

**NEW PORT RICHEY CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**DECEMBER 20, 2023**  
**6:30 pm**  
**MINUTES**

*The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committees was held at the New Port Richey Public Library at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, December 20, 2023.*

**Board members in attendance:** Chairperson- Richard Melton, Kim Brust, Anna Mae McNally, Beth Fregger, City Liaison - Andrea Figart.

**Public in attendance:** Dave Folds, Vincent Gaddy, PFAC - Andrea Monge.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The minutes of the November 15, 2023, meeting were unanimously approved.

**VOX POP** – No speakers

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

1. Committee Recommendations of potential committee applicants - suggestions were made on advertising for new members. City Liaison Andi Figart reported regarding:
  - a. Put a notice on the back of the water bill - Andi Figart contacted the finance dept. and that announcement space is currently scheduled to communicate new billing options to residents. However, it may be available as early as the March Utility Bill.
  - b. City website – There is a page on the city website that has information about all the city boards and committees. Adding updates about each board/committee’s projects is currently unavailable, but the suggestion will be forwarded to the committee that is currently building the new website. Andi Figart will follow up as the website is developed.
  - c. Social media - Andi Figart has conveyed the committee’s suggestion to Judy Myers, City Clerk. The City’s official social media page has not previously been used to solicit board/committee applicants.
  - d. The Bridge – A related article about volunteering and a call out for board and committee applicants will appear in the next edition.
2. Funding amount update - City Liaison reported the committee has a remaining budget of \$6000 for the FY 2023-24.
3. Program Possibilities & Grants - Florida Humanities Grant Ed Webpage: Liaison shared info on Grant writing tips, tricks & webinars available and will forward info on grant education.
4. Florida Talks Speaker Grant - update. it was suggested we come up with a theme for the speakers series. It will be a “summer speakers series” June - September

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- a. David Morton - Florida Film Historian - Rich Melton spoke to him regarding availability in sept
  - b. Eliot Kleinberg - Florida Author - Beth Fregger will contact
  - c. David Head - Florida Author is already booked in NPR
  - d. Chris Kahl - Florida Folk Singer and Storyteller - Kim Brust will contact
5. Florida Humanities - Community Project Grant - Liaison passed out deadlines for the grant  
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  6. CAC Project Plan - need to set up goals and objectives

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was suggested to see how CAC could assist in fixing the sculptural wall at Cavalier Square.

**OTHER** - No other discussions

**ADJOURNMENT-** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anna Mae McNulty and seconded by Kim Brust. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Louise Fregger