

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

September 16, 2020

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center and called to order at 6:30pm on Wednesday, September 16, 2020. Board Members Kelly Smallwood, Bryan Cartwright, Anna Mae McNally, Ruth Ann Jackson, Chairman Richard Melton, and staff liaison Chris Bornfleth were in attendance. Glenna Sumrall attended virtually. Amy Finotti-Marin (NPR Main Street) attended as a guest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- August 19, 2020 – The Minutes were unanimously approved.

VOX POP:

- Amy Finotti-Marin (NPR Main Street) is the new Executive Director for Main Street. She will work with the downtown businesses, and some projects with the CAC; such as the Holiday Window Decorating contests. She is working to get some incomplete projects done, and has a few new ones planned. Some events have been cancelled and/or postponed due to the pandemic and may need to be pushed out to 2022. She would like to have a liaison between Main Street and the CAC. If anyone wants to do that, please let her know. The unfinished Bicycle Rack project in front of Ordinance One was discussed. The CAC and Main Street are both willing to get this done.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Proposed Bicycle Rack for Ordinance One – Select a Design & Vote – There was discussion about the design and possible solutions. Rich, Bryan, and Ruth Ann will be seeking out a suitable fire hydrant for the project. Further discussion regarding the project will be done at the next meeting.
- Pictures of Murals – Kelly (handout of mural pictures was distributed) – Rich knows an artist that is willing and able to do murals around the City for \$1,500.00 each. The CAC needs to decide how many are desired, and identify which businesses would like to have an outside mural, and what mural does the business want? (There would need to be a written contract with the artist, and also a contract with the business that they would not paint over the mural within the first 5 years, or something like that.) There was discussion

and suggestions about Main Street identifying the businesses, and the CAC getting the artists, assisting with financial support, and making the needed recommendations for the murals. There was some Q & A discussion about funds left in the 2019-2020 budget. More research will need to be done before the CAC is ready to make a recommendation for the murals.

- Sculpture Walk – Call for Artists – There was discussion about the Sculpture Walk project and what to do moving forward. Amy said that she would be willing to assist in the call for artists and wants to know more about it. Chris said he would send Amy an application, which explains most of the Sculpture Walk. Amy said that one of the things Main Street would like to do is an “Art in the Air” project using banners, and gave more explanation as to what that would entail.
- In Summary – Topics for the next meeting include the murals project; inviting the artist to the meeting so everyone can meet him & bringing a list of businesses that want a mural. There was further discussion about where murals could be best viewed. There was a question about possibly painting a mural on the overlook at the Main St. Bridge. Chris said he could ask about that. Ruth Ann said she has a friend that can get a fire hydrant for the Bicycle Rack project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No Events through November 30, 2020

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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