

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

June 18, 2018

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 6:30p.m. Chairman Richard Melton and Board Members Deryl Burney, Lisa Doley, Ruth Ann Jackson and Kaitlin Connolly were present. Guest Jennifer Pearl attended. City staff representatives Elaine Smith and KC Quaretti were in attendance.

The meeting Minutes presented from the May 21, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- Accomplishments & Goals are due to Elaine by July 1, 2018. Rich will present the Annual Report of the CAC to City Council on July 17, 2018.
- CAC & Art Fund Budget – The CAC Current Budget has \$6,800 remaining from the original budget amount of \$20,000. The FY 18/19 Budget has not been determined.
- The Art Fund has \$10,000.
- Designated CAC Representatives to work with City Staff are as follows:
 - Wine Walk (Need Written Proposal) – Gina and Cynthia
 - Art in the Park Sculpture Walk (October 2018) – Ruth Ann
 - Speakers Series, “Eye on Florida” (February 2018) – Kaitlin & Kelly
 - Children’s Art Show (December 2018) – Lisa & Deryl
 - Children’s Museum – Rich
- The suggestion was made that the CAC take a field trip to visit an Art Sculpture Walk and a Children’s Museum to gain ideas from other cities. Date and location to be determined. Lakeland was recommended because it has an art walk and children’s museum.
- Frank Starkey was contacted about the Speakers Series we are planning for February at the Recreation & Aquatic Center so to not be in conflict with his Monday talks. Frank is fully supportive of the February Speakers Series and will assist with our promotions.
- Ordinance One Event/Contest – they need to submit a written proposal with estimated budget to KC. If it meets the CAC funding criteria, the proposal will be brought before the CAC to make a recommendation.
- City-Wide Event In-Kind Funding Recommendations. The CAC no longer makes recommendations for City-Wide Special Event Funding. This is handled through the City Manager’s Office. Funding levels have been approved for the FY 18/19 Budget.

VOX POP:

- Jennifer Pearl spoke to the CAC and said that she is no longer with the City of Clearwater. She is interested in conducting a Pop-Up Art Gallery in downtown New Port Richey with Wine, Food and Live Music. Jennifer also stated that she wants to paint the water park/splash pad in Sims Park on the surface and the adjacent wall to tie in the fish design from the crosswalk. She was instructed to submit a written proposal to KC detailing her plan and budget for both the Pop-Up Art Gallery and the Splash Pad Painting Project. Jennifer is interested in conducting an Art Throw Down in Sims Park and will submit a proposal to KC. She offered to teach Children's Art Classes at the Recreation Center and we will have a staff member contact her.
- The next meeting will be held in Sims Park, meet on the stage, on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 6:30p.m. The purpose of the meeting location is so the committee can make recommendations for the location of the sculptures for the Art Walk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina DiGregorio, Secretary

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