

## **Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting**

January 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 6:30pm on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Board Members Anna Mae McNally, George Romagnoli, Kelly Smallwood, Chairman Richard Melton, and staff liaison Kevin Adams were in attendance. John Torrisi attended as a guest.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

### VOX POP:

- John contacted the person in the building behind Rock Paper Scissors about putting a mural on his building. He wants to put an ice cream cone, but City Council does not want that. He is interested in putting a mural on the wall of the building. Rich said he would contact him about that.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Sculpture Walk – There have been no more submittals. The CAC wants a City staff member to be available to work on the project. Another call to artists needs to be done.
- Murals Outcome – Using the City of Sarasota (they have a new Planning Director that is overseeing their Public Art Master Plan) as a model, Kevin said an RFP will be done to put together a Master Plan for murals in the City of NPR. There was much discussion and exchange of ideas about if an RFP was desirable, and how the CAC would be involved. \*(At the next CAC meeting, they want to discuss what they would like to see in the RFP.) In summary, the CAC has many ideas for murals and would like to simplify the process of having them approved and done. They would like to continue seeking potential locations for murals and be involved in deciding what type of mural will go where.
- Crosswalk – The CAC would like to see some funky crosswalks installed and voted unanimously to create/design one. George mentioned that he would contact Gulf High School to see if there are any students interested in designing art for the City. He was thinking of offering prize money (\$200) to get more interest/participation. He also has a

friend in south Florida that offers some cultural activities and may be interested in bringing that to the City of NPR. The CAC likes the idea of channeling music somehow, into the streets of the downtown area.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CAC Members and Recreation Facebook Page – Arron has been sending out notifications of openings on the CAC and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board on the Recreation Facebook page. A suggestion was made that Tom Diaz could also post something on the City Facebook page. It was also suggested that anyone on the committee could post on their personal Facebook that they were looking for potential CAC members; ask if they know anyone that does murals; ask what cultural events others would like to see; etc.

The meeting ended at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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