

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, JANUARY 23, 9:00 A.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Pouliott called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Julie Pouliotte, Chairwoman; Doretha Hair Truesdell, Vice-Chair; Ipyana Abayomi; Lisa Kessler

Absent: Renee Morgan; Rick Fusco

Staff Present: Marsha Commond, Redevelopment Specialist; Celia Howard, Deputy City Clerk

**3. 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.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the minutes from the November 28, 2023 meeting.

Motion by Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell, seconded by Ipyana Abayomi to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2023 meeting.

AYE: Ipyana Abayomi, Lisa Kessler, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Introduction of Lisa Kessler, Commissioner Michael Broderick's appointee to the Board.

Mrs. Lisa Kessler provided a brief introduction of herself, highlighting her professional experience and expertise, and further responded to inquiries pertaining to her art background and relocation to Fort Pierce.

- b. Application of Gloria Baxevanis for consideration by Art & Culture Board for appointment as the "Board representative".

The Board members discussed the applicant's resume, the role of a board representative, and the construction of the board.

Motion by Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, seconded by Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell to appoint Gloria Baxevanis as the Board representative.

AYE: Ipyana Abayomi, Lisa Kessler, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

- c. Indian River Drive Mural theme

Marsha Commond, Redevelopment Specialist, expressed the need for a clearer theme for the Indian River Drive Mural and also explained the process for the call for artists that will take place moving forward. During the meeting, the board members discussed various ideas, including incorporating elements of history and movement into the mural.

- d. Artwork at Dreamland Park

Dr. Pinky Hanley, Batty Bradwell, and Ralph Morrison Jr., Survivors of Murdered Victims Support Group presented the proposed Dreamland Park Memorial Wall. They addressed the board's inquiries regarding the wall's layout, materials, and surrounding vegetation.

The Board agreed on the need for a rendition of the finished memorial wall to be presented at a future meeting.

- e. Art in Public Places Ordinance Revision

Marsha Commond, Redevelopment Specialist, presented the Art in Public Places Ordinance Revision and answered questions posed by the Board such as the ownership of the artwork, and details of policies from nearby communities.

Motion by Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, seconded by Ipyana Abayomi to recommend the update of the Art in Public Places Ordinance to include the appropriation of fees from private development.

AYE: Ipyana Abayomi, Lisa Kessler, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

- f. The Zora Neal Hurston Experience Fest Sponsorship Request

Marsha Commond, Redevelopment Specialist, presented the Zora Neal Hurston Experience Fest Sponsorship Request and answered questions pertaining to the details of the request.

Motion by Ipyana Abayomi, seconded by Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte to approve the Zora Neal Hurston Experience Fest Sponsorship Request for \$10,000.

AYE: Ipyana Abayomi, Lisa Kessler, Chairwoman Julie Pouliotte, Vice-Chair Doretha Hair Truesdell

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**8. BOARD AND STAFF DISCUSSION**

Ms. Lisa Kessler made an inquiry regarding external donations to the fund, to which Ms. Commond responded by explaining the funding structure of the Art in Public Places program.

Ms. Julie Pouliotte expressed her concern with the shortage of advertisements for the Annual Highwaymen Heritage Trail Art Show and Festival.

Mr. Ipyana Abayomi proposed identifying new buildings that could potentially host a mural.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

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