

NEW PORT RICHEY CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

February 19, 2025 - 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.

- I. **WELCOME and ROLL CALL** – Richard Melton, Kim Brust, Vincent Gaddy, Kelly Smallwood, City Liaison Library Director Andi Figart, Courtney King-Merrill, Susie Saxe, Library Administrative Assistant Joyce Haasnoot, Guest-Larnelle Scott, Absent- David Folds, Beth Fregger
- II. **REVIEW and APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from January 15, 2025 – motion to approve by Kim Brust, Kelly Smallwood seconded.
- III. **VOX POP** –
 - Larnelle Scott attended and briefly discussed the collaboration idea with the African American Club (A.A.C.) for an R & B Festival in June 2025. The A.A.C. has several other projects going simultaneously in June and cannot fit another event on their calendar to plan.
 - Susie Saxe submitted a donation request on behalf of the Richey Suncoast Theater for \$500 to sponsor the Sunshine Skyway Bridge Disaster movie screening and talkback. The theater is hosting the screening along with a Q&A session featuring the film's director. The sponsorship would allow the theater to offer free admission to the public instead of charging for ticket and cover cost of movie screening fees. The board voted to forward a recommendation to council to approve funding for \$500. Kim Brust approved the motion, Courtney King-Merrill second. As a member of the Cultural Affairs Committee, Susie recused herself from voting.
- IV. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. A brief discussion took place regarding the Public Art Fund and its associated ordinance. Rich Melton requested the current balance of the fund. The ordinance will be revised and updated once the city hires a new Economic Development Director.
- V. **CONTINUING BUSINESS**
 - A. Budget Updates - CAC Budget FY25 - \$750 has been allocated to the Riverside Concert Series hosted by the library. The remaining budget total is \$9,250.

- B. The board brainstormed hosting an R&B-themed festival, as the A.A.C. will not be collaborating with the C.A.C. on an event. They proposed organizing a Juneteenth concert at the Richey Suncoast Theater, similar to the Hispanic Heritage Month show. Andi will check with Shawn Brown to confirm the availability of his band.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER

- A. Culture in our community News and Updates
 - a. Library Director Figart discussed some upcoming library-hosted events and programs coming up. Riverside Concert Series will be February 21st, March 21st, and April 25th.

VII. NEXT MEETING: March 19th, 2025 6:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Susie Saxe made the motion, seconded by Kelly Smallwood.