedings through the Central Florida area. A motion was made by Kevin Dunleavy and seconded by Maxine Risper to approve up to \$1,500 to cover City costs associated with this event. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization:	Ivanhoe Village Main Street
Amount Requested:	\$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds:	Facility Rental, Permits, OPD Costs
Date of Event:	November 17, 2018
Location:	Gaston Edwards Park

Holly Vanture with Ivanhoe Village Main Street gave a brief overview of the “Jingle Eve Holiday Festival” on November 17, 2018 at Gaston Edwards Park. The family oriented festival is being held to showcase the area and the local businesses while kick-starting the holiday season. The event will host a Children’s Holiday Village in Gaston Edwards Park, strolling carolers along the local streets, shops will be open for business, vendors will be lined in front of closed office buildings, beer gardens, and staged entertainment as well as a fireworks show will close the evening. A motion was made by Andrick Lewis and seconded by Robert Soviero to approve up to \$1,500 to cover City costs associated with this event. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant/Organization:	American Cancer Society
Amount Requested:	\$1,500.00
Purpose of Funds:	Facility Rental, City Costs
Date of Event:	October 27, 2018
Location:	Lake Eola Park

Ann Elizabeth Adie with the American Cancer Society gave a brief overview of the “Making Strides against Breast Cancer 5K” on October 27, 2018 at Lake Eola Park. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of breast cancer and to raise funds to assist in finding the cure as well as supporting support groups in Central Florida. The event has been running for twenty-one (21) years and is expecting to have an average of fifty-five thousand in attendance. A motion was made by Kevin Dunleavy and seconded by Andrick Lewis to approve up to \$1,500 to cover City costs associated with this event. The motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Lisa Early introduced Kenneth Pelham, Landscape Architect and Andy Kittsley, Forestry Manager to the Board. Ms. Early noted that there are approximately 100,000 trees on City property and 500,000 when adding those that are on private property. The City maintains a inventory of all trees on public property and currently spends over \$2 million annually on the care of trees including trimming, removal, planting and educating.

Ms. Early then stated that Orlando’s current tree canopy covers 32% of the city, and our goal is 40% by 2040. To this end, robust tree protection requirements were amended into City Code in 2014, but there are instances in which desirable trees are still being removed. As a result, Ms. Early stated that FPR staff would be recommending minor tweaks to Code, as well as process improvements to ensure proper implementation of Code. The first step will be a presentation that FPR will make to City Council, outlining strengths and weaknesses of the current system, and recommending improvements. The presentation is currently scheduled to take place on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Early then discussed the recommended improvements and asked Board members for feedback. Examples of recommendations are:

1. Adjusting planning processes (including Municipal Planning Board and Board of Zoning Adjustment) so the impact on trees is more effectively considered and managed. Examples of ways to adjust the process are: 1) requiring that all existing trees 4” or greater be shown on site plans and that the plans note whether the trees will be preserved or demolished;

2) including Parks/Forestry staff on all planning project review teams; and 3) training City inspectors to include, in their post-construction inspections, a review of whether developers/builders complied with permit conditions as it pertains to tree protection.

2. Updating Orlando's fee structure based upon these principles:

- Permit fees should remain low to encourage applications
- Mitigation fees should be more punitive for larger/older/more desirable trees to especially encourage their protection
- Removal of hazardous trees, those declining or dying, invasive species, and trees less than 4" in diameter should remain free of fees
- Penalties for removing trees without a permit should be greater than mitigation fees, thereby discouraging violations.

Board members had numerous questions, provided feedback and expressed an overall interest in supporting efforts to protect the City's tree canopy.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stacy Anne Marrero*

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