

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

August 18, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 6:30pm on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Board Members Kelly Smallwood, Anna Mae McNally, Glenna Sumrall, and Chairman Richard Melton, attended the meeting virtually. Staff liaison Kevin Adams and CAC member, George Romagnoli, attended in person. Monufest organizers Jay MacDonald and his business partner, Louis Cyper, attended as a guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- July 21, 2021 – The Minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Budget 2020-2021 – There have been no changes since the last time it was reviewed by the CAC. (There is \$17, 500 left in the funds budgeted for the CAC.)
- Rich – Term Renewal Approved – Rich has been approved to continue to serve on the CAC for two more years.
- Mural Ordinance to LDR Board on Thursday, August 19th, 2021 – The Mural Ordinance, with the proposed changes, will be reviewed by the LDR Board tomorrow at 2pm. If approved, it is scheduled to go before City Council for a 1st Reading on September 7th, 2021. CAC Members are encouraged to attend the September 7th City Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Monufest – October 23rd, 2021 (Jay MacDonald) – Jay and Louis are planning an event named Monufest with 10 bands, and 2 stages at Ordinance One on October 23rd, 2021. They are also planning to have a Battle of the Bands event at Richey Suncoast Theater on October 2nd, 2021. Both events are to bring people from all over into the City of New Port Richey. Artists will be doing art work to be used as a background for the flyers, as well as, provide art for the auction at the Monufest event. Proceeds/Donations will be given to support Cindy's Pets and Mullins Music. (Monufest brochure was distributed) We are asking the CAC for funding (\$5,000) to help off-set the costs with having the event. (Sound & Lighting, pay all of the Bands, etc) Ordinance One may not be large enough to

accommodate the large crowd that is now expected to attend. (They have a 150 person capacity.) They may want to add additional stages at RR Square, and at Cavalier Square. If the event is held outside, it helps with keeping people spread out (in consideration of Covid-19 Pandemic). The CAC voted unanimously to recommend giving the \$5,000 requested for Monufest. Kevin directed the organizers to submit an event application to Event Coordinator, Matt Roza.

- Anna Mae – Term Renewal Application – Anna Mae has been approved to continue to serve on the CAC for 2 more years.

VOX POP:

George mentioned that he would like the Vox Pop to be at the beginning of the meeting, instead of at the end, in order for guests to have the option to leave after their presentation. The CAC voted unanimously to put the Vox Pop at the beginning of the Agenda.

The CAC then discussed the possibility of using the remainder of the funds left in the CAC 20/21 budget for Mural projects. There was further discussion of bringing their ideas on where to put Art Murals to the next meeting. The CAC voted unanimously to recommend that funds leftover in 2020-2021 CAC Budget get rolled over for use in fiscal year 2021-2022 (for Art Murals).

The meeting ended at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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