

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

October 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 6:30pm on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Board Members Anna Mae McNally, George Romagnoli, Glenna Sumrall, Chairman Richard Melton, and staff liaison Kevin Adams were in attendance. Potential new CAC member John Torrisi and Councilman Chopper Davis attended as guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- September 15, 2021 – The Minutes were unanimously approved.

VOX POP:

- We want to attend the Work Session regarding the Mural Ordinance on November 16th, 2021.
- John Torrisi is considering joining the CAC.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2021-2022 Budget – The CAC is to utilize the funds allocated by the month of August each fiscal year. There are many facets of Culture (Music, Art, Dance, Theatre, etc.), and the funds should be spread amongst them. We need to come up with a plan; find out what the residents want. (There was discussion and exchange of ideas; A Bronze sculpture of Mr. Simms on a Park Bench, painting of homes in the City, Performance by the Florida Orchestra, Art Shows, Music downtown one evening/day every other week, maybe get NPR Main Street involved.) *George said he would propose a written monthly event.
- Review Mural Ordinance - The proposed Mural Ordinance changes went before the LDRB and they changed it before it went before the City Council. Proposed changes are for the application/appeals process vs. the Mural Ordinance itself. *(There was much discussion about the Mural Ordinance and the application process. Ideas were exchanged on the application/appeals process and the Ordinance was reviewed by all present.) It was agreed that the proposed application process is, as follows:

1. The proposed Mural goes to the Parks & Recreation Department Director, or designee
2. The CAC reviews the application, artwork, content, etc.
3. If the CAC approves it, the Parks & Recreation Department Director takes it before the City Manager
4. If it is approved, then it can go before City Council for their approval.
5. If it is rejected, there is a specific outline of steps that may be taken in a specific amount of time to appeal and re-submit the application.
6. The language for Notarization needs to be added/put on the form; it currently does not exist
7. A reason should be given if a Mural is rejected

There were notes made on the latest version of the Mural Ordinance. (Donna will re-type all points affected and submit to Kevin.) Everyone can bring this with them to the Work Session on November 16th, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tree Lighting Event on December 3rd, 2021 at Sims Park – The Parks & Recreation Department is putting on the event this year. Many volunteers will be needed to assist with decorating the park the week leading up to the event. Some volunteers will be needed to help run the event, as well. (Rich said he and his wife would like to assist, especially with decorating. George mentioned that he has a Boy Scout Troop that would like to have a station and do an activity at the event. Both would like Donna to send them an email about it.)

The meeting ended at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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