

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

September 18, 2019

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was called to order at the New Port Richey Recreation & Aquatic Center at 6:30pm on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. Board Members Richard Melton, Kelly Smallwood, Gina DiGregorio, Lisa Marie Dolcy, Cynthia Contreras, Anna Mae McNally, and staff liaisons Chris Bornfleth and Elaine Smith were in attendance. Charles Rudd (Economic Development), Charles Zidar, and Victoria Anderson (New Port Richey Library) attended as guests.

VOX POP:

- No Items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- The Minutes from the August 21, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Welcome New CAC Member – Anna Mae McNally (Shirts for CAC members to wear at events will be ordered.) All in attendance introduced themselves.
- Requesting a City Council Work Session – Proposal and Agenda of related items to discuss (This was discussed later in the meeting.)
- Pasco Pride – CAC Recommendation for Funding was approved – except for the \$500 to pay the Theatre.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Guest – Friends of the Library/Art on the Move Collection; Opening on September 26th, 2019 - Library members may check out Art pieces with their Library Card. All CAC members are invited to the Opening on September 26, from 5:30-6:30pm. There will be live music, hors d'oeuvres, and someone will talk about painting classes that are offered. There will be about 25-30 pieces for the 1st collection. (Invitations were distributed.)

- Volunteers from CAC for December 21st Event – A question about the funding for the Florida Orchestra was asked. Originally it was estimated to be around \$12,000, but now it is estimated to be around \$10,070. A draft of the Magical Musical Holiday Event on December 21st was passed around. Volunteers will be needed to host the Florida Orchestra at the Community Congregational Church, set up and move chairs for the overflow seating, assist with hanging the student artwork, and assist at the Gazebo. Parks & Recreation staff will be working at Sims, helping with Santa and giveaways, the sound system at Railroad Square, and the concert in the evening. The Historical Society Museum Gift Shop will be open, as well. Cynthia and Kelly said they would like to volunteer to assist at the Church (will have to be there by 10am – doors close at 2pm). Rich said he would help with the Big Band and also assist with hanging the student artwork (begins at 10am). Recreation staff helps before and after the event and the concert with set-up and clean-up. Marketing and ticket distribution will be handled by the Recreation Department.
- Charles Zidar spoke about a museum collection that he had in South Florida and it is now in a storage warehouse. He said the collection is so large that it would easily fill two museums. A few display cases with artifacts were passed around. He also showed everyone a dinosaur egg that has been X-rayed to reveal a baby inside. He has a business that offers a 4-D Dinosaur Experience, which could incorporate multiple senses, and enable a person to have an inter-active experience by putting a 3-D or 4-D hologram in front of the person. He shared many ideas for having a Museum in downtown New Port Richey.

Old Business Items:

Requesting a City Council Work Session – Proposal and Agenda of related items to discuss – Elaine has discussed with the City Manager and the City Manager needs a proposed Agenda of talking points before setting up a work session with City Council.

Sculpture Walk – This will be on the October 1st City Council Agenda. If it is approved, the call to artists can go out. Volunteers will need to go through the art work submissions, etc. The dates on the application were changed from 18 months to 12 months. The pedestals will be funded through the Public Art Fund.

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina DiGregorio, Secretary