

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

October 16, 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, October 16, 2019. Board Members Chairman Richard Melton, Gina DiGregorio, Lisa Marie Dolcy, Cynthia Contreras, Anna Mae McNally, Ruth Ann Jackson, and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance. Bonnie (Friends of the Library) and Jessica (New Port Richey Children's Library), Liz Misemer (Main Street), and Jeffrey DeSantis attended as guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- The Minutes from the September 18, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

VOX POP:

- Storybook Walk – This Educational & Cultural Family Program will be put in the Grey Preserve. (A hand-out was distributed.) The Ribbon-Cutting will be held on March 7th. There will be a total of 16 posts on which will be placed a page from a story book. (A book will be taken apart to create the walk.) The Library has a sponsor for each of 12 posts, so far and is looking for sponsors for the remaining 4 posts at \$200/post. The posts have to be stabilized, and resistant to weather and vandalism. The Library is not asking for funding from the CAC, just assistance in getting the word out to potential sponsors and the public.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sculpture Walk – Call for Artists – City Council has approved the Sculpture Walk and Call to Artists application. (Application distributed) The slabs for the sculpture bases will be poured after the artists have responded. Public Works will assist the artists with their sculpture installation to be sure it is done safely. The plan is for the sculptures to be installed in March, 2020; with a Call to Artists every 6 months, in keeping with the 12-month cycle. (There was discussion about the timeline being changed from 18 months to 12 months and concerns that the Call to Artists would have to go out every 6 months. Some of the CAC members thought that the Parks and Recreation Department was going

to handle that.) Elaine explained that the dates can be changed on the Sculpture Walk application as long as everything is done within this Fiscal year (before September 30). Judy will be asked to put the Call to Artists on the City Facebook page. The application will be revised to include the size of the bases on which to place the sculptures and then emailed to all CAC members.

- Magical Musical Holiday – CAC Assignments – A list of duties and where volunteers are still needed was distributed to everyone present. CAC members stated where they would like to volunteer and Elaine updated the list. (There was discussion about the budget for the 12/21/19 event and concerns about how much money was left in the CAC budget for the remainder of the 2019-2020 Fiscal year. Elaine had reviewed a detailed list of expenditures for the December 21st Magical Musical Christmas Event and passed around the Event Brochure at the CAC meeting in September. She went over the CAC expenditures again at this meeting for the event and also detailed the portion that will be funded from the Recreation Division Budget. There was more discussion about the possibility of the CAC being unable to financially assist with similar events this year as compared to last year; such as the Loquat Festival, Pasco Pride, etc. Elaine explained that the City Manager is very happy that the CAC is using the funds for Cultural events and more funds could be requested, if necessary.)
- Art on the Move Opening (Library) – Kelly and Anna Mae were able to attend. Rich extended his appreciation for their support. Anyone can check out a piece of Art with their Library Card for a period of three months and then return/exchange it. This is the first program of its kind in the U.S.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Art Mural – (Jennie Pearl is not present) Liz from Main Street said she didn't realize that Jennie was supposed to send the proposal for a proposed Mural at Fitzgerald's to Elaine (per the City Manager). This was tabled until the November meeting.
- Holiday Window Decorating – Main Street is taking the lead on this project, but the CAC wants to fund the prize \$. The contest and voting will be from November 30 through December 21st, (people can vote 1 time and not every day) with the prize \$ awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners by Main Street on December 23rd. The CAC then voted unanimously to recommend funding the prize money (\$250, \$150, \$100) for the Window Decorating Contest this year; totaling \$500.
- Liz from Main Street gave an up-date on the Bicycle Rack project, and also the Wine Stroll event on November 14th. Elaine said she appreciated knowing about the event. Liz would like the CAC to help Market the event.

- The CAC asked Liz if she would help Market the Call for Artists. (Donna will send her a digital version of the Sculpture Walk application.)
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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(for Gina DiGregorio, Secretary)

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