

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Held on March 4, 2024, 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
Randall Smith
Craig Baumgardner
Richard Arndt
Brent Tallman

Members Absent

Christene Maskal

Quorum was reached.

Also in attendance was Bryan Nipe, Director of Parks and Recreation, Jill Semento, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, Gunnar Smith, Parks and Recreation Business Manager and Sheryl Rivas, Administrative Coordinator for Parks and Recreation.

3. Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Silva to approve the minutes of February 5, 2024, as written. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Citizen Participation
None
5. Chairman's Report
None
6. Director's Update
Mr. Nipe commended the Board for their review and involvement in the February arbor issue.

Ms. Semento gave a recap of 2024 Celebrate Lake Mary, sharing Friday's activities went well but, due to extensive rain, Saturday's music performances had to be moved inside to the sponsor's tent. Even with the rainy weather, the performances were good, and both days had a fair turnout (Friday = 500-600 visitors and Saturday had 250-300 visitors). Mr. Nipe shared the hope of having Sister Hazel return for the 2025 Celebrate Lake Mary event.

Mr. Gunnar Smith updated the status of the Department's accreditation process. He shared the Department continues to have bi-weekly meetings and submission of the self-assessment is April 8th. The CAPRA committee will review the self-assessment over 10 weeks and will schedule a 3-5 day Zoom call in June for review. Mr. Boardman commented that the accreditation helps the City receive grants and Mr. Nipe pointed out the accreditation assures City residents the Department is following all CAPRA standards.

Mr. Nipe gave an update of downtown development and shared phases are in the process of review and/or bidding. He shared all design renderings can be found on the City's website, under Economic Development.

Ms. Semento shared that summer camp is in final planning stages and the goal is for in-person registration to begin for City employees on March 15th; residents on March 29 and non-residents on April 1st. Camp will include field trips on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, which is unique to Lake Mary's summer camp. Mr. Arndt asked if camp registration could be held at the Farmer's Market. Ms. Semento said she'd investigate the creative idea. Mr. Randall Smith offered notary services, if needed.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

Mr. Arndt inquired about ballroom dancing at the Community Center and Ms. Semento shared there are plans in the works to possibly offer this activity. More details will follow once the vendor has been finalized.

9. Member Reports and Announcements

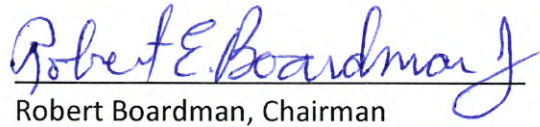
Mr. Silva inquired about possibly hosting the 2025 Celebrate Lake Mary in the downtown area versus Oval Park. Mr. Nipe shared parking would be difficult, and the downtown area doesn't have adequate space to host a large-scale event with music performances, vendors, large crowds, etc.

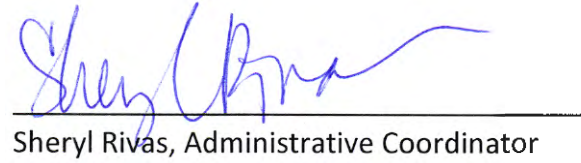
Ms. Semento shared the City's downtown area hosts events such as Spooktacular, Holiday in the Park and quarterly events (Park Parties, etc.) and these events can handle medium crowds but Celebrate is geared towards bringing in thousands of visitors and parking/street access would be too difficult in our downtown area.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baumgardner and seconded by Mr. Arndt.

There being no further business, Mr. Boardman adjourned the meeting at 6:28p.m.


Robert Boardman, Chairman


Sheryl Rivas, Administrative Coordinator

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