

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



January 29, 2016

MEMBERS:

Edith Shelley, Chair
Lloyd Bowers
Kelly Ferguson
George Pappas
Jim Ward
Sandra Wilson
John Wilton

MEETING PLACE:

STAFF:

Shannon Eller, Asst. County Attorney
Tim Baylie, Parks, Recreation & Culture Division Director
Julie Scofield, Volusia County Historic Preservation Officer
Jill Marcum, ECHO Administrative Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Chair Edith Shelley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll was called. Kelly Ferguson, Lloyd Bowers and George Pappas were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Dr. Wilton, 2nd by Ms. Wilson *“To approve the minutes of the November 20, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.”*

OLD BUSINESS:

ECHO Gallery Exhibition – Mr. Tim Baylie, Parks, Recreation & Culture Director, advised the Council that according to the rules the exhibits must be picked by the ECHO Gallery Committee and taken to County Council for approval. As of the meeting date there was no ECHO Gallery Committee. Mr. Baylie explained that they have solicited requests for applications, it would be placed on the website and mentioned in at the Cultural Grant Workshops, however there were no applications at this time.

Lynn Emery Sculpture Status – Mr. Baylie advised the Council that he had met with the Airport Director in regards to the Lynn Emery sculpture. The Airport is currently in the middle of redecorating the airport and have requested that the Council wait until they’ve got a better understanding on what art they want to use and what they want to move elsewhere. That way the Council can look at everything at once.

Dr. Wilton stated that he felt like the Council were a sort of “watchdog” for cultural activities and he has concerns about someone at the airport deciding to just “get rid of it”. He stated that the County had invested a lot of money into these art pieces and that someone should be watching over the permanent collection.

Chair Shelley said that all they wanted to do was to look at that particular sculpture to determine the state it was in. She stated that since Mr. Bowers had a personal contact to the artist that allowing him to view it and let the artist know the state of the piece would be helpful in having it refurbished.

Ms. Shannon Eller, Asst. County Attorney explained that legal needed to explore the County’s options, but needed first to know which pieces the Airport Director wanted to keep and what they didn’t. She said that once that is known they could look into the next steps, which pieces to keep, which to move and possibly which to deaccess.

License Plate Promotion Update – Mr. Baylie addressed the Council’s request to create a more formal application for the license plate funded grants. Ms. Julie Scofield presented the new application and stated that the questions about the number of organization members having the plates had already had good results. Ms. Scofield informed the Council that several new banners had been created and that in the award letter the grantee was told that they must include the banners and rack cards at their various festivals and events. Dr. Wilton requested that the Council be presented with a copy of the award letter at the next meeting, he also asked if adding that the grantee must come to a Council meeting to discuss the event after it had taken place was an option.

Daytona Blues Festival - Ms. Eller brought up the policy question regarding grantees passing grant funds to another agency. She asked that the Council make notes during this cycle of things they thought should be changed so that any necessary ruled changes could be taken to the Council at the same time.

VCCA – Ms. Scofield informed the Cultural Council that Mr. Monte Musgrave was supposed to attend the meeting to give them an update on the progress he’s had with organizing the VCCA. The Council agreed that they would wait until the next meeting for the discussion.

Cultural Council Brochure Update - Ms. Scofield brought in the Historic Preservation Board’s brochure for the Cultural Council to review. Mr. Baylie stated that if the Council approved of the format the program would draft up something for them to review at the next meeting.

Dr. Wilton said that he would be willing to work with Ms. Scofield on the layout of the artwork in the brochure.

Motion by Mr. Ward, Second by Ms. Wilson ***“that Dr. Wilton would work with Ms. Scofield on the brochure”***. **Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting Locations for 2016 – Staff pointed out to the Cultural Council that the scheduled March meeting date (3/25/2016) was Good Friday. After discussion Motion was made by Mr. Ward, Seconded by Ms. Wilson ***“to change the meeting schedule to April 1, 2016”***. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Shelley stated that she preferred having the meetings return to the Eastside/Westside schedule. A pending schedule was set to meet April 1, 2016 at the Museum of Arts & Sciences; May 20, 2016 at the Gateway Center for the Arts; July 29, 2016 at the Southeast Historical Museum in New Smyrna Beach; September 30, 2016 at the Enterprise Historical Society; December 2, 2016 at the Daytona Playhouse. Mr. Baylie stated that staff would make arrangements and notify the Council if there were any necessary changes.

Grant Workshop Discussion – Mr. Baylie reported that there were a total of 51 attendees at the County Cultural Grant Workshops this year. He said that he believed that there would be 2 new applicants but did not know if anyone would be dropping out. Mr. Baylie reported that there was \$611,758.00 available for this year’s grants.

Dr. Wilton brought up his concern about the timeframe of the additional materials submittals. He said that in the past those items were submitted a week prior to the grant deadline. Ms. Scofield explained that this year there was more time scheduled between the grant submittal deadline and the date to give the Council Members the notebooks. Mr. Baylie assured the members that they would have a full month to review the applications.

Appointment for Cultural Council Chair and Vice Chair –

Motion made by Dr. Wilton, Seconded by Ms. Wilson “*to nominate Lloyd Bowers as Vice Chair*”.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Wilton, Seconded by Ms. Wilson “*to nominate Edith Shelley as Chair*”. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Misc. – Dr. Wilton questioned Mr. Baylie about the changes in staff affecting the Cultural Program. Mr. Baylie assured the Cultural Council that the vacant positions would be filled and that they would be filled with the “right” people.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business before the council, Vice Chair Shelley adjourned the regular meeting at 11:00 a.m.