

NEW PORT RICHEY CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

JANUARY 17, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committees was held at the New Port Richey Public Library at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, January 17, 2023. Board members in attendance: Kim Brust, Beth Fregger, Kelly Smallwood, City Liaison - Andrea Figart, Chairperson - Richard Melton, Public - Dave Folds, Vincent Gaddy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The meeting minutes from December 20, 2023, were unanimously approved.

VOX POP - No Speakers

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Andi passed out upcoming events and meeting dates
2. Committee Recommendations to promote applying for the committee-
 - a. A recruitment announcement on the back of the water bill could be possible as early as March.
 - b. Make a post on the city website. The city is updating its website. Andi Figart will follow up as the website is developed.
 - c. Social media - Andi Figart contacted Judy Myers in the City Manager's office
 - d. The Bridge - posting is in the most recent issue.
3. Schwetman Center Updates - Many ideas are being floated around, and the City continues to evaluate the options.
4. City Centennial Committee update
 - a. The Steering Committee will meet on Feb 1 at 6 pm in the NPR Library's Magnolia Room.
 - b. Subcommittees are being formed. If interested, contact Judy Meyers, City Clerk.
MeyersJ@cityofnewportrichey.org
5. Program Possibilities & Grants - Florida Humanities Grant Ed Webpage: Liaison shared info on Grant writing tips, tricks & webinars available and will forward info on future related grant education opportunities.
6. Florida Talks Speaker Grant - update. June - September
COMMITTEE INCLUDES: Kim Brust, Rich Melton and Andi Figart
 - a. David Morton - Florida Film Historian - Rich Melton spoke to him regarding availability in Sept
 - b. Eliot Kleinberg - Florida Author -He is available. Kim Brust will update
 - c. Chris Kahl - Florida Folk Singer and Storyteller - Kim Brust will contact

NEW BUSINESS

1. NPR Public Library Film Festival & Competition - Overview and Sponsorship Proposal - Tomas Monzon presented the proposed event and prize sponsorship request. The committee requested a sheet with the proposed sponsorship packages for further consideration. The committee suggested having a film historian speak during the film festival. Richard Melton will coordinate on the dates.
2. Artistic Murals - Adding more murals to downtown was discussed. It was pointed out that the mural ordinance in the city needs to be updated. The committee discussed researching mural ordinances in other cities for ideas to share with the city manager and council. Beth Fregger volunteered to research mural ordinances in St Pete, Safety Harbor, and Lake Placid. Other topics to research: compensation for artists, finding artists, and crosswalk murals.

OTHER - No other discussions

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

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Louise Fregger