

# Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

July 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 6:30pm on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. Board Members Anna Mae McNally, George Romagnoli, Chairman Richard Melton, Kimberly Brust, Beth Fregger, Eric Mullins, Kelly Smallwood, Library Director Andi Figart, and Assist Director for Parks and Rec Kevin Trapp were in attendance. Doug Jones with Richey Suncoast Theatre (RST) attended as a guest.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- April 19, 2023 – The Minutes were unanimously approved. (There was no quorum in May or June, 2023.)

## VOX POP:

- Introduction by Doug Jones (RST)

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Mural Ordinance Revisions Letter – Waiting on update from Debbie Mans
- Public Art Fund Letter – Waiting on update from Debbie Mans
- Sculpture Walk Updates – Waiting on update from Debbie Mans regarding City involvement and committee for 100 Year celebration.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Doug Jones (Richey Suncoast Theatre) request for funding for production related costs. Stated already received some funding support. Looking for CAC to be involved. Motion was made for CAC to give requested \$800.00. Unanimously passed.
- FY 23-24 – CAC Project Plan :
  1. Develop culturally diverse forms of art and music in the City (RST, Mullins Music)  
Discussed music on the corner, playing out of RST , and performing in locations around downtown. Examples of music included classical, latin, and drum circles. Discussed involving multiple entities like Mullins Music and RST to support themed events like a Roaring 20's Wine Stroll throughout the city.
  2. Crosswalk Art -George will take lead on contacting Gulf Highschool art teacher to get this started.
  3. Continue to solicit artist and business owners for additional Murals -Which businesses are still interested?

4. Solicit artists for Sculpture Walk -Get City involved-(Public Art Fund)

5. Continue to offer financial support for groups that offer culturally diverse activities and themed events -Such as Richey Suncoast Theatre-which hopes to put out a full calendar of events ranging from Movie nights, Karaoke, live music, and a full season of shows.

- Committee membership responsibilities:

Can meetings be held via Zoom? Assistant Director Kevin Trapp will verify. Discussion on getting the word out about the committee on all social media platforms. Discussion on how we recruit new members. Discussion on how we retain the members we have. Discussion on role of CAC. Will request copy of committee information and city code for next CAC meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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