

NEW PORT RICHEY CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

October 16, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

NPR Public Library

MINUTES

ANY PERSON DESIRING TO APPEAL ANY DECISION, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT ANY MEETING OR HEARING, WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. THE LAW DOES NOT REQUIRE TRANSCRIBED VERBATIM MINUTES; THEREFORE, THE APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH A PRIVATE REPORTER (OR PRIVATE REPORTING FIRM) AND BEAR THE RESULTING EXPENSE. (F.S.286.0105)

Please be conscientious of the time to assist with maintaining 1-1.5 hour overall meeting length.

1. **WELCOME and ROLL CALL** - Members present - Kim Brust, Eric Mullins, Vincent Gaddy, Kelly Smallwood, Richard Melton, Dave Folds, City Liaison - Andi Figart, Library Administrative Assistant- Joyce Haasnoot, Potential New Member - Susie Saxe. Beth Fregger & Anna Mae McNally were absent.
2. **REVIEW and APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from September 18, 2024 - minutes were approved as read. Motion to approve - Kim Brust. Second – David Folds. The board unanimously approved.
3. **VOX POP**- No one came forward
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Elections were discussed and voted on. Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary were all positions to be voted upon. Eric Mullins and Beth Fregger both declined being considered for any position.
 - Rich Melton volunteered to continue as Chair, no one came forward to challenge. Kim Brust made a motion to approve, Eric Mullins seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved.
 - Kim Brust volunteered to be the Vice Chair, no one came forward to challenge. Eric Mullins made a motion to approve, David Folds seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved.
 - No one volunteered for the Secretary position. The vote was tabled to a later date and it was agreed that in absence of a secretary there will be a round robin format, where each member takes a turn to record minutes for one meeting. Minutes only need to include discussion topics and key information, without any specific formatting. Completed minutes can be forwarded to Library Administrative Assistant Joyce Haasnoot, who will format and proofread them to prepare for approval.

- Susie Saxe was invited to apply as an alternate member on the Board. Her completed application will be presented to City Council for approval at the November 6th meeting. Vince Gaddy made a motion to approve, Kim Brust second the motion. The board unanimously approved.

B. Project ideas for the 2025 Fiscal Year were discussed as follows:

- Highlight cultural events that celebrate specific ethnic groups and holidays. For example, feature Irish dance performances for St. Patrick's Day or festivities within the Asian American community during Lunar New Year.
- Work with established groups and rather than pick a random event, find out from them what they would like to see or possibly partner with CAC. Invite them to a CAC meeting. Share ideas for what would help both groups.
- Explore working with a group to enhance something already on their schedule. Can we partner with them to add additional resources? How we can support them beyond a monetary donation.
- Location should matter. CAC should not automatically focus on hosting an event at the library or a specific groups location. Look into the Richey Suncoast Theater, Peace Hall, or other available venues within the city.
- The goal of the CAC should be to highlight what makes a group or performer unique. What insights can we gain into their culture?

5. CONTINUING BUSINESS

- A. The Cultural Affairs Committee brochure was reviewed. Andi Figart requested a photo of the Committee Members for use in the brochure.

6. **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 pm

7. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Eric Mullins made a motion to adjourn, second by Kim Brust.