

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

July 15, 2020

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was held at Peace Hall and called to order at 6:30pm on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Board Members Chairman Richard Melton, Bryan Cartwright, Anna Mae McNally, and staff liaison Chris Bornfleth were in attendance. Kelly Smallwood, Lisa Dolcy, and Glenna Sumrall attended virtually. Glen Cort and Charles Rudd attended as guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- The Minutes from the June 17, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Charles Rudd, Main Street Update – (New Business item addressed first, in order to accommodate guest, Charles Rudd.) The CAC wants to know how Main Street and the CAC can work together on similar and different projects. Mr. Rudd explained that Main Street looks at 4 areas in the City: physical, economic, image, and organizational impact to the community. MS wants to help re-vitalize downtown by building business relationships with the downtown merchants. MS and CAC worked together on the Window Decorating Contest in December, which was very successful. (Q & A discussion continued between Mr. Rudd and CAC members.)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Select (5) Sculptures for Sculpture Walk – After some discussion, Rich asked to CAC members to pick 3 they don't want and 5 they do want and send these to Donna. Safety and durability, look and style, are the things to consider when choosing the ones to be re-proposed to City Council. The CAC members want to know what City Council wants, as what is "Art" is very subjective.
- Rich stated that he has the Fire Hydrant Bike Rack Design.
- CAC Member Goals – Glen stated that he wants to join the CAC in order to get things done. Bryan wants to be involved and make a difference in the community. Anna Mae stated that she is prepared to do the work and follow through on projects to get them

done. Kelly wants people to want to come to New Port Richey by having more Art & Culture in the downtown, similar to what is in Safety Harbor and Dunedin. Lisa got involved as an educator because she feels that Art & Culture elevate the quality of life for those in the community. Glena wants to make the downtown area prettier and have more family-friendly activities downtown (i.e. music on the street, events like downtown Halloween for the children, etc.)

- Rich would like CAC members to consider Murals they would like to see downtown so they can be discussed at the next meeting. He proposed the possibility of forming a sub-committee in order to make this happen. Kelly expressed interest in doing this.
- Kelly asked about what was going on with the Crosswalk at Sims Park, as it has now been destroyed during the parking lot construction/renovations. Rich said we will follow through and it will be discussed at the next CAC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Vote for new Secretary – Anna Mae volunteered to replace Gina as Secretary for the CAC. Everyone unanimously voted to have her in the “office”.
- CAC Annual Report to City Council – July 21st – The Annual Report has already been submitted, but notes can be sent to Donna, and she will forward them to Rich.
- Kelly asked about the CAC budget and spending for the fiscal year. Donna gave the report to Rich, who then read the bottom line of balance left in the CAC budget. Kelly would like the budget report to be read at every CAC meeting and everyone voted unanimously that they want this to be done.

VOX POP:

Reminder to bring ideas of Murals for downtown to next meeting.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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