

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



May 27, 2022

MEETING TIME & PLACE:

9:00 a.m.

Enterprise Preservation Society

360 S. Main Street

Enterprise, FL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lloyd Bowers

Mike Fincher

Dr. Andrei Ludu

Nancy Maddox, Chair

Stephanie Mason-Teague

STAFF:

Robert Redd, Cultural Coordinator

Andrea Kerr, Assistant County Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tom Laputka

George Pappas

GUESTS:

Bob Sayre, Cindy Sullivan, Ken Hunt, Heather Files, John Hunter, Greg Holbrook

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Ms. Maddox called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR:

Chair Maddox welcomed Cultural Council. EPS host Cindy Sullivan introduced members of their organization and provided some background on the building they operate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A) March 25, 2022, minutes

Motion to approve: Mr. Bowers

Second: Dr. Ludu

Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:**A) ECHO GALLERY**

The current exhibit “Naturally Volusia” will be removed shortly. The walls will be repaired and painted as need be. On April 28, the ECHO Gallery Art Selection Committee met at the Ocean Center. They reviewed 22 submissions for the next exhibit, to be titled “Naturally Volusia, Two.” Seventeen pieces were selected. Ocean Center staff has worked with the artists to arrange delivery dates for the art. A tentative install date is set

for June 15. Once installed, the committee will reconvene to review the exhibit and discuss a date for an artist reception. That date will be determined in consultation with Tim Riddle to review the Ocean Center schedule. This event will most likely occur in mid to late August. Cultural Council will be notified in advance.

B) License Plate mini-grant report

A financial report has been provided to Cultural Council members. Unallocated YTD revenues are approximately \$8,700. Current FY expenditures are \$22,000. The available fund balance is \$41,000 and total fund balance is just under \$50,000.

Museum of Art DeLand is returning their \$1,600 grant award. They were awarded funds to help fund gallery exhibit speakers to work with a cell phone app. The technology did not work as promised and the Museum has not installed the speakers. The \$1,600 will be added back to the fund bringing the actual total fund balance to approximately \$51,600.

Applications discussed:

1) Southeast Volusia Historical Society

Mr. Greg Holbrook, Executive Director of the New Smyrna Museum of History appeared before Council to discuss the SVHS 2020/21 and 2021/22 projects receiving State of the Arts grant funds.

Materials for Heritage Day and the new Historic Preservation Awards program were provided to Council. Materials provided by SVHS highlighted both Volusia County and the State of the Arts License Plate program.

Mr. Holbrook discussed the outcomes for both events. Heritage Day was a success despite weather issues. Holding the event in conjunction with other Saturday events allowed everybody to gain from increased foot traffic. The Historic Preservation Awards were also a success but offered opportunity for reflection on how to improve this program. With that in mind, the program is on hold for a one-year period to allow the committee time to evaluate how to improve it and work toward sustainability and self-sufficiency.

Mr. Holbrook thanked Council and spoke highly of the State of the Arts License Plate program and the funding support it provides.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Halifax Historical Society

Appearing before Council were new, interim director Heather Files and board president Kenneth Hunt. They discussed recent changes at the HHS Museum in both personnel and exhibits. They also announced an upcoming presentation with Highwayman artist Al Black.

B) Five Years of Cultural Grant Awards

Based upon a public records request, a document containing the last five years of Community Cultural Grant applicants and awards has been created. The document is available on the Community Cultural Grant page of the County website.

Cultural Council is being provided a copy of the document that is available to the public.

C) Current Status of 2022-2023 Grant Applications

As of 5/26/2022 24 applications had been received. It was anticipated that a total of 32 applications are anticipated. There is one new applicant and one returning applicant.

Mr. Redd will provide Council with the go ahead to begin reviewing applications as soon as possible. Applications will be reviewed for completeness and eligibility before being provided to Council.

Mr. Redd noted for Council that there will be several new grant writers and faces in attendance at the July 22 review.

D) By-Laws Draft Review

Motion to table this item until after the County budget for 2022/23 has been adopted: Mr. Bowers

Second: Ms. Maddox

Approved 5-0

E) State of the Arts License Plate application process review

Motion to table this item until after the County budget for 2022/23 has been adopted: Mr. Bowers

Second: Dr. Ludu

Approved 5-0

VCCA REPORT:

Chair Maddox updated members on the recent VCCA Awards Dinner held at the Center at Deltona. Recognition and awards were given to Pat Northey and Pam Coffman.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Ms. Mason-Teague asked to be provided information on grant scoring and scores from the prior year. Mr. Redd will provide this information.

Mr. Bowers discussed usage of the county logo and the need for grant recipients to adhere to this guideline.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

NEXT MEETING:

The next CCVC meeting will take place on July 22, 2022. This meeting will be Community Cultural Grant scoring

TCK Administration Building
County Council Chambers
123 W. Indiana Avenue
DeLand, FL
9:00 a.m. until complete

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion: Mr. Bowers **Second:** Dr. Ludu
Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on September 30, 2022 by Robert Redd,
Cultural Coordinator, County of Volusia.