

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

April 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 6:30pm on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Board Members Anna Mae McNally, George Romagnoli, Chairman Richard Melton, Kimberly Brust, Beth Fregger, Eric Mullins, and staff liaison Terri Moore were in attendance. Jay (with Monufest) attended as a guest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- January 18, 2023 – The Minutes were unanimously approved. (There was no quorum in February or March, 2023.)

VOX POP:

- Good-byes to Terri and Donna
- Wrap-up for Dinosaur Exhibit at Schwettman – Probably not going to do it again; someone else took the show and it will travel to Texas, then Florida, then Kentucky – annually. It's educational and inspirational, but happy it is finished here.
- Monufest, 2023 – Jay presented that the show was bigger the second time (last year) and wants it to be even bigger this third time. The City gave support to cover the cost of some of the bands, staging, sound, and video services last year. In-kind support was also given for PD, FD services, signs, barricades, port-o-potties, etc. Jay is asking for \$7,500 from the City (and/or the CAC) for support this year. Rich mentioned that he thought the CAC recommended that the City support the event every year – perpetually - last year, without having to ask for support each year. It is a one-day, street-festival type of event that attracts people to the downtown area and businesses and does not impact Sims Park. *(A question was asked about RR Square – When do you outgrow the space? And how may the renovation at RR Square impact the Monufest event this year?) After discussion, the CAC voted unanimously to recommend the that City provide support/funding for the Monufest event in the amount of \$7,500, and to include this in the 2023-2024 budget; perpetually funded going forward each year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mural Ordinance Revisions Letter – Rich has the letter ready. The CAC would like to be notified when the letter is expected to be presented to City Council so that they can plan to be there to comment. Rich said he would let everyone know when he plans to present the letter.
- Public Art Fund Letter – Rich has the letter ready and he will let the CAC know when it will be presented to City Council.
- Sculpture Walk Updates - *(There was brief discussion about rules for publicly-funded murals.) Plans have been shared and discussed. There is not enough funding or man-power within the CAC or Main Street to cover the costs for a big 100-Year Celebration Art Project. After some discussion, the CAC thought it would be a good idea to have someone on the committee represent them on the 100-Year Celebration Committee, but not do their own project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Committee Secretary – Minutes – Donna is retiring, so Anna Mae will have to take the meeting Minutes and the City will manage and approve them through the City Clerk.
- FY 23-24 – CAC Project Plan – The CAC wants more \$ put in the budget for projects. The plan is to:
 1. Develop culturally diverse forms of art and music in the City (similar to Monufest)
 2. Crosswalk Art
 3. Continue to solicit artist and business owners for additional Murals
 4. Solicit artists for Sculpture Walk
 5. Continue to offer financial support for groups that offer culturally diverse activities and events
- Citizen's Academy – Rich has graduated and recommends it to others.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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