

Dunedin Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee Minutes
February 22, 2019

Chair Jackie Nigro called the meeting of the Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Planning Dept. Motion was made to approve the minutes of January 25, 2019 by Simeon Liebman and seconded by Steve Spathelf. Roll Call was taken.

Members present: Jackie Nigro, Carol Bickford, Arielle Giordano, Simeon Liebman, Pat Long, Steve Spathelf. Alternates: Ray Bouchard and Karen Rader
Unexcused absence: Vincent Luisi, Matt Sunderman and Bryan Volitan
Staff: Lael Giebel
Liaison: Patricia Snair
Guests: Elizabeth Brincklow, David Ring and Alicia from Best Western and Harbor Inn.

Chair Comments: Jackie introduced Alicia from the Best Western and Harbor Inn.

Our 2018 Year End Report was approved, and Jackie will forward it to the City.

On March 5 the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee will go before the City Commission to support the continuation of the A&C committee. Points raised were to continue two City epic goals: oversee the PAMP and maintain Arts & Culture as a priority in Dunedin. Jackie encouraged everyone to attend the Commission meeting. Schedule will be emailed.

We then discussed the *Imagine in Stone* sculpture. Consensus is that it is not as originally presented, and it is not suitable for the proposed location in downtown. Jackie again encouraged committee members to visit the Industrial Arts studio to view the sculpture.

The Traveling Public Art Project will take place in the next two months in Weaver Park.

City Developments: Lael reported that “Beyond the Wall”, bed and breakfast expansion on Skinner will add 10 rooms and 2 rental units. Also, a new project on Albert Street and the Trail called the “Dunedin Foundry” will be constructed of containers and will provide short term rentals. The developers are the same that did containers in Pinellas Park.

Best Western Presentation: Alicia from the Best Western Hotel presented the proposed sketch for a mural on the north side of the hotel. There is a utility box in front of the mural which will be included in the design. Questions were raised about the amount of advertising in the sign (which is contrary to City Signagecode) and copyright issues with the postcard motif. Alicia was asked to return next month with a revised sketch.

PAMP Update: Elizabeth Brincklow (City Arts Consultant) stated now that the PAMP has passed, the focus is on its implementation and on new funding sources for projects through community and private partnerships. After a Feb. 21 meeting with the City Manager and Lael Geibel, project priorities include:

1. Investigating projects and budgets to jumpstart the Plan.
2. Conservation efforts – Conducting Condition Reports and maintaining of artwork
3. Updating the City website on the Arts Pages(s)
4. Education and marketing including putting the map online
5. Produce one sheet of information for private developers

Art Location Map: Simeon is working on funding, possibly having a co-sponsor such as the Chamber. The map will be similar to the current map with several layers. There will be a link on the City website to access the map. The project will have to go before the City Commission.

Letterhead: No report.

Scottish Arts: Pat announced the Dunedin Pipe Band is now a grade 1 pipe band and we are the #1 piping community in the world. She has talked with Vince Gizzi about piping performances on the pier. The two new chieftains are Iain Donaldson and Eric MacNeill.

Historic Preservation: No report.

Announcements/ Public Comments:

February 23 – History Comes Alive at the Dunedin Cemetery

March 9 – Dunedin Youth Guild Fashion Show, Florida Orchestra Bravura Brunch and DFAC Trashy Treasures Tag Sale.

April 6 – Highland Games

The Dunedin International Film Festival was very successful. There is a for profit LLC for the entity as well titled Dunedin Film Festival.

Andre Gonzales, a promoter in Palm Harbor, will be bringing a production of an opera to Dunedin.

David Ring commended Elizabeth on the great job she is doing and commented on the mural.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. The next meeting is at 8:00 a.m. on March 22, 2019 in the Planning Dept. Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Bickford, Secretary