

CULTURAL COUNCIL of VOLUSIA COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



July 26, 2019

MEETING TIME & PLACE:

9:00 a.m.

Ormond Beach Historical Society/Anderson Price Building
Ormond Beach

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbara Bonarrigo

Lloyd Bowers

Mike Fincher, Chair

Nancy Maddox, Vice Chair

Mike Osowski

John Wilton

STAFF:

Robert Redd, Cultural Coordinator

Dawn Thomas, Activity Project Manager

Michael Dyer, Assistant County Attorney

David Stallworth, Historic Preservation Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tom Laputka

George Pappas

Sylvia Sabatini

GUESTS:

Jerry Lampe, OBHS

Elysha Petschauer, OBHS

Hank Mason, VCCA

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mr. Fincher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken. Thanks were given to Elysha Petschauer and Ormond Beach Historical Society for hosting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Fincher welcomed Michael Dyer who will be serving as the legal consultant to the Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A) March 22, 2019 regular meeting.

Motion to approve with two corrections: Mr. Bowers **Second:**

Ms. Maddox Motion passed unanimously.

B) June 7, 2019 Community Cultural Grant Scoring

Motion to approve: Dr. Wilton **Second:** Mr. Bowers

Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) ECHO Gallery

Mr. Redd provided an update on recent work done by the ECHO Gallery Committee. The Drone Photography exhibit is coming together. Images have been selected from photographer Jake Myers and six additional images will be selected from photographer Hector Valle. It is hoped to have the exhibit on display by early September.

B) License Plate Fund Report

Mr. Redd provided an updated financial report. The license plate fund balance as of March 14th was \$52,618.05. A recent inquiry had been made by the Museum of Art-DeLand as they have taken over operation of the DeLand Fall Festival. Information was sent to the West Volusia Historical Society.

C) Community Cultural Grant Score Ratification

Anticipated funding for the program is \$611,758, the same as the prior year. This amount has been used in all calculations.

Documents provided to the Cultural Council included the compiled score sheet showing scores by Council member and by organization along with the recommended funding sheet showing the proposed allocation for each organization. Also provided was a copy of the recusal form for Mr. Osowski regarding Sands Theater, Inc.

Motion to approve scores and recommended award amounts:

Mr. Bowers **Second:** Ms. Maddox

Motion passed unanimously. This information will be compiled and provided to Tim Baylie, the Division Director for Parks, Recreation, and Culture to be put on a future County Council agenda for approval pending approval of the county budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Sunshine Law—Michael Dyer

Michael Dyer, Assistant County Attorney, provided the Council with information on the state Sunshine Law and ethics issues (open government laws). A three-page handout was provided to members providing answers to many questions related to the law. These include possible meetings in a social setting, public documents, conflicts of interest, and more. Mr. Dyer provided his contact information should Council members wish to contact him directly in regards to a question.

B) Daytona Beach International Airport Art in Public Places

A proposed Call to Artists document and a proposed timeline document were provided to Council. The budget for the project will be approximately \$65,000 for the purchase of art. Art Opportunities were discussed, showing what the airport is requesting in proposals.

The makeup of the art selection committee was discussed. This is a seven-member committee including a Cultural Council member along with three visual arts professionals that will be selected by the Cultural Council. The committee will review submissions, submit recommendations to Cultural Council for review, and then submission to County Council for final approval.

Mr. Redd asked for the Cultural Council to provide name suggestions for the art selection committee. It was asked that at least a half dozen names be provided in order to make sure we have three members. Mr. Redd also asked for suggestions as to who the call document should be submitted to.

The goal is to put the call document on the street the first week of January with submissions due February 14.

A question was asked regarding who will be doing the installation of art. As a part of the \$65,000 budget approximately \$5,000 may be used for artist travel and installation expenses. Mr. Fincher and Dr. Wilton advised it is traditional for the artist to be present to help guide staff as to the proper installation of the art.

Mr. Fincher did add that there could be a timeline delay should the Cultural Council not approve a selection. Mr. Redd suggested that the selection committee choose alternate pieces that can be provided to the Cultural Council. This timeline concern will be brought to the attention of the airport staff so that they are aware of this possibility.

Dr. Wilton asked what he would need to do should he wish to participate in the call. Mr. Dyer suggested that he is not disqualified but that he must recuse himself from all voting.

Ms. Maddox **nominated** Mr. Fincher to serve as the Cultural Council representative for the Art Selection Committee. **Seconded** by Mr. Bowers. Approved unanimously.

Ms. Maddox asked about contacting artists who have art being moved or deaccessioned. Mr. Redd noted that the artist Steve Howell has been contacted regarding his tile mosaics. Mr. Dyer discussed FAA guidelines taking standard over the deaccession policy. Art will be moved (loaned and still owned by the airport) to other county facilities when viable. Several are damaged and cannot be relocated.

Dr. Wilton brought up the Lin Emery sculpture that has been in storage since the late 1990s. He asked if the sculpture can be viewed to review damage. Mr. Redd mentioned that the art is not in the architect's plan. Dr. Wilton would still like to view the art along with Mr. Bowers. It was agreed that Mr. Redd will contact airport staff to try and arrange individual visits for Dr. Wilton and Mr. Bowers to view the sculpture.

VCCA REPORT:

Hank Mason was in attendance from the Volusia County Cultural Alliance. The VCCA website redesign is under construction. The annual meeting will be September 9th at a location to be determined. The Tippen Davidson Award plaque at the TCK building will be unveiled on October 1.

Mr. Mason voiced concern over organizations that are profitable and still receive county grant funding. He believes there should be a way to recoup and redistribute grant funds for overly profitable organizations. Mr. Fincher acknowledged that this is a concern for the Cultural Council. Ms. Maddox expressed concern over how this would be judged and monitored.

Mr. Bowers complimented VCCA on their weekly email and the efforts being put forth on the website.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Ms. Bonorrigo announced she will be running for the Volusia Council district 4 seat.

Mr. Fincher mentioned an upcoming knee replacement surgery.

Based upon member feedback it was determined to change the date of the next meeting to October 4. Mr. Redd will confirm availability of the African American Museum of the Arts for the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

NEXT MEETING: The next CCVC meeting will take place on Friday, September 27, 2019, 9 a.m. at the African American Museum of the Arts, located in DeLand. (This meeting date has since been changed to Friday, October 4, 2019 at the same location due to concerns of whether a quorum would be met.)

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

Motion: Mr. Bowers **Second:** Ms. Bonarrigo

Meeting adjourned at: 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on October 4, 2019 by Robert Redd, Cultural Coordinator, County of Volusia.