

## **Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, May 16<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

**6:30 pm at Recreation and Aquatic Facility**

Attendees:

Brittany Howard (Chair), Dean Caffentzis (Secretary), Brittaney Palumbo, Gina Marie DiGregorio,  
Rachel Marie Hagenbaugh

*Doreen Summers, City Liaison*

*Cynthia Contreras, Guest Attendee*

On the vote for Vice Chair, now with the floor open, Rachel Marie in nomination, all voted in favor, passed unanimously. Cultural Affairs welcomes its new Vice Chairperson, Rachel Marie Hagenbaugh. Members also welcome prospective regular member, Cynthia Contreras.

Regarding the Cultural Affairs Facebook page, Chair Brittany Howard reminded committee members that, per Interim City Manager Susan Dillinger, the page's public comments should be disabled. Secretary Dean Caffentzis mentioned that many of the events' sponsors have their own websites that are very descriptive and interactive. Ms. Howard proposed that the CAC Facebook page can share these upcoming events with links to the sponsors instead of recreating descriptions of the events. In the matter of the rescheduled "HOTEF" event for November 5, 2016, members commented that weather conditions may also favor the event being held later in the fall because of cooler temperatures, making it more comfortable for performers in their costumes. Also, more attention can be paid to "HOTEF" because there are not as many activities scheduled during this time, per Gina Marie.

Regarding new event suggestions to Council, several ideas were discussed, including the following.

- An event featuring French folklore, food, and lifestyle to promote and increase awareness of our sister city, Cavalaire sur Mer. Ms. Summers stated that KC Quaretti, the Main Street director, would be interested in the Cavalaire event as she was married to a French gentleman and visited France regularly.
- A Halloween event.
- A pirate-themed event.
- Contacting "Abbey Road on the River" regarding their expansion plans, and determining if that organization would be interested in a Florida location.

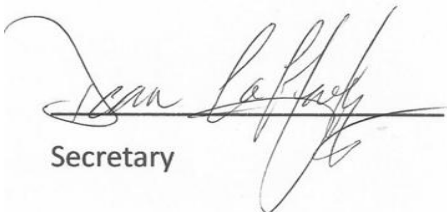
Ms. Howard asked that the committee members consider these and other events, to be discussed and fine-tuned at the next meeting in preparation for recommendations to City Manager Manns, and subsequent presentation to City Council along with the committee's annual report.

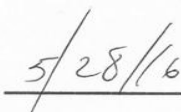
Mr. Caffentzis confirmed with Ms. Summers and CAC members that upcoming scheduled events that have already been approved do not require further discussion or inclusion in the recommendations. These approved events include Richey Suncoast Theatre's workshop for

underprivileged children and the KIAfest Main Street Blast. The committee opined that the Chasco Fiesta had an opportunity for improvement, in that Native American participation was not being featured as it had been in previous years. Additionally, there was no opportunity for audience participation.

In consideration of committee members' planned vacations, the next Cultural Affairs Committee meeting was changed to June 13 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary

  
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