

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 9:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023 .

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Pouliott called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Rick Fusco; Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte; Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell; Ipyana Abayomi

Absent: Renee Morgan

Staff Present: Linda Cox, City Clerk  
Nick Mimms, City Manager  
Marsha Commond, Redevelopment Specialist

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this Agenda may be heard at this time. Please sign the sign-up sheet in order to speak. Please limit your comments to no more than five (5) minutes, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The Arts and Culture Advisory Board will not be able to take any official action under “Comments from the Public” section.

No comments from the public.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the minutes from the October 24, 2023 meeting.

Motion by Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell, seconded by Ipyana Abayomi to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2023 meeting.

AYE: Ipyana Abayomi, Rick Fusco, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Board appointed vacancy of Mary Bemenderfer-Myers.

City Clerk, Linda Cox, explained there is a vacancy to be appointed by the Arts & Culture Board. Applications will be provided to the board when received and board members can ask individuals to apply.

- b. The Florida Culture Alliance - Marsha Commond, City Manager's Office

Nick Mimms, City Manager and Marsha Commond, Redevelopment Specialist, were in attendance. Mr. Mimms introduced Marsha Commond to the Board and indicated she would be their support staff person moving forward. Ms. Commond provided some basic information on the Florida Cultural Alliance and indicated staff would continue to look into the group and determine if membership would be appropriate.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Public Art Projects: Requests and Procedure

Members discussed potential art in public places projects to include 1. Dreamland Park Memorial, 2. Sculpture at City Hall, 3. Mural on the wall along Indian River Drive and a new project, 4. Sponsorship of the Highwayman Festival on the 3rd weekend in February.

Following discussion, Mr. Mimms encouraged the board to make a formal recommendation to the City Commission for their consideration.

Motion by Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell, seconded by Ipyana Abayomi to allocate art in public places funds to support the Highwayman Festival.

AYE: Ipyana Abayomi, Rick Fusco, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

Motion by Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, seconded by Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell to recommend that the City proceed with a mural along Indian River Drive on the wall near the courthouse building.

AYE: Ipyana Abayomi, Rick Fusco, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

## **8. BOARD AND STAFF DISCUSSION**

There was a recommendation to consider hosting an international festival at the St. Anastasia property. It was also requested that the Board receive a financial accounting of the Art in Public Places funds at the next meeting to include income and expenditures.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

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