

## Minutes of the Advisory Board for Parks & Recreation Department Regular Meeting Held on September 16, 2024

### CALL TO ORDER:

**Chair Rainer** called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM, in the Commission Chambers in City Hall, located at 1 N. Bluford Avenue in Ocoee, FL. **Recording Clerk Shaw** called roll and determined a quorum present.

**Present:** Chair Rainer, and Members Applegate, Salhab, and Graham

**Absent:** Vice-Chair Lomneck, and Members Hassan and Moyer

**Also present:** Commissioner Wilsen, Parks Operations Manager Abdo, and Recording Clerk Shaw

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 15, 2024:

*Member Applegate made a motion to approve the July 15, 2024, minutes; seconded by Member Graham. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### UPDATE OF EVENTS

**Parks Operations Manager Abdo** briefly updated the Board on the following events: Family Rec Day and Movie at the Pool. He addressed the Board's questions related to community participation and event success.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

##### Allocate Funds for Future Events

**Parks Operations Manager Abdo** announced the FY 2025 budget has yet to be approved and explained that he is unsure of the funds allocated for the Advisory Board. **Member Applegate** inquired about the current FY funds. **Recording Clerk Shaw** provided a brief account of fund expenditures.

##### HighLIGHTing Ocoee

The board discussed dates and times for the drive-along to judge the holiday lights.

*Member Applegate made a motion to hold HighLight Ocoee on December 12 and 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm; seconded by Member Graham. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Parks Operations Manager Abdo** announced the following upcoming events: Community Market on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Bill Breeze Park, Halloween Howl on October 25<sup>th</sup>, Family Movie Night and Community Market on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Bill Breeze Park, Community Market on December 5<sup>th</sup>, Jolly Jamboree on December 14<sup>th</sup>. He addressed the Board's questions related to upcoming events and board participation.

##### Gordon Plaque Dedication

**Parks Operations Manager Abdo** announced the plaque to honor Gordon Applegate will go before City Commission on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm. **Commissioner Wilsen** mentioned that Staff will bring the plaque to be dedicated for the Skate Park to the Commission Meeting.

#### BOARD COMMENTS

**Member Salhab** mentioned he is the Youth Director of a nonprofit organization called Eight Waves. He highlighted an auction event that took place at the Lakeshore Center with over 300 people in attendance. The organization raised over \$80,000 for a new museum being built in the City of Winter Garden. The museum will be the first literacy museum in the nation, taking up three to five acres.

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**SET NEXT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Updates on Events

**ADJOURNMENT**

Declared at 6:33 pm by **Chair Rainer.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
Recording Clerk

  
Chair