

## **Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting**

July 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 6:30pm on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Board Members Kelly Smallwood, Anna Mae McNally, Glenna Sumrall, George Romagnoli, Chairman Richard Melton, and staff liaison Kevin Adams were in attendance. New Richey Suncoast Theater Director, Jillian Michaels attended as a guest.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- June 16, 2021 – The Minutes were unanimously approved pending a small correction.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Welcome new CAC member George Romagnoli.
- Budget 2020-2021 (distributed)
- CAC Membership Drive – 4 more members need to be added to the CAC. Ask friends and family members. They may contact Judy Meyers for an application, or go on-line to download a copy.
- Art Mural Ordinance Update – The Ordinance has been updated and will go before the LDR Board for approval soon. The CAC reviewed the proposed ordinance changes line-by-line. They recommended unanimously to approve the ordinance, as presented.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- New Richey Suncoast Theater Director – Jillian Michaels introduced herself. She explained that she has a background in Business and experience working in theaters. She wants to get sponsors and grants to help fund the restructuring of the physical building. She is working towards having the Theater open more, with more activities, so the public can enjoy it more. (There was further discussion regarding current activities, and future plans for the Theater.) Kevin and Jillian are going to communicate more by email.
- Sculpture Walk – 2021/2022 – Kelly suggested that maybe it would be better to get one sculpture and have it put in the park to be used as a photo-op. After the Art Mural Ordinance is modified, the CAC would like to see more murals around the City that may

also be utilized for photo-ops. It was suggested that the back wall of the Sims Park Amphitheater have an art mural painted on it. The CAC wants assistance from City staff to work with colleges and others to get sculptures and to help with getting grants.

VOX POP:

Jay MacDonald sent an email to Kevin that there will be an event at Ordinance One on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 which will include music, art, and a Battle of the Bands. He is looking for support and would like to attend an upcoming CAC meeting. He will be invited to attend the August CAC meeting.

The meeting ended at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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