



**MINUTES – February 3, 2022 MEETING
VIRTUAL VIA WEBEX**

Rick Engle called the February 3, 2022 Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Advisory Board to order at 6:45 PM.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Atkinson, Ettore DeTorres, Kathy DiBona, Bonnie Fiallo, Claire Garrett, Alex Hochberger and Sharon Nitzberg.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jon McMillian and Zohar Wolfson. Kevin Toliver-Lyons Resigned.

GUEST(S): Paul Dextraze and Tom Landers

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Ricky Engle, Director and Sandra Betton, Administrative Assistant II recording the Minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 6, 2022 Meeting

A motion to approve Minutes of the January 6, 2022 Meeting with corrections was made by Alex Hochberger; the motion was seconded by Claire Garrett and the Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Ricky Engle gave the following department updates:

- We just completed the resurfacing of the basketball courts at Poinciana Park and that is part of the GO Bond projects. We are in the process of installing new playgrounds at John Williams Park, and Veterans Park. They are currently under construction and should be completed before the end of the month
- Update on Orangebrook Golf course P3, the Commission has now decided that they want to hear from all six of the submittals. So that is going to take place shortly, but no date as of today.

- Last night was the 1301 project, and that was a long meeting that went late into the early morning, approximately 3am or later, and they tabled it to March 16th, so that is still in progress.
- Other projects, there is a paving project going on at Holland Park. We are paving a lot of the parking lots and pathways, some of the areas are complete, and there is still other areas to be done. So that is going on for a couple more weeks.
- Sunday night we have a concert at ArtsPark with Third World which is a famous reggae band and that goes from 7pm to 10pm.

Ricky Engle responded to questions and comments regarding the department update.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of 2022 Objectives

Ettore DeTorres reviewed the 2022 Objectives to make sure the Board is staying on target and suggested keeping them on agenda to keep those awareness going and make sure the Board is not letting things just flow by.

Board members review some of the 2022 Objectives.

- Continue seeking relevant speakers to attend our Board meetings, as well as invitations to the Mayor and Commissioners; and various department representatives.
 - Ettore DeTorres stated he is working with Ricky Engle to put together guests and presenters for our future meetings. In January we had a really good presentation from Jaime Hernandez regarding the new Homeless Task Force for those that were at that meeting, and recommend going back to listening to the audio. The Board needs to talk about how to get any of our elected City Officials to participate in any meetings in the near future.

The Board agreed to have Kathy DiBona invite Vice Mayor Caryl Shuham to the next meeting on Thursday, March 3rd, pending confirmation.

Board members agreed to have Joy Satterlee, Executive Director of Hollywood Art & Culture Center at a future meeting, possibly April.

- Resume holding Board meetings at various parks and cultural arts centers.
 - Board members agreed to have next meeting on Thursday, March 3rd at ArtsPark pending confirmation.
- Continue to act as a liaison to the Bicycle Mobility Planning group to provide input from users, improve communication and engagement from the community, and help to interconnect our Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts facilities through safer cycling paths.

- Board members suggested getting an update from David Barth to kind of give some feedback on some proposed routes that maybe some of us could traverse, either walk those routes or cycle the routes.

Ricky Engle also referred Board members to the Parks Master Plan for some suggested paths, page 207.

<http://www.hollywoodfl.org/DocumentCenter/View/19180>

- Identify parts of the master plan we can help support and promote as a benefit to the parks, recreation and cultural arts.
- Evaluate the feasibility of establishing a public art program and submit a written report to the Commission.
- Coordinate with staff to make recommendations and provide relevant input for the implementation of the traffic garden.
- Explore the development of a “Helping the Homeless in our Parks” component to support the Hollywood Homeless Task Force Plan.
- Identify areas where the city commission may need to update ordinances to make PRCA resources more accessible to residents.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Alex Hochberger stated he had a theatrical show at the Hollywood Beach Culture and Community Center and gave a little feedback on working through the process. Everyone in the city parks department is friendly, helpful, and courteous and wonderful people that wanted to help us; so kudos to all of them. One thing that did become abundantly clear is how difficult and byzantine it is to get anything done in the city. It is going to be a big change for small cultural groups when the ordinance gets adopted, and the Board should work with the City Commission and the parks department to do our best to really streamline this as much as possible, because not only was it costly, it was a lot of paperwork. If you are a larger organization, it was not a big deal, but as a small nonprofit who was doing this in the evenings, everything took multi days to go back and forth between both the city and the state. So really making as part of that process to make our resources more accessible to the citizens of Hollywood is super important.

Ricky Engle stated there are two different things, one of the things. If you are selling liquor, it makes the process a lot more complicated than if you are just having liquor. So because once you start selling, you now basically become a bar or an establishment, and you have a lot more liability involved in that; and that is why you actually had to have extra insurance because you were selling versus if you were just having alcohol at the event.

Bonnie Fiallo stated just excited to go see everybody's face next month as we are meeting at the Young Circle or Arts and Culture Center pending confirmation of availability.

Kathy DiBona is interested in knowing the status of the Armory. In my previous years, we talked about when the Armory would be renovated, and I was pushing for a soft floor court for field hockey, indoor field hockey, and for children's camps, and for theater arts.

Ricky Engle responded stating we are in the process. Right now we have had an architect, an engineering company, do the preliminary design, and we have hired a construction manager At-Risk Company and they are finalizing all the details and getting ready. We are going out to bid here shortly and do not know the exact timeframe because construction management department is handling that project. But it looks like we are close to being in line with our budget and hopefully, it will be out to bid real soon and get started on it.

Claire Garrett stated that during the meeting she got a reply from Patricia Cerny regarding inquiry of when we could watch the archived video from the 1301 committee. So for those of you who did not either attend in person or watch online and stick it out until 3am. Patricia said that the video should probably be available by the beginning of next week.

Claire Garrett stated the Board has been without a student representative on PRCA for quite a long time. If and when any one of us can recruit someone who might be interested to apply, can they apply midstream, or would that be pointless to even talk to them at this time or would they have to wait until the annual application window is open, which I think is in the spring sometime.

Sandra Betton responded it would not make any sense because by the time it makes the term is only one year, so by the time they get on Commission agenda like maybe the April agenda, it is going to be like about a month or two months before they will be up for re-election. So therefore, we know, it is the first Tuesday in June the Annual Board Appointments. So right now we just need to get applications ready to go for the July term.

Sean Atkinson stated he was wondering if the city has any out quote unquote outdoor property that is still somehow shaded that could be used to show films outdoors. He imagined that the only movie houses that are surviving are the ones that can show film outdoors; do not mean with cars like way back when, but at least outdoors so that people can be enticed to safely watch movies.

Ricky Engle responded stating we do our movie night at Arts Park. The only problem unless they put up some type of fence there would be no way to charge, because to keep people out until we get that fence put in is probably at least a year away.

Claire Garrett thanked Ettore DeTorres for going over the objectives for 2022 early in our New Year and keeping them front and center.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business, Claire Garrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kathleen DiBona seconded the motion and by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM at ArtsPark at Young Circle.