

Dunedin Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee Minutes
October 25, 2019

Chair Jackie Nigro called the meeting of the Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Aberdeen Room of the Dunedin Community Center.

Members present: Steve Spathelf, Pat Long, Arielle Giordano,
Simeon Liebman, Bryan Voliton, Jackie Nigro,
First Alternate:
Second Alternate: Jennifer Haber
Unexcused absence: Carol Cortwright
Excused absence: Ray Bouchard, Karen Rader, Mary Childs
Staff: Lael Giebel
Liaison: Patricia Snair
Guests: Elizabeth Brincklow, David Ring, Commissioner Gow.

Approval of the Minutes: Simeon made a motion to approve the September 27, 2019 minutes of the ACAC; Steve Spathelf seconded. Minutes approved.

Chair Comments: Jennifer Haber has been approved as Second Alternate by the City Commission. Jackie wrote to the City Manager requesting the City to open a PA account within the City Budget. However, the PA account opening is on hold pending receipt of funds available for deposit. Due to Carol Cortwright having expressed to Jackie difficulties in attending the 8:00am meetings, Steve Spathelf will also serve as liaison to the Dunedin Historical Society.

City Developments: Lael reported that the Gramercy Park development is under new ownership. They expect Phase 1 to be complete in four months, at which time they will begin Phase 2. The 12-unit development at Highland Avenue and Skinner Blvd will go forward. Plans for the parcel on the Causeway opposite the boat shop have expired. Sale of the parcel containing the Car Wash is on hold. The Whiskey Cartel has completed litigation with its general contractor.

Elizabeth Brincklow, Art Consultant

Give Me Shelter Too - The Subcommittee met and reviewed the work of three artists and selected two proposals.

These two artists will make 15-minute presentations to the Subcommittee on November 22.

Catherine Wood will expand her mosaic proposal that celebrates Dunedin. Tim Boatwright's proposal is a pot pourri with many Scottish elements. He was asked to streamline the proposal.

The City Government Center: The subcommittee is seeking artists' qualifications and is working with the architecture team on the scope of work for the project. All names for the subcommittee have been approved.

Conservation of four works have been put into the pipeline. The City is borrowing from the Enterprise Fund.

Pioneer Park: The mayor asked for an unofficial project for renovation of the park.

Conservation of the green marble piece at the Blue Jays stadium is in the works.

Hubbard Park is a linear park along Edgewater Drive. Sources for private funds are being sought. Because of the neighborhood nature of the park, the committee will work with the Edgewater Advisory Council.

Give Me Shelter One: The artist returned to Dunedin to deal with oxidation of the artwork. This seems to have solved the problem.

City Hall Art Rotation: The first installation, a body of work by Richard Logan, will open November 4.

SPACEcraft: The launch date is November 23 at a location in Oldsmar. There was a complication in the container fabrication, but this has been resolved. Artwork is being mapped for application on containers.

Dunedin Scottish Arts Foundation: The Foundation may consider support of a commemorative item celebrating the great success of the Dunedin Piping Band. The Celtic Festival is November 23. Four bands from Cape Bretton Island will perform. VIP tickets are \$100; gate tickets are \$20. There will be a microbrew demonstration, and an Irish whisky tasting. The City band will perform in Scotland this summer. The foundation is exploring creating an exchange program with Scottish students and hope to do more between concerts through education. The foundation is also considering a 'college' piping and drumming program and seeking grant(s) to fund a larger building.

Fitness/Yoga Program : Fitness in the Park was held from 9 am to 1pm on Saturday October 5. This was a one-time event sponsored by the Dunedin Community Center. Arielle will explore a 2nd Fitness in the Park program at Weaver Park, keeping in mind the city's event restriction due to limited parking during City Hall construction.

Hope Spot: Dr. Earl, founder of the program and one of the world's most accomplished oceanographers, will be hosted at a Gala at the Fenway Hotel. Hope Spot is focused on Water Conservation and there will be an all-day program Saturday, October 26th. Hope Spot has done work on the Florida coasts and the red tide issue, among other activities.

Historic Preservation Committee: Steve Spathelf noted that Sunday October 27 there will be a "Cocktails from Another Era" event at the Fenway Hotel.

Art Map: Ashley Price will attend the November 22 meeting of the ACAC to report on the status of her interactive art map. She will most likely need video equipment; Lael will check with the Community Center to make sure it is properly set up.

Public/Membership Comments: The status of the Sister City Program is in question and Lael will check with the office in Washington D.C. A North Pinellas Jazz program, like the Clearwater Jazz program, is being explored as a fund raiser. Elizabeth distributed "Working Title" digests by Michael Crab to committee members.

Next Meeting: November 22, 2019 in the Meeting Room of the Dunedin Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Long