

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



**January 24, 2020**

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**MEETING TIME & PLACE:**

9:00 a.m.

Commemorative Air Force Florida Wing  
DeLand, FL

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Barbara Bonarrigo  
Lloyd Bowers  
Mike Fincher, Chair  
Tom Laputka  
Nancy Maddox, Vice Chair  
Sylvia Sabatini

**STAFF:**

Robert Redd, Cultural Coordinator  
Dawn Thomas, Activity Project Manager  
Giff Chumley, Assistant County Attorney

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mike Osowski  
George Pappas

### **GUESTS:**

Tom May

Stephanie Mason-Teague

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Mr. Fincher called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Roll call was taken. Thanks were given to members of the Commemorative Air Force. Mr. May made a few brief remarks and thanked the Council for all they do.

A welcome was provided to Mr. Chumley from the county Legal department. Mention was made of the open position on the Council and efforts to acquire applications.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A) November 22, 2019 regular meeting.

**Motion to approve:** Mr. Laputka **Second:** Ms. Sabatini

Motion passed unanimously with Mr. Bowers abstaining as he had not attended the meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **A) ECHO Gallery**

The reception for the drone photography exhibit will be held February 5 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The Ocean Center will have all art in public places pieces available for review in addition to the gallery.

The drone photography exhibit continues to be on display. A “call for artists” document has been created for the 2020 exhibit tentatively titled *Too Good to be Threw: Art from Recycled Materials*. This call document is now on the street.

Discussions were held regarding an appointment for the ECHO Gallery. Mr. Laputka expressed interest in serving as the Cultural Council representative. **Motion to approve Mr. Laputka as the Cultural Council representative on the ECHO Gallery Committee:** Mr. Bowers **Second:** Ms. Maddox  
Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

### **B) License Plate Fund Report**

Mr. Redd provided an updated financial report. The license plate fund balance as of January 14<sup>th</sup> was \$50,415.96. Recent disbursements of \$1,500 each for ArtHaus Foundation, Inc. and HUB on Canal.

Discussion was held as to how to get this program information in the hands of those who may be eligible to apply.

### **C) Daytona Beach International Airport Art in Public Places**

The call is available with a February 14<sup>th</sup> deadline. VCCA is promoting, a News-Journal article on the airport project was recently published, and the call has been added to several prominent arts websites.

An update was provided on the Lin Emery sculpture. The airport staff is now responsible for working with Purchasing to start the auction process started.

The Paul Baliker sculpture may be staying in its current location. Logistical issues are being considered.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A) Community Cultural Grant Workshops**

The first meeting was well attended with 20 organizations in attendance. Mr. Fincher attended to help provide information to applicants.

### **B) Historic Preservation Officer position**

Brief mention was made that the HPO position was currently vacant. The position will be filled in the future.

## **VCCA REPORT:**

Stephanie Mason-Teague gave the VCCA report. She thanked the Council for their decision regarding increased access to license plate grant dollars.

VCCA members went to Tallahassee to lobby representatives regarding funding for cultural grants. They were able to talk with several representatives directly.

ArtsWeek planning continues with the dates of February 21 through March 1. An event featuring the poster unveiling is to be held on January 29. February 27th will be the VCCA annual dinner. Two workshops are planned: February 28—the Business of Art and February 29—Advocacy workshop.

## **MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:**

Mr. Bowers let Council know about a Peabody fundraiser.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next CCVC meeting will take place on Friday, March 27 at the Ocean Center. This meeting has been rescheduled from USA Dance. USA Dance will now be hosting the July meeting. (The meetings was announced for USA Dance but is being corrected in the minutes here.)

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

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

Meeting adjourned at: 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on March 27, 2020 by Robert Redd, Cultural Coordinator, County of Volusia.