

## **Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting**

January 15, 2020

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, January 15, 2020. Board Members Chairman Richard Melton, Lisa Marie Dolcy, Anna Mae McNally, Kelly Smallwood, Ruth Ann Jackson, and staff liaisons Elaine Smith and Chris Bornfleth were in attendance. Bryan Cartwright, Glenna Sumrall, and Dell DeChant attended as guests.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Funding Request for \$2,000 for Loquat Festival – Dell DeChant presented the request for funding for the upcoming Loquat Festival. He summarized the event and explained some of the history for the newer CAC members. Some of the CAC members asked questions regarding funding for the event. A motion was made to recommend \$1,000 from the CAC. A second to the motion was made. A vote was taken and not passed. After further discussion, a motion was made to recommend \$1,500 from the CAC. A second to the motion was made and the CAC voted unanimously to recommend granting the funding request for \$1,500 from the CAC. (Elaine will email Judy for the February Council Meeting Agenda, if the CM approves.) Dell thanked the CAC for their support.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Magical Musical Christmas Event – Thank you for your volunteer service at the event. The Mayor was very happy with the event and thought it was great.
- Sculpture Walk – Submission Up-date – There has been one submission. The picture of the one submission was distributed to all CAC members present. The deadline for submissions is February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. There was some discussion about how to get the word out to more artists. Rich said he would draft a letter to send out to ask for assistance from places that have sculptures in their Parks. The letter will be emailed to all CAC members and they can comment/add to/change/etc. After that, a final draft of the letter will be done so it can be sent out, along with a copy of the “Call to Artists” application.

- A copy of the CAC Budget was distributed for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year (and explained). Kelly commented that she would like to see a copy of the budget at every CAC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Funding Request for Valentine’s Day Window Decorating Contest (Main Street) – Liz Misemer was not present at the meeting, but had suggested sponsorships and different amounts for prizes at the last meeting. The CAC recommended that \$200 be given to help with the funding for the Valentine’s Day Window Decorating Contest. (Elaine said that she would email Liz and Judy (City Clerk) for the February 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Agenda, if the CM approves.
- The next CAC meeting will be held at Peace Hall, as the RAC will not be available due to the Quilt Show. (Elaine asked Donna to send information about the Quilt Show to the CAC.)

VOX POP:

Lisa and Ruth Ann – CAC terms expire in March, 2020. They need to re-apply with the City Clerk.

Glena asked about the proposed Mural at Fitzgeralds. Other CAC members explained to her about it. Also, one of the murals downtown has been removed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Donna Hallmark,*

*Recreation Administrative Assistant*

(for Gina DiGregorio, Secretary)