

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

February 17, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 6:30pm on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Board Members Kelly Smallwood, Ruth Ann Jackson, Anna Mae McNally, Chairman Richard Melton, and staff liaison Kevin Adams were in attendance. Member Glenna Sumrall attended the meeting virtually. George Romagnoli, Terry & Charles Zidar, and Councilman Mike Peters attended as guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- January 20, 2021 – The Minutes were unanimously approved.

VOX POP:

- Terry & Charles Zidar presented an update on the Museum at the Wyndall Krynns HS. Volunteers have been assisting with unpacking and setting up some of the exhibits. Tours are being conducted on Sundays 10am-2pm, to which everyone is invited. The CAC thanked Terry & Charles for their hard work in providing the artifacts and creating the museum for the benefit of students and others in the community.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Murals – Ordinance revisions discussion – The changes discussed at the last meeting were unanimously approved to be brought before the CM for review. Mike Peters commented that better cultural experiences will help bring visitors and help get rid of blight.
- Bicycle Rack Project – Update – The Fire Hydrant design and proposal has been approved. The artist has been contacted and is now currently working on the project.
- It was suggested that CAC projects within the City could have a QR Code and/or Geo-Tagging in order to provide a better cultural experience for those visiting downtown.
- Other – Chasco Organizers are having a Car Show downtown on May 26, 2021. There will be no parade, but floats may be decorated and displayed in yards as an alternative.

- New Potential CAC Member - George Romagnoli is interested in joining the CAC. He shared some of his background and said he is looking forward to assisting in whatever way he can.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Investigation Station – Geological Timeline – Lisa Campos and Mike Hickey have an organization that would like to create an exhibit along the Cotee River front with a dozen stopping points showing the geological development of Florida and its inhabitants' natural evolution across the ages. The geo-app costs about \$15K-20K. They are looking for help with designing the exhibit in terms of structure and content; both the physical on-site exhibit, and the geo-app exhibit. Is the CAC interested in having them come do a presentation about the project? The CAC expressed interest in hearing their idea. They also want to get more information on what this group has done elsewhere. They would like to see some of the history of NPR incorporated into the exhibit, if possible. Perhaps Bob Langford (from the Historical Society), could be invited to that meeting.

The meeting ended at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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