

City Hall Commission Chambers 3650 NE 12 Avenue Oakland Park, FL 33334

MINUTES ART AND CULTURE BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2022, 6:00 P.M

The regular meeting of the Art & Culture Board of the City of Oakland Park, Florida was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Board Secretary Alfonso.

Due to COVID-19, precautionary safety measures were in place and access to city facilities was limited to ensure social distancing. The opportunity of public participation has been provided by email or by calling the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Aaron Barber, Board Member Brenda Ramirez, Board Member* Angela Rush, Board Member Duane Smith, Board Member Michael Vita, Board Member

Also Present:

Danielle Alfonso, Board Secretary

Absent: Board Chair Wulin, Board Vice Chair Damiano, Board Alternate Ferrer *Arrived during Public Comments

1. Approval of Minutes 09.22.22

Due to both the Board Chair and Vice Chair being absent this meeting, approval of the September 22, 2022 meeting minutes was tabled until the November meeting.

2. Public Comments

Ralph Caraglia, the Beautification Advisory Board Chair, spoke about an event the Art & Culture Board members might find interesting. Smart Growth Partnership will be hosting an event at the Pride Center on The Impact of Public Art on Communities on Thursday, November 10th from 11am-2pm. Mr. Caraglia will send the meeting registration information to Board Secretary Alfonso who will disseminate it to the Art & Culture Board members.

3. Oakland Park Artist Directory – Discussion and Review of Applications

No new applications were received. Board Secretary Alfonso made some progress on the artist directory website since the last meeting and shared the draft with the board

members. Ms. Alfonso will need to tweak a few more things and get the payment sorted with the vendor, but hopes to have the website shareable soon. The draft website currently has links to the City's website, the Art & Culture Board's page on the City's website, and a direct link to the directory application. It also has profiles for all approved artists to date.

4. Discussion of Involvement in City Events

This topic was broached at the last meeting and Staff Liaison Burnett wanted the board members to discuss further for ideas. Board Member Rush gave examples of things she does at City events like Oktoberfest as a vendor and mentioned she and another local business owner have a meeting with Dr. Steve Tinsley from the City to discuss a monthly art walk. The other board members mentioned ideas like mural talks with artists, a farmer's market, dance classes, spoken word or poetry night at a local establishment, and in general a focus on celebrating and inviting individuals from other cultures and diversities. Board Member Vita said he has connections to people in modern dance companies, ballet companies, jazz bands, and more. Board Member Smith recommended the board participate in a current City event to start rather than create an event in order to ensure participation from the public.

5. Staff Liaison Report

Board Secretary Alfonso mentioned the City's Art & Antique Walk coming up on December 10th. She also brought up the Library's Art Wall. Ms. Alfonso has been working with Board Member Rush to get a monthly art installment and asked the other board members to submit any suggestions for artists to display to her. The library has a locking display cabinet as well as the display wall. The current exhibitor is one of the artists on the directory, Paula Guynn.

6. Other Business/Next Meeting

The City's Trunk or Treat event will be on Friday, October 28th at Wimberly Field from 6pm-9pm.

The next two meetings of the Art & Culture Board were discussed as November's falls on Thanksgiving and December's is right before the Christmas holiday. Board Secretary Alfonso let the board members know that the Commission Chambers were available on Thursday, November 17th. The board members present agreed to move the meeting to this date. Board Secretary Alfonso let the board members know that both the previous and following weeks surrounding the December meeting would not work for rescheduling. The board members present agreed to cancel the December meeting.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Danielle Alfonso, Board Secretary

Board Chair, George Wulin