

**CULTURAL COUNCIL of VOLUSIA COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**



**November 18, 2011**

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**MEMBERS:**

Jim Ward, Chair  
Ann Brady  
Bob Dahlen  
Bill Dreggors  
Kelly Parsons Kwiatek  
Brad Strickland  
Julia Davidson Truilo  
Sandra Wilson  
John Wilton

**MEETING PLACE:**

Shoestring Theatre  
380 S. Goodwin St., Lake Helen

**STAFF:** Nancy Maddox, Mike Fincher

**GUESTS:** Deborah Allen, Jessi Smith

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** - Chair Jim Ward called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Roll was called. Members Dreggors & Kwiatek were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**MOTION** by Member Dahlen, 2nd by Member Truilo *“To approve the minutes of the May 27, 2011 and September 30, 2011 regular meetings as presented. Motion passed unanimously.”*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ECHO Gallery selection committee activity** – Ms. Maddox reported that the exhibit from the Museum of Arts & Sciences was in place and would be on display through February 2012. She further reported that, based on the survey conducted by staff and the input from the Cultural Council and individual County Council members, the staff is recommending that the ECHO Gallery stay where it is and we find a better way to provide accessibility and promote the exhibits. She advised that a meeting of the Selection Committee would be scheduled for the near future to bring the committee up to date and discuss plans for the next round of exhibits. Chair Ward expressed concern that the Selection Committee had not been as involved in the process as much recently and hoped that they would be kept in the loop more from here out.

**Art in Public Places Inventory and Website program update** – M Fincher reported that most of the county owned public art had now been inventoried and photographed. Staff, along with Community Information personnel is working on developing a website available to the public that would feature the images, descriptions and artists’ information. Most of the text has been completed and turned over to the County webmaster for developing the site. The County is in the process of converting to a new server to host all County web based material and this is going to take several months for the conversion, so it is not known exactly when the Public Art pages can be included but it should be soon.

**Update on the Community Cultural Grant (CCG)** – M. Fincher reported that the first 2010/12 payments have gone out to the organizations that have submitted their invoice and end of year reports. One new organization is receiving funding this year, the Daytona Playhouse. M. Fincher advised that a date was needed for the Council to hold a special meeting in December to discuss proposed changes to the grant for the 2012/13 grant cycle. Consensus was for December 13, 2011. M. Fincher to find a location to meet and notify the members of time and place.

**Loaned art policy workshop** – Dr. Wilton advised that the subcommittee met on November 15 and had created a first draft incorporating parts of policies of other organizations and input from the subcommittee members. Staff will format the document and fill in some of the missing parts and distribute it to all Council members for review prior to the January meeting.

**Other old business** - None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2012** – M. Fincher advised forgot to bring the copies of the schedule but that he would e-mail the members with meeting dates and locations for 2012. The list again alternates between the east and west sides of the county and includes mainly organizations that receive the Community Cultural Grant. The scheduled dates are the last Friday of January, March, May, July, September and November with a Grant Review scheduled for June 8, 2012.

**Goals for 2012** – Chair Ward suggested that members review the 2011 Goals and provide suggested changes. There was much discussion about adding some more specific internal objectives to the future goals.

**Other New Business** – None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/VCCA REPORT**

No one was present to provide a report from the VCCA.

Deborah Allen from MOAS introduced Jessi Jackson Smith who has joined the staff to replace Pattie Pardee.

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Chair Ward adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted - Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator and Recording Secretary.