

1.5 A BRIEF ASSESSMENT OF SUCCESSES AND SHORTCOMINGS RELATED TO EACH ELEMENT [163.3191(2)(H)]

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN - CULTURAL FACILITIES ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Cultural Facilities Element has one Goal:

Goal 18.1 Enrich the quality of life for Volusia's citizens by increasing awareness of cultural opportunities in Volusia County and support those agencies that provide said opportunities.

The EAR-based amendments will result in no changes to this Goal.

OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS

Objective 18.1.1

Cultural facilities and opportunities shall be available and accessible to 100 percent of the County's population.

Objective Achievement Analysis

The Objective will remain as currently worded. Volusia County continues to increase awareness through the non-profit and for-profit organizations - the County's Celebrating Culture Newsletter and County website www.celebratingculture.com. All cultural facilities are available and accessible to all Volusia County residents. The non-profit organizations offer scholarships to underserved children so that they may participate in the many cultural offerings throughout the county.

Policy Relevance

The Objective contains 2 Policies that will remain as currently worded.

Objective 18.1.2

The County shall recognize and continue to help support the unique cultural needs and facilities of various areas within the County. The Cultural & Heritage Activity under Leisure Services Division participates with many organizations to support various programs and special events.

Objective Achievement Analysis

The Objective will remain as currently worded.

Policy Relevance

The Objective contains 2 Policies. The list of cultural events, sites and organizations listed under Policy 18.1.2.2 will be updated. Policy 18.1.2.1 will remain as currently worded.

Objective 18.1.3

The County shall incorporate a greater role for cultural/arts activities and programs in the tourist development of the County, as well as for its permanent and seasonal residents.

Objective Achievement Analysis

The Objective will remain as currently worded. The Cultural & Heritage Activity staff under Leisure Services Division serves on many local and regional tourist development initiatives: St. Johns American Heritage River Initiative, Southern Passages: the Atlantic Heritage Coast, MyRegion.org, River of Lakes Heritage Corridor, Halifax Advertising Authority.

Policy Relevance

The Objective contains 4 Policies that will remain as currently worded.

Objective 18.1.4

The County shall encourage a stronger role for the arts in local development and redevelopment plans.

Objective Achievement Analysis

The Objective will remain as currently worded.

Policy Relevance

The Objective contains 3 Policies that will remain as currently worded.

Objective 18.1.5

The County shall maintain the viability of cultural facilities and opportunities by assisting the relevant sponsoring cultural organizations through an annual County budget appropriation of one dollar per capita dispersed as competitive grants to local cultural arts organizations to be used for operating costs and limited capital expenditures.

Objective Achievement Analysis

This Objective should be modified to recognize the increase to one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per capita for the Community Cultural Grant. The Cultural and Heritage Activity disperses approximately \$700,000 to an average of 25 cultural and historical non-profit organizations throughout the County.

Policy Relevance

The Objective contains 3 Policies. Policy 18.1.5.2 should be modified to reflect changes made to the Community Cultural Grant during the public workshop held by the Cultural Council of Volusia County, prior to the 2005 grant cycle. The Policy change will reflect the following:

Organizations whose total projected operating budget is \$40,000 or less are eligible to apply for appropriations of up to 20% of the proposed operating budget. Organizations whose total operating budget exceeds \$40,000 may apply for appropriations of up to 20% of the first \$40,000 of their budget and 10% of all amounts in excess of \$40,000. However, under no circumstances may any organization receive over \$85,000. This applies to operating grants.

All other Policies will remain as currently worded.

Objective 18.1.6

The County shall help support the arts and cultural events in outdoor and indoor public spaces using existing County buildings and public spaces.

Objective Achievement Analysis

The Objective will remain as currently worded. The County has an annual employee art show held in the County Administration building. Artwork loaned from the Daytona Beach Museum of Arts & Sciences and the DeLand Museum is displayed throughout the County Administration building. In the past four years, the County has purchased, through the Arts in Public Places process, art for the John H. Dickerson Heritage Library, Volusia County Courthouse and the Intermodal Transit Facility.

Through the summer recreation program the Cultural and Heritage Activity has been involved in several County-wide art projects. The first was an individual tile art project where approximately 900 kids painted various sea life on individual tiles. It is located in the Intermodal Transit Facility. The other art project consists of fifteen (15) recreation sites where participants painted murals of significant sites throughout the county on 4' x 8' panels. Some examples of the panels are of Daytona Beach, Bethune Beach, The Loop, Mosquito Lagoon, Hulley Tower at Stetson University, historic churches within DeLand, Samsula farm areas, and Daytona International Speedway. The panels are located in the parking garage in Daytona Beach.

Policy Relevance

The Objective contains 13 Policies. The Cultural and Heritage Activity has recommended deleting Policy 18.1.6.5 – the program referenced in this policy was never implemented. The Cultural and Heritage Activity has also recommended deleting Policies 18.1.6.7 through 18.1.6.13 that reference the Ocean Center, since the Cultural and Heritage Activity is not the implementing agency of the Ocean Center. All other Policies will be renumbered accordingly, but remain as currently worded.

Objective 18.1.7

The County shall designate a specific staff person to be the liaison to the cultural/arts community to work on the preceding objectives and policies as well as other miscellaneous tasks listed under this objective.

Objective Achievement Analysis

The Objective will remain as currently worded. The Cultural & Heritage Activity has staff that is designated to be the liaison to the cultural arts community and periodically holds public workshops to work on Objectives and Policies as well as other miscellaneous tasks listed within this Element.

County staff continues to work with the Volusia County School Board and cultural organizations to encourage adequate support for arts in public and private schools and cultural activities for children in general. The Youth Celebration of the Arts is an annual event that encompasses Volusia County School Board, various cultural organizations and Volusia County Leisure Services.

Policy Relevance

The Objective contains 4 Policies that will remain as currently worded.