

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

November 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 6:30pm on Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Board Members Anna Mae McNally, Kelly Smallwood, George Romagnoli, Chairman Richard Melton, Kimberly Brust, Beth Fregger, Eric Mullins, and staff liaison Cody Bonanno were in attendance. Charles Zadar (Local Dinosaur and Artifacts Museum) attended as a guest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- July 20, 2022 – The Minutes were unanimously approved.

VOX POP:

- Welcome New CAC Members – Introductions of the new CAC members and the Aquatics Manager that was acting as staff liaison in Terri Moore's absence were exchanged.
- Charles Zadar – Dinosaurs & Dragons Exhibit – Funding assistance is desired and needed. Charles said he has met with the CM and has a more realistic budget than when he had come before the CAC in July, 2022. He is not getting the amount of sponsorship he was hoping for, and still needs funding to assist with the cost of running the exhibit from December 9, 2022-February 26, 2023. There was discussion about in-kind support, and expected costs. When asked how much money has been committed toward the project, Charles said that they have raised \$70,000 so far. There was further discussion about funding, covering damages from the Hurricane, costs of transporting the exhibit to Florida, ticket sales, and staffing the exhibit with volunteers. The CAC is in support of the Museum and the exhibit, but do not want CAC funds used to cover the costs to have it. The CAC voted unanimously to recommend funding needed for the Dinosaur & Dragons exhibit be supported by City funding, but not be used from the CAC funds budgeted for 2022-2023.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Budget for 2022-2023 – There was discussion about events that the CAC has financially supported in the past, and if those events were going to continue to need support

financially from the CAC going forward. The CAC would like to propose how their budgeted funds will best be used toward Cultural activities and would like to have a deadline as to when other groups can request CAC funding, to curtail them asking at or near the end of the fiscal year. Next year is the 100 Year Anniversary (September, 2024), and the CAC wants to start thinking now about what they may want to do for that event. There was discussion about the cost of the Mural painting and the artist having to wait until it was done before he was paid (Rich gave him a bridge loan). The question arose about whether a business in the City may do their own Mural (incurring their own costs) without having it approved first by City Council. (Cody said he would try to get an answer to that question.) The CAC decided they would bring ideas to the next meeting on projects they would like to use their budgeted funds for in 2022-2023. They then voted to recommend publishing a deadline for requests to use CAC funding. There was discussion about groups that may come before them, and when the allocations for the fiscal year would be decided. The CAC then voted unanimously to recommend to publish the deadline of March 31st, 2023 for any groups to apply for CAC funding for their events.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Senior Banners – Amy Henry has asked if the CAC would help facilitate having banners of outstanding 2023 graduating Gulf High School Seniors, posted on the light poles in the City. They are not asking for any financial support. The CAC voted unanimously in favor of the banners.
- FRPA – Creative Activation of Public Spaces – This was tabled for discussion until the next meeting, as Terri has the information that she wants to share with the CAC.
- CAC Meeting Day/Time – There was discussion about how often the CAC is required to meet, and it was decided that they would continue to meet monthly for now. They may find it necessary to skip a month or two during the summer months, when many are away.
- Not on Agenda – Beth is on a Design Committee and the committee has been asked to come up with Art for September, 2024. A letter was sent out to Art organizations to put together some sub-committees that can meet over the next several months to come up with something for the City; a Mural, a permanent Sculpture, etc. The CAC would like to discuss further at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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