

## Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

January 29, 2018

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was called to order at Peace Hall at 6:30p.m. on January 29, 2018. Board Members Richard Melton, Kelly Smallwood, Cynthia Contretras, Deryl Burney and staff liaisons KC Quaretti and Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The following guests attended the meeting: Bob Langford, Bob Smallwood, Ruth Ann Jackson, Jennie Pearl, Greg Smithwick, Denise Johnson, Megan Gillespie and Marie Skelton.

There were no Minutes presented from the December 18, 2017 meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- There was a brief discussion about possible future projects to include: Wine Walk, Bridge Beautification and theme weekends with the Theater and local restaurants.
- The question was asked about the status of the Main Street Bridge project and Elaine said she would inquire about the project and which City Staff Member is the lead on the project. Richard said that CAC wants to have input on the project.
- Jenny Pearl, area artist, submitted an application to host an event and crosswalk painting project in March 2018. The project will be at the intersection of Bank Street and Grand Blvd. March 1<sup>st</sup> the City would prep the site; pressure wash. March 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny would layout the design and number the sections of the art so that volunteers could easily paint by the numbers. The community painting day will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> with a small event to coincide in the parking lot: artist and music, no food or alcohol will be sold. The project will need 72 hours to set following the application of the clear-coat and there was concern expressed about the event date selected due to Chasco Fiesta moving in starting Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Kelly Smallwood made a motion to recommend the stain glass fish design for the crosswalk project. Deryl Burney seconded the motion and the members voted unanimously in favor of the design.
- Kelly Smallwood made a motion to recommend approval of funding the crosswalk project and the special event at the requested amount of \$7,000. Deryl Burney seconded the motion and the members voted unanimously to recommend approval of the funding for the painting project and event.
- The recommendation for the Crosswalk Painting Project from the CAC will need to go to City Council for review and for a vote.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- A proposal was presented for a mural painting inside the Child Watch Room at the Recreation and Aquatic Center. Funding was requested from the Public Art Fund in the amount of \$15,000. A motion was made by Kelly Smallwood to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Deryl Burney and the members voted unanimously to deny the project.
- Marie Skelton explained that the City does not own the theater. She told the group that rehearsals for a show happen five nights per week for two months in order to prepare for a show. Some of the local restaurants give theater patrons, with a current ticket, 10% off their meal. Marie passed out the current theater schedule and said she needs rehearsal space. Elaine asked Marie if Peace Hall was a large enough space and she suggested Marie contact her about possible rehearsal schedules in that facility. Jennie also offer 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Studio's in Clearwater for rehearsal space for the theater. Kelly suggested Marie look into getting established shows to come to the theater like from the Straz so that our theater would not need to worry about rehearsals and props.
- Denise Johnson with Pasco Pride spoke to the group about wanting to start a Pasco Pride Event in Sims Park. She explained that there is nothing for the LGBT Community in New Port Richey. Denise had already contacted Parks and Recreation and had an event application, but she had questions about the application. Elaine asked Denise to call her and she would be glad to provide assistance with the application. The date requested for the Pasco Pride Event in Sims Park is October 6, 2018.
- Kaitlin Connolly submitted an application to join the CAC and two other City Boards. The committee discussed her qualifications and requested for KC to contact her and invite Kaitlin to join the CAC.
- No New Agenda Items were requested for the February meeting.

### VOX POP:

- Elaine invited everyone to the Recreation and Aquatic Center Open House on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 9a.m.
- The next meeting will be held in the Recreation and Aquatic Center on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine D. Smith  
Director of Parks and Recreation