

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Held on December 4, 2023, 6:00 P.M. at Lake Mary Senior Center, 911 Wallace Court, Lake Mary.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM.

2. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum

Members Present

Robert Boardman – Chair

Luis Silva – Vice Chair

Brent Tallman

Randall Smith

Richard Arndt

Members Absent

Craig Baumgardner

Christene Maskal

Quorum was reached.

Also in attendance was Bryan Nipe, Director of Parks and Recreation, Jill Semento, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation and Sheryl Rivas, Administration Coordinator for Parks and Recreation.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Tallman and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of November 6, 2023, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Citizen Participation

None

5. Chairman's Report

Mr. Boardman reported that the 2023 Holiday in the Park's skating rink, with the assistance of the Lake Mary Trailblazers, had 267 people participate this year, with 25% paying via Venmo, a new payment method used at this year's event. Mr. Boardman was pleased with the turnout, new payment method and new line design for residents waiting to participate in the skating rink.

6. Director's Update

Mr. Nipe gave a review of the 2023 Holiday in the Park, sharing this year's event was a huge success. WESH 2 attended and did well with their presentation, alongside the Mayor and Commission. Mr. Nipe mentioned this year's Santa picture line was changed to lessen the congestion around the front porch and the response from the community was good. Jill Semento shared the event was spread out more and all ran smoothly, with the large crowd. Ms. Semento mentioned the local restaurants also

did well. Mr. Tallman thought the organization was better than in years' past and Mr. Boardman responded there were minimal problems, with a great job done by all. The only concern was ensuring the sound for the mayor's announcements was louder as many in attendance could not hear him. Ms. Semento mentioned she would work on the sound issues for next year's event.

Mr. Nipe made the official announcement that the 2024 Celebrate Lake Mary headline performance will include Sister Hazel. The 2-day event on Friday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17 will include music, food and beverages, a kid's zone with bounce houses, and more. Ms. Semento mentioned the time will be shorter than 2023's Celebrate Lake Mary but it will include a larger scale event.

7. Old Business

None.

8. New Business

Ms. Rivas inquired if the Board wanted to continue meeting monthly on Mondays, at 6pm at the Senior Center for planning in 2024 or consider meeting bi-monthly or quarterly. Mr. Silva suggested meeting monthly in the 1st and last quarters with the busyness of City events but meeting once a quarter in the 2nd and 3rd quarters because activities slow down during the 2nd and 3rd quarters. More discussion is needed to decide for 2024's PARAB meeting schedule.

Ms. Rivas also mentioned that the next Board meeting falls on Monday, January 1, 2024, and City offices are closed. Therefore, the next Board meeting will be on Monday, February 5, 2024.

9. Member Reports and Announcements

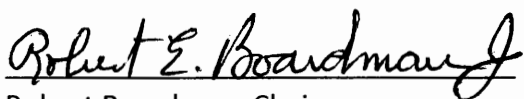
Mr. Smith asked about pickleball status and Mr. Nipe responded that planning is in 60% development and the planning will include park renovations, too.

Mr. Silva and Mr. Smith remarked on the Holiday in the Park event and agreed it was a great event, with many people attending.

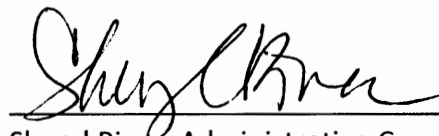
10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Silva

There being no further business, Mr. Boardman adjourned the meeting at 6:24p.m.



Robert Boardman, Chairman



Sheryl Rivas, Administrative Coordinator