

CULTURAL COUNCIL of VOLUSIA COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2005

MEMBERS:

Donna Sue Sanders, Chair
Tippen Davidson, Vice Chair
Bob Dahlen
Bill Dreggors
Steven Hardock
Tim Ludwig
Paul Politis
Christina Shallow
Sandra Wilson

MEETING PLACE:

VOTRAN Administrative Complex
950 Big Tree Road
So. Daytona, FL

Staff: Nancy Maddox, Mike Fincher

Guests: Gary Libby, Wayne Atherholt, Ann Brady, Hank Mason, Eric Lariviere, Carol Anderson, Barbara Wolfson

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Sanders called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. Roll was called. Absent was Bill Dreggors, Bob Dahlen, Paul Politis and Steven Hardock

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – From January 28, 2005

MOTION by Member C. Shallow, 2nd by Member S. Wilson *“To accept minutes as presented.” Motion passed unanimously.*

III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

M. Fincher recognized the guests attending from the VCCA. Chair Sanders presented a framed piece of children’s artwork to Gary Libby in honor of his retirement from the Museum of Arts and Sciences and in recognition of his many years of service to the Cultural Council and the cultural community as a whole.

IV. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ocean Center Expansion – Selection Committee Chair Davidson provided an overview of the expansion project and identified the major areas where it is thought that art would be needed. They are; along the concourse between the old and new sections, in the new foyer area, on the second floor outside the conference rooms and high up on the exhibit hall walls. He reported that the idea of a fountain piece had been scrapped. Gary Libby added that they may be an opportunity for 3D work in the cut-outs by each conference room door. He also reported that the committee favored the acquisition of one large, significant piece for the foyer. Chair Davidson advised that since the design plans have not been finalized, an exact budget can not be determined. This committee will likely not meet again until after the architect presents the revised design plans.

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Historic Courthouse in DeLand - Nancy Maddox provided an update on the project. She advised that the total budget is \$60,000 with \$7,500 reserved to use for mural restoration. The opening is scheduled for September. The call to artist is scheduled to go out late this month with selections to be made by June. Mike Fincher distributed floor plans showing what areas are available for public art. Tim Ludwig inquired as to who is on the selection committee. Nancy advised that some 3D art would be purchased for display in two of the four glass display cases in the first floor rotunda.

Chair Sanders asked for an update on the Jackson Walker project. Nancy Maddox announced that the DeLand Museum has successfully negotiated an agreement with the artist and had been approved for one of the grants to help finance the project. The 16 pieces will be displayed in the rotunda walls on the first and second floor. Every thing is looking good to meet the schedule for the Courthouse opening in the fall.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Individual Artist Grant - M. Fincher provided an overview of the draft identifying the basic requirements, schedule, potential uses of the funds and application procedure. A draft was passed around. Tim Ludwig suggested that we consider requiring submissions be on a CD rather than slides. It makes review by the panel much easier. He also suggested that we put in a stipulation that an applicant receiving a grant cannot re-apply for three years. Tippen Davidson noted that Literary Art had not been mentioned in the draft. M. Fincher reported that it was on oversight and would be added to the application. Future funding after the first two-years was discussed. A revised draft will be supplied at the next general meeting in July. This will be taken to the County Council on April 21. Nancy Maddox advised that we will be able to roll these funds over for allocation next year. **MOTION** by T. Davidson, 2nd by T. Ludwig *“To have Staff complete the Application by the July Meeting and fund the program for two years with the \$45,000 remaining from the previously unallocated funds (subject to approval by County Council) Motion passed unanimously.”*
2. Status of unallocated funds payments - Nancy Maddox advised that the request to fully fund all recipients up the maximum of their eligibility (including the \$75,000 cap) will be taken to the County Council for approval April 21, 2005. Organizations will then have to submit a request for the remaining amount and checks should be processed upon receipt since this is in the current budget cycle.
3. Status of Community Cultural Grant – Nancy Maddox advised that the submittal deadline is April 15, 2005. The Grant Review will be held June 3 at the County Council Chambers in the County Administration Building.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. VCCA Assistance in Planning Report Prioritization – Mike Fincher reported that he was working with Betty Parker of the VCCA to enlist their help in reviewing and assigning strategic priorities to the latest version of Sherron Long’s Planning Report. Staff has reviewed it for applicability of the six major strategies, but needs input to place priorities on them. This will be addressed by the VCCA in their meeting next week.
2. Report to County Council on CCVC Progress to Goals – Chair Sanders announced that she would like to provide County Council with a status report on the actions the CCVC has taken since the per capita increase was approved. Possible ideas include a workshop, presentation at a Council Meeting or just a written report. Vice Chair Davidson did not think there was enough input to warrant a workshop at this time and recommended that Chair Sanders provide them with a report.

Chair Sanders agreed but would also like to get on the agenda for a brief presentation to again thank the Council and introduce the report which would show that the CCVC is fulfilling the commitments made at the time the per capita was increased. Nancy Maddox said she would see about getting Chair Sanders on the agenda at the April 21 meeting when we take the budget requests to them.

Vice Chair Davidson made an appeal to all CCVC members and representatives of cultural organizations to continue a vigorous advocacy effort with local and state legislators. The gains that have been made at all levels are due largely to the strong lobbying effort this past year by numerous advocacy groups.

3. Amendment to Three-Year CCG Funding Provision (Non – Agenda) – Mike Fincher brought up an element of our previous changes to the CCG structure. At the CCVC meeting where the CCG changes were introduced, the CCVC approved a provision for recipient organizations to request three-year level funding without having to submit a grant application for years 2 & 3. This was worded such that the organization would have to make this election with their grant application. On re-looking at this, it is Staff’s opinion that this is unfair to the organizations to have to make their election prior to knowing what their allocation is. Staff requested that this be amended to allow the recipient organizations to make the three year election after they receive their 2005/06 allocation. **MOTION** by S. Wilson and 2nd by T. Ludwig *“To amend provision as stated and advise organizations prior to the grant review of this option.”* **Motion passed unanimously.**

VII. VCCA REPORT AND/OR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hank Mason reported for Betty Parker that the VCCA had recently done a rather large mass mailing in an effort to solicit information from members and potential members and had established a broadcast e-mail capability to their membership. They would like to help the CCVC and County Cultural Staff in assuring information is adequately disseminated. He also advised that the VCCA board would meet on April 7, 2005 and discuss how best to proceed with Staff's request for assistance with Strategic prioritization.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Sanders adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted- Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator and Recording Secretary