

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

February 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 6:30pm. Board Members Richard Melton, Kelly Smallwood, Cynthia Contretras, Gina DiGregorio, and staff liaisons KC Quaretti, Donna French and Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The following guests attended the meeting: Beverly Heller (Art Guild), Ruth Ann Jackson, Jennie Pearl (Bazaar Art), Megan Gillespie and Denise Johnson (Pasco Pride).

The meeting Minutes presented from the January 29, 2018 were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Main Street Bridge & Crosswalk Painting – There was a question about the \$7,000 Public Art Fund; after some discussion, it was stated that the project for the Crosswalk Painting is moving forward.
- Beverly Heller, from the Art Guild, was invited to speak. She gave a little history of the Art Guild and the building, including its current location. She would like to have some signage added, along with way-finding signs and some publicity. She distributed a newsletter hand-out to all in attendance.
- Main Street Bridge – Open discussion; brainstorming ideas were exchanged. Some of the ideas discussed were 1. Getting rid of and/or re-purposing the “caskets”, 2. Lining the “caskets” up differently on the bridge; but not so as to block the view of the water, 3. Putting them together, using them as planters, building a trellis, 4. Painting them with a “Fish pattern” similar to the Hacienda Hotel, or painting them similarly to each other (and having an artist’s competition), 5. Making an archway over the bridge, 6. Removing the fence and open an underpass under the bridge. Discussion then went to possible uses for the Overlook at the bridge and if vendors could use it. There is a vending ordinance for the parks that states what type of vending is permitted in which parks, etc. Discussion also continued about doing events along Grand Blvd. (1st Fridays or a different day of the week) and closing the street, and what should be considered and would be involved in doing so. A message board should be put up for events.
- Crosswalk Painting Project – Jennie Pearl explained the project in more detail; the paint is “Liqui-Brick” and dries in two hours, can be covered to protect it from heavy machinery, and doesn’t need to be sealed. The paint comes in 5-gallon containers and is not highly toxic. Elaine stated that she needs the specs to give to Public Works. Jennie also

explained how the sidewalk chalk/painting and artists taping and un-taping the areas would work. There will be live music, rock-painting, Henna tattoos, face-painting, a Bounce House, and some food/concession vendors.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2 New Applications for CAC Membership – The applications for new CAC members were reviewed and were unanimously approved.
- Ethics Training & Government in the Sunshine Law – All were given a hand-out. The Sunshine Law was briefly explained and members were directed at reviewing the document before the next meeting.
- “Robert’s Rules” was given as a hand-out at the beginning of the meeting. All members were encouraged to review the document and become familiar with it before the next meeting.

VOX POP:

- All members were encouraged to send their ideas for the Main Street Bridge project via email to KC Quartetti.
- There will be a special meeting on March 6.
- The next CAC meeting will be held at the Recreation and Aquatic Center on Monday, March 26th at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina DiGregorio

Secretary

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