

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



January 27, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Edith Shelley, Chair
Lloyd Bowers, Vice Chair
Mike Fincher
Lucy Jackman
Robin Peroldo
Frank Samandari
Jim Ward
John Wilton

MEETING TIME & PLACE:

9:00 a.m.
Shoestring Theatre
380 S. Goodwin Street, Lake Helen

STAFF:

Jessi Jackson Smith, Cultural Coordinator
Dawn Thomas, Activity Project Manager
Shannon Eller, Assistant County Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT:

George Pappas

GUESTS:

Chris Patterson, Shoestring Theatre

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Chair Shelley called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Roll was called.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

✓ **MOTION** by Mr. Bowers, 2nd by Dr. Wilton ***"To approve the minutes of the December 2, 2016 regular meeting, with corrections to Mr. Bowers' name."*** **Motion passed unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

License Plate Mini-Grant – Report Update and New Guidelines: Ms. Smith presented an updated State of the Arts License Plate Fund Report with a current fiscal year report through January 19, 2017, which has a balance of \$36,698.24. She noted that two license plate mini-grants have been awarded and approved by County Council: 1) \$1,500 to Volusia County Cultural Alliance for its ArtsWeek Volusia events; and 2) \$1,500 to the DeLeon Springs Community Association for its Art Among the Trees Festival. In addition, license plate funding will support the next Ocean Center ECHO Gallery exhibition of historical postcard images.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Ms. Shelley thanked Mr. Chris Patterson of the Shoestring Theatre for hosting the meeting. Mr. Patterson welcomed the board and announced upcoming events.

Community Cultural Grant (CCG) Update: Ms. Smith reported that the County Council approved the CCVC's recommendations for updated CCG guidelines, which are now posted online. Mr. Bowers noted that he attended the County Council meeting on behalf of the CCVC. He thanked staff for their work in preparing the guidelines for the Council meeting. Ms. Smith stated that the two Mandatory Workshops to initiate the new CCG cycle were underway this week.

2017 Meeting Locations/Dates: Ms. Smith reviewed upcoming CCVC dates. She suggested that the board might consider adding an additional May meeting date, since the regular May meeting (this year on June 2nd) is preempted by the CCG Review Session. With regard to the current scheduled CCG Review date of Friday, June 2nd, she noted that in the past it has been suggested that we steer clear of Fridays at the Beach HQ due to parking issues. The board agreed that there had not been an issue with parking last year, and decided to retain

the Friday date. Staff will provide communication to the applicants. Ms. Smith further noted that in the past the CCG Review location used to alternate between the east and west sides of the County, however the Council Chambers has not been available due to the Council meeting dates. Dr. Wilton noted that the Chambers could be intimidating, and Mr. Fincher agreed that the Lifeguard HQ was more comfortable for everyone. He added that the Training Rooms in the TCK Building could be an option for a westside location, but felt there are more parking challenges downtown.

NEW BUSINESS:

CCVC Term Expiration and Reapplication: Ms. Smith reminded board members that all seats expire at the end of March, and everyone must reapply at this time.

Election of Officers: Ms. Smith reported that in years of board member reappointments, the resolution states that the board should elect officers after the County Council makes its appointments. This could happen as early as the March meeting, or possibly in May if the County Council appointments are delayed. The board will decide at its March meeting whether an additional May meeting will be necessary.

Returning to the meeting calendar through year-end, the board agreed that the July 28th meeting would be at the African Museum of Art in DeLand; the Ormond Museum of Art on September 29th; and the Pioneer Settlement in Barberville on December 1st.

ECHO Gallery Committee Appointment: Ms. Smith reported a vacancy of the CCVC member seat of the Ocean Center ECHO Gallery Committee. She gave an overview of the gallery space, committee member duties and responsibilities. Ms. Shelley suggested that one of our new members might be interested in serving on the committee. Mr. Ward suggested that Ms. Jackman be the CCVC representative, and she agreed.

✓ **MOTION** by Mr. Bowers, 2nd by Dr. Wilton ***“To nominate Lucy Jackman as the CCVC representative on the Ocean Center ECHO Gallery Committee.”*** **Motion passed unanimously.**

Dr. Wilton asked whether staff anticipates that the license plate fund would continue to support ECHO Gallery exhibits. Ms. Smith stated that she did not believe that was the intent moving forward, with the idea that future exhibit providers and partners could help to underwrite some of the costs.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

- Mr. Ward asked for an Airport renovation update, to which Ms. Smith stated that the architect has been selected. Ms. Eller will check on the status for a future report.
- Ms. Peroldo asked to clarify whether board members should contact their council members about an interest in reappointment. Mr. Ward noted that members often contact their district representatives by email. Ms. Shelley agreed that, as a new person, it would be a good idea to reach out. Mr. Fincher suggested contacting both the district representative and the at-large Council members.
- Ms. Shelley shared a letter of appreciation to the CCVC from ArtHaus.
- Mr. Fincher presented a report from Volusia County Cultural Alliance president Monty Musgrave about current programs.
- Ms. Shelley noted that the Images Art Festival would be this weekend in New Smyrna Beach.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE

NEXT MEETING: Friday, March 31st at The Hub on Canal, New Smyrna Beach

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before the board, Ms. Shelley called for adjournment at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on March 31, 2017 by
Jessi Jackson Smith, Cultural Coordinator, County of Volusia