

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



October 4, 2019

MEETING TIME & PLACE:

9:00 a.m.

African American Museum of the Arts
DeLand

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbara Bonarrigo
Lloyd Bowers
Tom Laputka
Nancy Maddox, Vice Chair
Mike Osowski
George Pappas
John Wilton

STAFF:

Robert Redd, Cultural Coordinator
Dawn Thomas, Activity Project Manager
Michael Dyer, Assistant County Attorney
David Stallworth, Historic Preservation Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mike Fincher
Sylvia Sabatini

GUESTS:

Mary Allen, AMA

Nick Dunham, Volusia County

Cindy Venuti, Volusia County

Tabitha _____, Volusia County

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Ms. Maddox called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken. Thanks were given to Mary Allen and the AMA for hosting the meeting. Ms. Allen provided the Council with a few words about the museum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A) July 26, 2019 regular meeting.

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 hung and on display. Artist signs and title panels have been ordered. The next Committee meeting will be held on October 25, 2019. Items to be discussed include an artist reception, the call document for the next exhibit, and future exhibit ideas. The meeting is open to the public.

B) License Plate Fund Report

Mr. Redd provided an updated financial report. The license plate fund balance as of March 14th was \$54,872.73. A recent

award was provided to the Museum of Art, DeLand for help with their new role in the DeLand Fall Festival of the Arts.

Ms. Maddox put forth that she would like for Volusia County Cultural Alliance (VCCA) to be able to apply for up to \$2,500 on an annual basis. **Motion** for staff to look into this idea: Dr. Wilton **Second**: Mr. Pappas. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Redd asked about the possibility of special grant awards for qualified applicants outside the normal \$1,500 limit. This would be for exceptional projects only. It was agreed these could be considered with the stipulation that these type applications be brought to Cultural Council for consideration after staff review.

3) Daytona Beach International Airport Art in Public Places

An update on the pieces to be deaccessioned was provided. The word “disposed” was discussed; meaning the county will no longer own a piece of art. This could be through sale or other means.

Mr. Bowers and Dr. Wilton reported that they still wished to work on finding a new home for the work by Lin Emery. Mr. Dyer put forth that “disposed” could include auction and that the buyer would take possession and responsibility for repairs. Mr. Baylie suggested that staff work on ideas on ways to have the art preserved after removing it from the Art in Public Places inventory.

The Art in Public Places Committee selection process was discussed. Nominees included Stacey Reynolds, Pam Coffman,

Brian Owens, Meghan Martin. At the meeting Lisa Botkin and Ruth Grimm were added to the nominees list.

A public vote was taken and Mr. Owens, Ms. Reynolds, and Ms. Coffman were chosen as priority candidates.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Community Cultural Grant application review

Ms. Maddox explained what the reason for the review is—the grant application is being reviewed to improve it for both applicants and Council.

Ms. Bonarrigo discussed the difference between large and small organizations. It seemed that small organizations struggled in her mind. Ms. Maddox pointed out that staff is available for applicants and that they can reach out for any assistance they require. The responsibility is on the applicant.

It was suggested that a post grant wrap up meeting be scheduled to go over issues that were seen in the process. This will help educate applicants and allow them a chance to provide feedback and suggestions.

Mr. Bowers suggested moving item #3 to item #1 on page 18 of the grant application. Update wording to “I have personally reviewed and certify...”

Dr. Wilton suggested that on page 6 the “cash revenue vs. cash expenses” instructions include a remark asking what the plans for excess revenue are.

Dr. Wilton and Ms. Bonariggo suggested having an additional training workshop for new Council members in addition to their standard orientation. This training workshop would focus on the Cultural Grant only.

B) 2020 Meeting Dates

It was clarified that meetings will be held on the 4th Friday of the month and not the last Friday.

June 12, 2020 was selected as the date for the Cultural Grant review.

November 20, 2020 was selected in order to avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday.

VCCA REPORT:

No VCCA representation was in attendance.

Ms. Maddox mentioned the recent VCCA annual meeting. The Tippen Davidson Award plaque was recently dedicated outside the County Council chambers in DeLand.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Mr. Redd noted that County Council members are able to provide sponsorships of up to \$1,500 for events. Cultural Grant awardees are not eligible for these sponsorships based upon recent County Council processes approval. Brian Rothwell has been provided a listing of grant recipients to prevent accidental “double dipping.”

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

NEXT MEETING:

The next CCVC meeting will take place on Friday, November 22, 2019, 9 a.m. at Arts on Douglas, located in New Smyrna Beach.

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

Motion: Mr. Pappas **Second:** Mr. Bowers

Meeting adjourned at: 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on November 22, 2019 by Robert Redd,
Cultural Coordinator, County of Volusia.