

CULTURAL COUNCIL of VOLUSIA COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



July 24, 2020

MEETING TIME & PLACE:

9:00 a.m.

County Council Chambers

DeLand, FL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbara Bonarrigo

Lloyd Bowers

Mike Fincher, Chair

Nancy Maddox, Vice Chair

Mike Osowski

George Pappas

Sylvia Sabatini

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tariq Hamid

Tom Laputka

STAFF:

Robert Redd Cultural Coordinator

Dawn Thomas, Activity Project Manager

Rebecca Rau, Administrative Coordinator II

Sebrina Slack, Assistant County Attorney

GUESTS: Members from several organizations applying for funding were in attendance. Sign in sheets on file.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mr. Fincher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken. Introductions were made. Mr. Redd outlined the procedures for the meeting: each organization to have three minutes to provide updates to Council, Mr. Fincher will call for questions/comments from Council in a rotation order, Mr. Fincher will call for scoring. Staff will call Council in a rotation order to voice their scores. Scores are dual recorded both on paper and on an excel spreadsheet visible to the audience and Council. The high and low score are discarded. The remaining five scores are then averaged. A score of 80 is required to be eligible for funding.

Break periods are at the time and discretion of Mr. Fincher, Chair.

Grant Review: Due to COVID-19 concerns, with the approval of Legal staff, applicant organizations were given the option to appear in person or receive a call and have their scoring done over the phone. The Cultural Council heard from each grant applicant in reverse alphabetical order regarding updates since their applications were submitted. Each applicant had the opportunity to answer questions posed by the council members about their applications. At the conclusion of each applicant's review, the council members read aloud their scores, which were recorded by staff on the 2020-2021 Community Cultural Grant Scoresheet form. This form is attached and hereby incorporated into these minutes.

Notations from the review:

Thirty-two organizations applied for funding. There were no new applicants however there were several returning after an absence: Halifax Historical Society, Enterprise Preservation Society, Deland Fall Festival of the Arts, and Daytona Beach Choral Society.

Organizations not applying this year but that did apply last year include STAGE at thank you five and Creative Happiness Institute.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the application of the DeLand Fall Festival of the Arts. DFFA is transitioning from a 501(C)4 to a 501(C)3 organization in order to better allow them to raise funding. All incorporation numbers for the 501(C)4 organization are current and valid. As such, they were ruled eligible to apply for funding. **Motion to allow application:** Ms. Maddox **Second:** Mr. Bowers Motion passed unanimously.

After review it was determined that Ormond Beach Historical Society had included a \$100,000 donation that is to be used for capital projects on the MacDonald House by the City of Ormond Beach in their operating expenses thus overstating their requested grant amount. Their eligible expense line was recalculated with a new grant request amount of \$21,015. **Motion to approve change:** Ms. Maddox **Second:** Mr. Bowers Motion passed unanimously.

Rather than call a special meeting it was suggested that the scores as shown on the screen be accepted as correct. If discrepancies were later found these could be corrected and a revised approval be given. **Motion to accept scores:** Mr. Bowers **Second:** Ms. Maddox Motion passed unanimously.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS: Mr. Fincher thanked the organizations for all they do for their communities, thanked Cultural Council members for their work, and thanked staff for their efforts.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

NEXT MEETING: The next CCVC meeting will take place on Friday, September 25, 2020, 9 a.m. at County Council Chambers in DeLand (this is a change from the prior scheduled location of Gateway Center for the Arts).

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before the Council, Mr. Fincher called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Mr. Bowers **Second:** Mr. Pappas
Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on September 25, 2020 by Robert Redd,
Cultural Coordinator, County of Volusia.