

## Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

February 19, 2020

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was called to order at Peace Hall in downtown NPR at 6:30pm on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Board Members Chairman Richard Melton, Glenna Sumrall, Anna Mae McNally, Kelly Smallwood, Ruth Ann Jackson, Gina DeGregorio, Bryan Cartwright (via video chat), and staff liaison Chris Bornfleth were in attendance. Wendy Longman, Jill De Waele, and Jeffrey DeSantis attended as guests.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- The Minutes from the January 15, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

### VOX POP:

- Richard proposed a new idea for the Sculpture Walk project (distribution of historical biography of artist Marc Gerard De Waele). Richard shows examples of artist' sculptures on-line. Guest Wendy Longman was introduced and explained that she personally knew Marc, meeting him when he first moved here from Belgium. She said he loved the City of New Port Richey and that it would be a "Dream Come True" to his family to have some of his sculptures displayed in the City. Richard hopes that by so doing, this would bring National Recognition to the City, as well as other potential artists moving forward. The CAC then voted unanimously to recommend using 8 of Marc's sculptures for the Sculpture Walk, and paying (one person/Jill De Waele) the same funding/stipend that was originally approved to give for each of the 8 approved sculptures. A new "Call to Artists" would go out for the next round of Sculptures before the end of the 18 months of the exhibit. Jill and Wendy thanked the CAC.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Sculpture Walk – Letter for Call to Artists – The subject has been tabled.
- Funding Recommendations/Approved by City Council/February 4<sup>th</sup> – A question was asked if Main Street received the \$200 approved for the Valentine's Day Window Decorating Contest. (Chris said he would follow up.)

- Work Session/Hands-on Museum/March 3<sup>rd</sup> (5pm) – The CAC was encouraged to attend the Work Session and to voice their comments and concerns. A location for the Museum in downtown NPR needs to be determined. (Charles Zyder will be in attendance.)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Welcome New Members/Approved January 21<sup>st</sup> (Bryan and Glenna)
- Applications for Term Renewals (Ruth Ann & Lisa) – Have the applications been received? (Chris will follow up.)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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(for Gina DiGregorio, Secretary)

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