

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

July 17, 2019

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was called to order at the New Port Richey Recreation & Aquatic Center at 6:35pm on Wednesday, July 17, 2019. Board Members Richard Melton, Gina DiGregorio, Cynthia Contreras, Lisa Dolcy and staff liaisons Chris Bornfleth and Elaine Smith were in attendance. Potential Member Anna Mae McNally, Glen Cort, and Liz Misemer (VP MS) attended as guests.

VOX POP:

- No Items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- The Minutes from the June 19 meeting were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Florida Orchestra – follow-up ticket distribution – The recommendation from the CAC was discussed with the CM; the Recreation department will create a ticket and market and promote. Tickets will be offered to the City Council and CAC and distributed on a first-come first-served basis to simplify distribution. (Liz would like to share in promoting.)
- Holiday Window Decorating Contests (2019) – Tabled until next meeting that Ruth Ann is in attendance.
- Photo Contest – Hacienda Grand Opening – Rich moved that this be discussed at a later date; and he would like to speak with Mr. Gunderson and also find out if Main Street is planning anything with the Hacienda Grand Re-opening in April, 2020.
- Christmas Tree Update – Cynthia and Liz have been brainstorming ideas to raise money for the project. More research into options and costs must be done. The project will be planned for December, 2020; not this year.
- Grant Information (copies distributed) – The CAC is to review the distribution of Grant Opportunities that may be used for future CAC projects such as the Children’s Museum and be prepared to discuss and make a recommendation at the next meeting in August,

2019. The Recreation department can assist with the application process, but it is not a function of the CAC to direct the City staff; the CAC is to create applications, etc. It would probably be better to use an existing building for the Children's Museum. Building one would take longer. The Library can help (they put the hand-out together); they will have another employee working on this over this weekend. *(Donna can send it out to the CAC to review before the next meeting.) The CAC can apply for different grants, the Library will apply for some, and the Parks & Recreation department will apply for some. The Parks & Recreation department will assist the CAC with some of the information they may need. The grants are from the Florida Cultural Humanities.

- Annual Report – July 16th City Council Meeting – Rich did not present the report; it will be put on the August 6th Agenda (Elaine has the report).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Guest – Joan Hepsworth – Requesting \$500 for Funding a Special Event – The guest will be at the next meeting in August; the location for the film and other details have to be finalized before presenting to the committee the request for funding. It's a documentary film; the Professor will have his book and do a Q & A – this will be a cultural experience.
- Recap – for next month, we will talk about funding for Pasco Pride, Grants (and make a recommendation), the CM wants CAC recommendations for In-kind support levels of events (Applications), potential new CAC member(s), and the August 6th City Council Agenda for the CAC report that Rich will present.
- Liz said that MS is doing a Call for Artists for the Bike Rack design and fabrication. The former artist moved before the design was modified and completed. Metal fabrications by local artists (dimensions included), tax exempt, deadline to MS is August 9th. Jenny Pearl assisted with the application. (CAC previously approved \$3000 for the Bike Rack.)
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina DiGregorio, Secretary