

**CULTURAL COUNCIL of VOLUSIA COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 13, 2006  
(Rescheduled from September 22, 2006)**

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**MEMBERS:**

**Tippen Davidson, Chair  
Bob Dahlen, Vice Chair  
Bill Dreggors  
Steven Hardock  
Tim Ludwig  
Paul Politis  
Donna Sue Sanders  
Katherine Smith-Williams  
Sandra Wilson**

**MEETING PLACE:**

**Training Room #1  
Thomas C. Kelly Admin. Bldg.  
123 W. Indiana Ave.  
DeLand, Fl 32720**

**STAFF: Nancy Maddox, Mike Fincher**

**Guests: Ann Brady, Kelly Ferguson, Betty Parker**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Davidson called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. Roll was called and a quorum was announced. Members absent were Ms. Sanders and Mr. Politis.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – From July 28, 2006 Regular Meeting. **MOTION** by Member Dahlen 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Ludwig. *“To accept minutes as presented.”* **Motion passed unanimously.**

**ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ocean Center Expansion** – Chair Davidson announced that final design plans have now been approved and that the APP selection committee can move forward to determining potential locations for public art. A meeting will be held in the near future with the committee and the project architect to begin identifying priorities.

**Historic Courthouse in DeLand** – M. Fincher reported that the selection committee met on September 11, 2006. Seventy four proposals were received. At the meeting the committee narrowed the number down to 28 still under consideration. A second meeting will be held before the end of the year to continue the selection process. Member Ludwig raised the issue of whether a member of the Selection Committee could also submit work for consideration. Staff advised that this issue has been previously considered by CCVC and by vote agreed to allow committee members to submit.

**MOTION** by Member Ludwig, *“to exclude CCVC members and APP Selection Committee members from submitting work for consideration”* **Motion died for lack of a second.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**State of the Arts License Plate Marketing** – Member Ludwig reported that he had gotten John Wilton to agree to design a promotional brochure. Staff will assist in obtaining the existing artwork from the State Division of Cultural Affairs to use in the design. The sub-committee will work on content for the brochure.

There is an issue about whether the additional \$20 is a tax deductible contribution. Chair Davidson asked staff to seek a legal opinion on the tax deductible status.

**Individual Artist Grant** – M. Fincher reported that the application postmark deadline was today, October 13. Over 40 people attended the two workshops in September. A review committee has been formed and will meet on October 18. The committee will review the applications in late October and plan on making award recommendations by November 15. Awards should be able to be made beginning December 1.

**Community Cultural Grant Polices and Procedures** – Chair Davidson asked staff to prepare a summary of recommendations from the two previous workshop sessions and present specific items for action at the next meeting in November.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Letter to Gubernatorial Candidates** – Chair Davidson advised that the Florida Alliance for the Arts has prepared draft letters for members of the public to send to Florida's candidates for Governor asking that they commit to supporting the arts. Details on where to find the letters on the internet and where to send them are in the e-mail sent by staff on October 10. Staff to re-send the information out again.

**Attendance Policy** – Member Ludwig asked if there was an attendance policy in place for Cultural Council members. Ms. Maddox advised that there is a policy that allows the Chair to seek a replacement for a member with more than 3 unexcused absences. Chair Davidson advised that Staff has already been asked to contact members with excessive absences to ask if they are still interesting in serving or whether they would like to step down. This will be done prior to the next meeting.

## **MISCELLANEOUS MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Wilson reported that the Orange City Council recently agreed to contribute \$25,000 on an annually renewable basis to help support the Gateway Center for the Arts to be built in DeBary.

Member Dahlen commented that as a result of the opposition received by one of the CCVC members after he spoke in support of increased funding for the arts the last County Budget Workshop, it is important that all members continue to keep in close touch with their County Council member to let them know of the strong public support that does exist for tax supported cultural and heritage programs.

Member Wilson also advised that the anti-tax lobby was aggressively working against any increased funding for arts and heritage.

Member Ludwig thanked Staff for their support of the Cultural Council. Chair Davidson asked if he would like to put this in the form of a motion to officially include it in the record. **MOTION** by Member Ludwig 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wilson, ***“To officially recognize the excellent job being done by Staff in support of the Cultural Council. Motion passed unanimously.”***

### **VCCA REPORT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ann Brady reported that the VCCA met on October 12 to plan their platform for 2007 and that they would continue to push for the per capita increase to \$2.00. Part of their strategy will be to show the positive impact that cultural and heritage organizations have to the County’s economy and how increasing the per capita will further benefit the economy and not just quality of life. She also advised that there is interest by some Council members in eliminating the per capita funding formula and go to annual line item support. The VCCA is preparing a position paper to use every time they can discuss support of the arts with any County Council member or board member of any community cultural organization. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding efforts to increase per capita funding for cultural programs.

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Chair Davidson adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted- Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator and Recording Secretary