

NEW PORT RICHEY CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 21, 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, February 21, 2024. Board members in attendance: Kim Brust, Beth Fregger, Kelly Smallwood, City Liaison - Andrea Figart, Chairperson - Richard Melton, Public - Dave Folds, Bertell Butler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The January 17, 2024 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

VOX POP - No Speakers

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Andi Figart reported that the CAC funds have not changed; we have \$6000 in our budget for 2024.
2. Schwettman Center Updates - There are many ideas being floated around, and the City continues to evaluate the options
3. Mural Ordinance update. Greg Oravec, Economic Development Director for NPR would like to meet with CAC regarding murals in the city. Chairman Melton recommended Mr. Oravec review the current ordinance and review the revisions and recommendations made to city council and administration by CAC before we schedule him.
4. City Centennial Committee update
 - a. The Steering Committee will meet on March 7 at 6 pm in Council Chambers.
 - b. Subcommittees are being formed. If interested, contact Judy Meyers, City Clerk.
MeyersJ@cityofnewportrichey.org
5. Grant updates

COMMITTEE INCLUDES: Kim Brust, Rich Melton and Andi Figart

- a. Florida Talks Speaker Grant - Committee has secured speakers for the Summer Speakers event
 - i. David Morton - Florida Film Historian - Either 8/2 or 8/9 depending on the dates of the library's film Festival
 - ii. Elliot Kleinberg - Florida Author - 9/25
 - iii. Chris Kahl - Florida Folk Singer and Storyteller - 8/16 or 9/6
- b. It was suggested to complete the grant application from the Florida Speakers bureau even if we pay for the speakers out of CAC budget.
A motion was made to fund the speakers if the grant is not approved by Kim Brust. Seconded by Kelly Smallwood. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

City is hiring a grant writer and will be available to assist with further grants.

OTHER - The NPR Public Art Fund was brought up and CAC has questions about the availability of the funds how does one access them and how much money is in the fund.

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 7:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Louise Fregger