

**FAMILIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Tuesday, November 20, 2018**

A meeting of the Families, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at Orlando Pottery Studio, 363 North Paramore Avenue, Orlando, Florida.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Maxine Risper  
Andrick Lewis  
Gary Cahen  
Kevin Dunleavy  
Allison Bekavac  
David Riccardi  
Sarah Davila

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Robert Soviero  
Liana Leal

**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  
Jason Sugiuchi, Pottery Studio Manager  
Tara Russakov, Marketing/Communications Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

Gary Gahen called the meeting to order at 11:05 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 October 16, 2018 meeting was moved by Andrick Lewis, seconded by Maxine Risper, and unanimously approved.

**LOCH HAVEN CULTURAL PARK REQUESTS**

**Track Shack**

Kim Bruno came before the Board on behalf of Track Shack to seek approval to use Loch Haven Cultural Park for the "43rd Annual Lady Track Shack 5K" on January 26, 2019. This year, Track Shack estimates attendance will be 2,500 runners. Track Shack has secured off-site parking as well as the ability to use the Florida Hospital garage. Set up will begin at 7:00 a.m. and break-down and clean up should be completed by 9:00 a.m. It was moved by Allison Bekavac and seconded by Andrick Lewis to approve use of the park for this purpose on January 26, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

## **FUNDING REQUESTS**

Applicant/Organization: The Rotary Club of Orlando Foundation  
Amount Requested: \$1,500.00  
Purpose of Funds: OPD/Fire/Street Clean Up  
Date of Event: December 8, 2018  
Location: Throughout Downtown Orlando

Bill Peeper with The Rotary Club of Orlando Foundation gave a brief overview of the upcoming “2018 Downtown Orlando Christmas Parade” throughout downtown Orlando. The Rotary aims to bring a traditional, family-focused “Christmas spirit” event to Orlando’s downtown, in partnership with Toys-for-Tots to benefit local families. A motion was made by Kevin Dunleavy and seconded by Andrick Lewis to approve up to \$1,500 in City expenses for this event. The motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

Lisa Early reported that the department presented the Tree Protection PowerPoint, which Board members had viewed at the October Board meeting, to City Council at a Workshop on November 12, 2018. Staff expect to craft and implement the recommended policy and process changes throughout 2019. Ms. Early also reported that the FPR Department has been awarded two grants: one from the GAP Foundation to support the employment of 250 youth over a four year period, and the other from the Obama Foundation to support the City’s the My Brother’s Keeper program. Ms. Early then sought guidance from the Board on how they would like to be updated on progress/status of the following projects:

- Renovation of Lake Lorna Doone Park
- Construction of a new gymnasium at Rosemont Neighborhood Center
- Modifications at the Dover Shores Neighborhood Center to accommodate expansion of the fire station next door.
- Construction of the park at the Packing District, including relocation of the Orlando Tennis Centre
- Re-purposing of Grand Avenue Elementary School
- Opening of 2 new parks in Lake Nona
- Plan for construction of a “Central Park” in Parramore/Creative Village

After Board discussion, it was recommended that City staff present an update on one or two of the projects at each regularly scheduled meeting over the next four months. Ms. Early then informed Board members about meetings that have been held with neighborhood residents, experts in historical preservation, artists, the Holden Heights Community Redevelopment Corporation, City staff, and architects/designers, to ensure that the history of Grand Avenue Elementary School is preserved as part of the plan to renovate the building. In closing, Ms. Early reported that City staff have launched a process to obtain community input as we update the City’s Parks Master Plan. Once meetings have been scheduled, Board members will be invited to attend to offer input and guidance.

Jason Sugiuchi, Pottery Studio Manager, reported that the Orlando Pottery Studio has been busier than ever with over one hundred and eighty (180) members. Classes are often maxed out or have a waiting list. The Studio is offering family ornament painting classes throughout November and early December.

John Perrone, Parks Division Manager, reported that Lake Eola Park offers “Movie in the Park” throughout November and December. Each show brings hundreds of patrons to the Park. The next playground scheduled for renovation is at the Dr. J. B. Callahan Neighborhood Center. Also, updated exercise equipment suited for various ability types will be installed at Wadeview Park. In closing, Mr. Perrone invited Board members to see Santas running a 5K on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Santa Fun Run at Blue Jacket Park.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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