

**CULTURAL COUNCIL of VOLUSIA COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2006**

MEMBERS:

**Tippen Davidson, Chair
Bob Dahlen, Vice Chair
Bill Dreggors
Steven Hardock
Tim Ludwig
Paul Politis
Donna Sue Sanders
Katherine Smith-Williams
Sandra Wilson**

MEETING PLACE:

**Board Room
Ocean Center
101 N. Atlantic Ave.
Daytona Beach, FL**

STAFF: Nancy Maddox, Mike Fincher

Guests: Jennifer Kerr-Marsch, Amelie Rogers, Connie Krzyzowski, Kelly Ferguson, Eric Lariviere

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair, former Chair Sanders called the meeting to order at 8:53 a.m. Roll was called and a quorum was announced. Members absent were Mr. Davidson, Mr. Dahlen and Mr. Dreggors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – From October 13, 2006 Regular Meeting. **MOTION** by Member Ludwig, 2nd by Member Politis. *“To accept minutes as presented.”* **Motion passed unanimously.**

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ocean Center Expansion – Member Sanders reported results of meeting of November 9, 2006. The artwork theme (Sun, Sand, Surf and Speed) was discussed. Member Ludwig voiced objection to imposing a theme to the project, stating that quality art should not be restricted to a specific theme. The consensus of the Council was that the theme, as agreed upon by the Selection Committee, was appropriate to the project.

M. Fincher announced that John Wilton had resigned from the Selection Committee and the Council needed to appoint a replacement. Mr. Wilton had recommended Charon Luebbers to replace him. Member Hardock asked if two additional arts professionals could be added and if so, recommended Greg Grant. M. Fincher advised that there was no maximum number specified in the Ordinance and if the Council wished, two could be appointed. Member Ludwig objected to the two names recommended and suggested that this be tabled until a future meeting when additional nominees could be brought in an interviewed by the Council. Consensus of the Council was that this was not necessary.

MOTION by Member Politis, 2nd by Member Hardock ***“To appoint Charon Luebbers and Greg Grant to the Ocean Center APP Selection Committee”*** **Motion passed 5 -1 with Member Ludwig in opposition.**

Historic Courthouse Project – No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Individual Artist Professional Development Grant Program – Member Ludwig reported that he all applications were in the process of being read and scored by the Review Panel. Total requests exceed \$135,000 against a budget of \$45,000. A meeting to make final recommendations is scheduled for December 15, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS

Goals for 2007 - Nancy Maddox presented a list of twelve proposed goals for 2007 which support the basic mission and goals included in the annual Local Arts Agency report to the State’s Division of Cultural Affairs. Member Smith-Williams recommended adding one additional goal to the list as follows; ***“Stimulate greater governmental and public awareness and appreciation of the importance of the arts to the people of Volusia County”***

MOTION by Member Politis, 2nd by Member Hardock. ***“To accept 2007 CCVC Goals as proposed with the addition of one goal “To stimulate greater governmental and public awareness and appreciation of the arts to the people of Volusia County.”*** **Motion passed unanimously.**

Special Meeting – N. Maddox announced that a special meeting would be held on January 5, 2007 in the Administration Building in DeLand to act on any changes to the 2007-08 Community Cultural Grant as discussed in the workshop sessions held in July and October.

Meeting Schedule for 2007 – M. Fincher presented the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year. It was noted that the list showed the regular meeting in March on the 3rd. M. Fincher advised that this was a typo and the correct date should be March 23. The schedule was adopted with that change having been made.

Chair and Vice Chair for 2007 – M. Fincher advised that a Chair and Vice Chair for 2007 needs to be elected at the regular meeting on January 26, 2007.

MISCELLANEOUS MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Ludwig discussed possibility of establishing a Studio Tour program open to the public, along the lines of the County’s Farm Tour program. It was discussed that APP programs have used studio tours in the past as part of the selection process. It was agreed to re-visit this in 2007 to see if this is something the Council wants to promote.

Member Hardock discussed the possibility of having some unpaid volunteers or interns work on conducting Internet searches of websites from other organizations to get new ideas of programs and other activities. N. Maddox advised that there is no Staff resource available at this time for this, but if some of the cultural organizations wanted to use some of their resources to do this and then share their results, it might be useful.

Member Wilson reported on the success of the DeBary Art League's Plein Air program.

Member Smith-Williams gave a report of her recent visit to the Peoples Republic of China particularly as it related to the advancement of the arts there.

Member Smith-Williams inquired if it would be feasible for Staff or the VCCA to provide a list of the various cultural organizations' "showcase events" so that Council members can better plan ahead to attend and help promote these events. M. Fincher suggested that this might be something that could be gleaned from the organizations' Community Cultural Grant applications or maybe through a survey conducted by the VCCA. Mr. Fincher to explore this and report back at a future meeting.

VCCA REPORT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Eric Lariviere reported on the results of the VCCA's recent meeting and announced the goals for the upcoming year. The main priority for the year will be to seek an increase in the County's per capita funding to \$2.00.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, Acting Chair Sanders adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted- Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator and Recording Secretary