

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

May 21, 2018

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:30p.m. Chairman Richard Melton, and Board Members Kelly Smallwood, Kaitlin Connolly, Ruth Ann Jackson, Lisa Dolcy, Gina DiGregorio and City of New Port Richey Representatives Elaine Smith, KC Quaretti, were in attendance.

The meeting Minutes presented from the April 16, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- Facebook Page: This was discussed at the last meeting. It was decided that for now, when there is something to post on Facebook, the information will be given to KC and she will post it on the Parks & Rec FB page. The CAC may need to have their own page if there becomes a lot to post.
- Wine Walk Up-Date: Cynthia has been talking with the Chamber in Tarpon Springs and looking at how similar events are being done elsewhere. Sip N' Shop is very popular and perhaps events can be piggy-backed on that (i.e. Yard Sale?) Ideas were exchanged and discussed. A committee needs to be set up to do a special event. The possibility of working with Greater New Port Richey Main Street and the downtown businesses was suggested to be further discussed at the next meeting.
- Explanation of Funding: Elaine explained the process of having funding/spending approved by City Council; the City Manager must approve the event funding first, then it goes on the CAC Agenda. This takes several weeks of planning ahead, due to when meetings are scheduled, to allow for promotional activities, etc.
- Art in the Park Sculpture Walk: CAC activity includes 1. Art in the Parks and 2. Events. There are two sources of funding and the Sculpture Art Walk would be from a little of both. The Sculpture would stay in the Park for one year – this would come from the next fiscal year's budget (after October 1st, 2018). KC explained how the process works to have a Sculpture Walk in the Park. There is much advanced planning, an application, decisions to be made on placement, themes, artists, an opening and closing event, etc. Ideas were exchanged and discussed. KC said she would share the application and packet with the CAC. (Donna will email it to everyone.)
- Crosswalk Painting Cleaning Up-Date: (discussion later in the meeting) The CAC wants to brighten up the colors. The artist, Jennie, is aware of the situation.

New Business:

- Florida Humanities Speakers Series: KC distributed a hand-out with a list of potential speakers. This is a grant-funded opportunity/matching-grant funding. There is a wide variety of topics; speakers could be scheduled once a week during the month of February, 2019, perhaps on a Monday in the early evening. There may be some costs involved, but it is a very cultural opportunity and partnering with other similar groups (Frank Starkey has talks on Mondays nights) would help keep the costs down and assist in cross-promoting. The CAC voted unanimously in favor of doing this.
- It was brought up a few times during the meeting about where the CAC is with this year's budget and what they will have for next fiscal year.
- Elaine explained that the CAC is only required to meet 4xs per year (every 90 days) and only 4 members are needed to make a quorum. Some members that are teachers go out of town during the summer. The CAC usually reviews event applications in June. The City Manager has changed the deadline to September 1st. If a member misses two meetings without calling, they will lose their active membership on the Committee. The summer meeting dates for CAC will be June 18th and July 16th.
- Rich will go to the City Council meeting to give the CAC Annual Report. Elaine needs a written report to submit. Rich wants everyone to make a list of accomplishments and goals for the CAC and email them to Donna or KC. Some would like to see the purpose of the CAC and the funding more clearly defined.

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- Discussion regarding the sign for the Art Guild, the Public Art Fund, funding for Theatre activities, and a summary of tonight's meeting was held. Everyone is in favor of having an active CAC. Everyone was reminded to send their list of accomplishments and goals individually and not to the entire group.
- The meeting adjourned at 8pm.
- The next CAC Meeting will be held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina DiGregorio, Secretary