

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

December 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was called to order at the New Port Richey Recreation & Aquatic Center at 6:35pm on December 19, 2018. Board Members Richard Melton, Kelly Smallwood, Kaitlin Connolly, Ruth Ann Jackson, and staff liaison KC Quaretti were in attendance. Bob Smallwood attended as a guest.

The Minutes presented from the November 14 & 27, 2018 meetings were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Follow up with Sub Committees on Upcoming Events:
- Florida Humanities Speaker Series: (Kaitlin) The revised proof of the brochure has been given to KC for review and production.
- Winter Art Show: Some of the art work was amazing; there were wonderful reviews by those who attended. The Mayor and CAC did a great job judging and the parents were very happy. There was a little too long of a time gap between choral groups. It went well moving it inside.
- Bike Racks: (Bob) He has a group together that is working on this project. Ordinance 1 wants to have one; a metal fabricator can create the sculptures/racks; a bicycle shop owner is in the group; a survey was done in the past that showed there is a need/desire to have bike racks downtown. We want to invite artists to submit designs. After meeting with the group, met with the City regarding ordinances, clearances, etc. (If too close to road, view blocked, car doors hit them when parked, etc.) *(There was discussion about the pros and cons of various locations. Also, consideration of the City paying for bicycle racks in front of businesses.) Bob needs to bring a completed/finished proposal packet (including a theme) to the CAC so that they can vote on it. As already decided in a past CAC meeting, there will be \$3,000 set aside from the budget to use for this project.
- Smithsonian Museum Traveling Exhibit: (KC) This exhibit is coming to the City of NPR (one of only 8 cities in the US). The theme of the exhibit is "How Sports Affect Our Lives" and will be open for 6 weeks (mid-March through April) at the old incubator building. There will be talks and tours; local Athletes and those who have made a difference through Sports will Speak, local Schools will be invited to take a field trip there, Volunteers will be needed for tours, etc.; the CAC is part of this project. Also, there will be an Opening

Reception and the RAC will do a Sports Theme during Summer Camp. CAC Members are encouraged to seek out motivational speakers that they may know. There will be no fees to come to the exhibit.

- Sculpture Walk packet: The Application and packet have been submitted to the C.M.
- 5 Year Plan: – There will be an extension of everything that is currently being worked on; Sculpture Walk, Mr. Sims on a Park Bench (photo ops), Bike Racks, etc. We want to develop working relationships with people and places through networking and other means; Artists, Theatre, Music, Technology; bring an Art Program to the City; find similar organizations and look at their 5-year plan. We would also like to put more Murals on buildings downtown; do Art, Song, and Video contests; do different types of art to encourage Cultural Activities in NPR. Everyone should bring their ideas to the next meeting; we would like to wrap up the plan in the next 3 months.
- Holiday Decorating Contest: 1st Place goes to Dream Bubbles, 2nd Place tie to Job Connections Development & Sip. We would like to present them with a fake check and then the real one will be given to them later.

NEW BUSINESS: There is no New Business on the Agenda.

VOX POP:

- The Bridge is getting cleaned up, coffins removed, and Gazebos removed (present goals already in place).
- The next meeting will be held in the Recreation and Aquatic Center on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:30pm.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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