

CULTURAL COUNCIL of VOLUSIA COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



September 22, 2023

MEETING TIME & PLACE:

9:00 a.m.

County Council Chambers
TCK Administration Building
123 W. Indiana Avenue
DeLand, FL 32720

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lloyd Bowers
Tom Laputka
Dr. Andrei Ludu
Nancy Maddox
George Pappas
Paul Richardson
William Sanchez
Reggie Santilli

MEMBERS ABSENT

NONE

STAFF:

Robert Redd Cultural Coordinator
Rebecca Rau, Administrative Coordinator II

Maureen Sikora, Assistant County Attorney

GUESTS: Members from applying organizations attended the meeting. Sign in sheets on file.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Ms. Maddox called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and quorum announced. Introductions were made. Three new members are a part of Cultural Council this year.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: This is the first meeting after appointments from County Council. The Cultural Council is required to nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. Bowers thanked Ms. Maddox for her two years as Chair.

Motion by Mr. Bowers to nominate Mr. Pappas to serve as Chair.

Seconded by Mr. Laputka.

The nomination passed by an 8-0 vote.

Motion by Mr. Bowers to nominate Mr. Laputka to serve as Vice Chair.

Seconded by Ms. Maddox.

The nomination passed by an 8-0 vote.

Grant Review: Organizations were required to have an in-person representative attend the scoring. The Cultural Council heard from each grant applicant in alphabetical order regarding updates since their applications were submitted. Each applicant was allowed up to

three minutes to update the Council on items not included in their application. Each applicant had the opportunity to answer questions posed by 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 2023-2024 Community Cultural Grant Scoresheet form. This form is attached and hereby incorporated into these minutes.

Notations from the review:

Thirty organizations applied for funding. There were no new applicants and no applicants returning after absence. Two applicants from 2022-2023 were deemed ineligible to apply for not attending either of the mandatory workshops.

The total application funding being allocated is the same as 2022-2023; \$611,758. Applicant requests for 2023-2024 totaled \$822,922; up from 2022-2023 when requests totaled \$721,466. This increase is attributable to a return toward pre-covid expense numbers. In the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the last request year prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, requests from 32 organizations totaled \$849,700.

Mr. Pappas called for a mid-morning 10-minute break and the scheduled lunch period. Lunch lasted for one hour. At the conclusion of this, Mr. Pappas reconvened the meeting and proceeded through the final applicants.

No members were required to recuse themselves due to potential conflicts of interest. Form 8B was provided to all Council members should they believe there was a conflict.

Comments from Council to organizations included the need to pay attention to application presentation details including grammar. Organizations were reminded that profitability should be achieved. Organizations were reminded of the requirement to include the County logo on promotional items.

As in past years, Cultural Council members were provided the opportunity to review the public score sheet. After review, members were asked for comment or corrections. With none noted Mr. Pappas asked for a motion to accept scores.

Motion to accept scores: Mr. Bowers **Second:** Mr. Richardson
Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS: Mr. Pappas 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, December 1, 2023, 9 a.m. at the Halifax Historical Museum.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before the Council, Mr. Pappas called to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on December 1, 2023, by Robert Redd,
Cultural Coordinator, County of Volusia.