

# Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

September 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 6:30pm on September 19, 2018. Board Members Chairman Richard Melton, Kelly Smallwood, Gina DiGregorio, Ruth Ann Jackson, guest Bob Smallwood and staff liaison KC Quaretti were in attendance.

The Minutes presented from the August 20, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- March Art in the Park – KC has not yet been able to meet with the event organizer from Howard Allen Events. They are planning to meet next week. Discussion amongst the CAC about possibly having the event coincide with other Park activities during December or January ensued.
- Updates from Subcommittees:
- Wine Walk – Comments were presented at the beginning of the meeting that there will be a Wine Walk in Tarpon Springs this coming weekend if anyone is interested.
- Sculpture Walk – Kelly and Ruth Ann met and are revising the Artist Application. A question came up about liability insurance and what/who it covers. There was some discussion about the 2018-2019 Fiscal Budget and when it would be approved by City Council.
- Winter Art Show – Rich emphasized that he wants to be updated with how things are progressing with planning and organizing the event. The Recreation Center staff is reaching out to the school choral groups/teachers to schedule them. Rich and Ruth Ann want to be notified if any Art teachers/students need canvases or any other supplies for their art work. The CAC will judge the art work and award the ribbons. (The Recreation department will purchase/provide the ribbons.) Rich inquired if the winning art work could be hung in the ramp hallway at the RAC. KC said she would ask Elaine.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Two Openings on CAC – Deryl has resigned – A quorum is always needed at the meetings. The CAC asked KC if she could make an announcement on Facebook. They would like to have members that are culturally diverse; such as an Art Teacher, a Music Teacher,

someone in Theatre, etc. They must live within or have a business in the corporate City limits.

- New Items for Discussion – Short & Long Term Objectives:
- 1. Sculpture Walk (as discussed)
- 2. 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays or 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays (bring those back) (Rich asked Donna to email the list of accomplishments and goals from past meetings to everyone to review)
- 3. Sip N' Shop – (as previously discussed – Arts & Craft vendors in downtown)
- 4. Mr. Sims with a Top Hat on a Park Bench for photo ops. (There was some discussion of ideas around this about what type of materials would be used, if it would be moved around the Park, and that a placard would need to be made explaining the character. Rich said he would price it out, including the cost of the placard. A suggestion was made that the West Pasco Historical Society be contacted.
- 5. Future Goals – There were more ideas exchanged regarding participation in the National Drive Electric Week next year, and being involved in more perma-culture projects in the City; such as, Community Gardens (working with Environmental Committee). The CAC voted unanimously that they want to do the latter.
- 6. Hands-On Museum – There was further discussion about the possibility of having a Children's Museum and possible locations for it. Rich would like the CAC to bring ideas about this to the next meeting.

#### VOX POP:

- Bob stated that the businesses in downtown want bicycle racks. Tarpon Springs did this last year. Artists design them; the cost is around \$3,000 per rack. Bob stated that he will put a committee together for this project. Rich said he wanted a copy of what Tarpon Springs did to be put on the Agenda for the next CAC meeting.
- The next meeting will be held in the Recreation and Aquatic Center on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina DiGregorio

Secretary

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