

NEW PORT RICHEY CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING October 18, 2023 ~ 6:30pm

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was held at the New Port Richey Public Library at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Board Members in attendance: Kim Brust, Eric Mullins, Beth Fregger, Chairperson Richard Melton and staff liaison, Andrea Figart.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 20, 2023 - The minutes were unanimously approved.

VOX POP

- There were no discussions or speakers

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- City's 100-year celebration - CAC looks forward to being involved and assisting the City with preparations. Some CAC members discussed sharing their interest in being involved at VOX POP
- CAC members are invited to attend the 11/7/2023 City Council meeting to show support for endorsing Anna Mae McNally's position as a continuing committee member.
- CAC has requested updates regarding any revisions to the City's Mural Ordinance.
- Richard Melton and Andrea Figart wanted to encourage committee members to reach out to the community to find applicants for the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- It was suggested to review the process for submitting proposals in consideration of funds set aside for culturally related initiatives, events, or presentations. Currently, there is \$6000 left in the line items set aside for use in the 2024 budget year.
- Andrea Figart presented information about grant opportunities for the CAC to consider. The Florida Humanities Organization has several including a Florida Talks Speakers' Program with professional speakers on many topics of Florida life, history, etc.
 - Beth Fregger made a motion to Pursue the Florida Talks Grant. Members should develop 3 recommendations of specific speakers from the list provided.
 - Kim Brust seconded the motion
 - Motion passed
- There was a discussion on the CAC work plan and how to build engagement when evaluating possible project funding.
- There was discussion of possible CAC projects for the revamp of RR Square and Cavalier Square

OTHER

- Eric Mullins suggested developing a historical documentary as a possible CAC project
- The idea of funding performances by local musicians on street corners throughout downtown was presented and will be discussed at further meetings

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Louise Fregger