

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

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September 28, 2007

MEMBERS:

Bob Dahlen, Chair
Katherine Smith-Williams, Vice Chair
Bill Dreggors
Steven Hardock
Wendell Jarrard
Tim Ludwig
Donna Sue Sanders
Jim Ward
Sandra Wilson

MEETING PLACE:

Training Room #1
Thomas C. Kelly Admin. Center
123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand

STAFF: Nancy Maddox, Mike Fincher

Guests: - Ann Brady

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - Chair Dahlen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll was called. Mr. Hardock was absent. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – From June 27, 2007 Regular Meeting. **MOTION** by Member Ludwig, 2nd by Member Sanders. *“To accept minutes as presented.”* **Motion passed unanimously.**

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ocean Center Expansion – Member Sanders reported that the Selection Committee met on August 14 and toured the construction site. Several possible locations for artwork were identified. The project architect will refine drawings for the next meeting to better assess these area’s potential. Staff is to begin working on a Call to Artist based upon these preliminary identified locations. A draft should be available for the next meeting on October 17, 2007.

Historic Courthouse – Member Dreggors reported that the Selection Committee met on August 29 and had reached a final recommendation. M. Fincher provided a PowerPoint presentation with the committee’s recommendations. Eight artists were selected with 33 pieces to be either purchased from the artist’s inventory or commissioned. Due to the relatively small amount and high price of the 3-D work submitted, the committee did not choose any 3-D pieces for purchase for the four display cases. Other opportunities for these cases will be explored. The Council approved of the quality of the artist works that were presented. The total for the work selected is \$41,500. The remaining \$3,500 will be held in reserve for maintenance, signage and other necessary exhibition expenses. The consensus of the Council was to present these artists to the County Council for their approval and proceed with the

procurement process. The Council directed Staff to insure that all commissioned pieces reflect either Volusia County historical or natural content.

OLD BUSINESS

Tribute to Tippen Davidson - The question of naming the Chair position of the Cultural Council after Tippen Davidson was discussed and Staff reported that there was currently no provision in the resolutions governing advisory boards to accommodate such an action. Approval would be needed from the County Council to allow this. It was suggested that Chair Dahlen approach County Chair Bruno for his guidance in this regard. No further action has been taken regarding any other tribute for Tippen Davidson. Staff is to set up a meeting with Member Smith-Williams to begin working on this in order to report back early next year. Member Sanders offered to help in this effort as well.

License Plate Promotion – Member Ludwig spoke to relate a conversation he had with a representative of the Florida State Division of Motor Vehicles, who stated that responsibility for the distribution of proceeds from the sale of State of the Arts License plate sales is granted to the designated Local Arts Agency (LAA.) In the case of Volusia County, the Cultural Council is the designated LAA. Therefore he feels that approval from the County Council for distribution of these voluntary tax proceeds should not be necessary. Member Ludwig asked for clarification of this matter before any further decision is made regarding expenditure of these funds. Ms. Maddox re-iterated that she had this policy reviewed by County legal staff previously and that they confirmed that, while the CCVC was the designated LAA, the ultimate constituting authority over the CCVC was the County Council so therefore the County Council's decisions take precedence. Chair Dahlen stated that the issue was clear and that the Council should move on. Staff is to provide a report on the status of the License Plate funds at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Beach Services HQ Building APP Project – Ms. Maddox reported that the County had approved construction of a new building to house Beach Services. A budget of less than \$50,000 has been approved for Public Art Acquisition for this project. By ordinance, the APP Selection Committee for a project of this size requires a member of the CCVC to serve as Chair, one representative of the user agency, the project architect and one arts professional. Staff has asked Trish Thompson, art professor from DBCC, to serve as arts professional on the Committee and she has agreed. Staff asked the Chair to appoint a member to serve as Chair of this committee. Chair Dahlen appointed Member Smith-Williams who agreed to serve. The first meeting is to be held in early December.

2007/08 Community Cultural Grant Allocations – M. Fincher presented the recommended allocations for this year's Community Cultural Grant. The recommended amounts are the result of the average scores awarded at the Grant Review held on July 27 iterated against the available budget total of \$719,714 as approved by the County Council at the final budget hearing on September 20. Several members spoke against funding festivals and single events through this grant in the future. Other eligibility issues were discussed. Ms. Maddox advised the members that the County Council have some issues with eligibility as well and that they had requested a joint workshop to discuss these with the CCVC. Chair Dahlen recommended that further discussions regarding eligibility issues be deferred until then. Staff is to work on setting this up. Member Ward offered to assist in this effort.

MOTION by Member Jarrard, 2nd by Member Sanders “*To approve the recommended allocations for the 2007/08 Community Cultural Grant as presented and direct Staff to forward the recommendations to the County Council for final approval.*” **Motion passed unanimously.**

VCCA REPORT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ann Brady from the Atlantic Center thanked the Council for their continued support of cultural organizations through the Community Cultural Grant. She also spoke in support of funding Festivals through the grant.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, Chair Dahlen adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted- Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator and Recording Secretary