CULTURE, ARTS & PRIDE COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 04, 2023
12:00 PM
Municipal Complex, Committee Meeting Room (3300)
100 Ann Edwards Lane
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

MINUTES
Present: Ann McGahey, Corey Alston, Kathryn Whitaker, Brad Dunnells, Bren Monteiro
Absent: Courtney Sarre, Nicole Thomas
Staff Present: Nicole Harvey, Danielle Fraser, Tracy Richter

Called to order at 12:06pm

1. Approval of Minutes from the November 30, 2022 meeting
   Ms. McGahey motions; Mr. Alston seconds; Vote is Unanimous

2. Public Comments
   No members of the public present

3. Report from Subcommittees
   a. Sweetgrass Basket Stand Project
      Mr. Alston gives an update on a specific stand.
      Mr. Alston mentions a new date for first of the year to work on stands. There is discussion regarding dates and February 4th is decided for a friends and family workday. Mr. Alston and Ms. Harvey discuss what is left to do on the stands.

   a. Student Art
      Ms. Harvey mentions that she is working on a meeting to discuss options with teachers. Ms. McGahey asks to be included.
b. Traffic Box Art

Ms. Fraser gives an update on the traffic box art in regard to artists who have applied. Ms. Harvey mentions that the next meeting will include choosing art, there will be an updated budget, and status of boxes that were damaged.

Ms. Whitaker and Ms. Harvey mention circulating submissions to the Commissioners to review the art ahead of time.

Mr. Alston inquires as to having the artists physically paint the boxes versus having them wrapped. Ms. Harvey explains the art lasts longer, safety concerns, and the wraps are cleaner. There is discussion about the options.

Ms. Harvey reminds Commissioners she will be sending out a budget update and other information before the next meeting.

c. Town Hall Art

Ms. Monteiro said the event was a lovely way to end the year.

Ms. Harvey says attendance was low due to several factors.

Ms. Whitaker asks when new art will be picked for the next reception. Ms. Harvey said the next reception is in April.

d. Marketing

Ms. Harvey says she will email out the 2023 event dates so the Commissioners can plan to attend.

Ms. Monteiro says they need to consider what events the Commission should have a table for presence. Ms. Harvey lists several events that make sense for the Commission to attend.

Ms. Whitaker asks Mr. Dunnells if there is anything that should be revisited. Mr. Dunnells mentions the ArtFest.

Ms. Harvey suggests a Performing Arts subcommittee meeting via teams to include Ms. Richter. There is discussion regarding ArtFest.

Mr. Alston inquires about events that bring families out monthly such as “Arts in the Park”, etc. Ms. Harvey explains that’s a multi-departmental discussion. Ms. Richter explains other evening events and cost.
Ms. Whitaker agrees that adding to existing events would be easiest to offer more variety. Ms. Whitaker mentions some existing events.

Mr. Alston wants to come up with a way to enhance businesses and revenues and mentions a food truck idea. Ms. Monteiro says there is an established food truck rotation in town at local businesses.

Ms. Harvey mentions the Town Hall lawn concerts that may appeal to the older demographic. Ms. Harvey says the food trucks did great.

Mr. Alston asks about using the Town Hall venue and do events on bigger holidays. Ms. Monteiro said she has had several people talk about Hispanic Heritage month event.

Ms. Harvey says the conversation should move to the sub-committee

4. New Business
   a. Commission Applications
      ▶ Ms. Kathryn is willing to call those who do not show up to ask them if they are going to continue serving on the Commission.
      ▶ Ms. Harvey says that Ms. Monteiro is staying on the Commission. Ms. Monteiro talks about sitting on the Commission.
      ▶ Ms. Harvey gives update on how the process works with vacancies and those staying for reappointment. There is brief conversation regarding applicants.
      ▶ Ms. Monteiro mentions there are non-active subcommittees that need to be addressed.
      ▶ Mr. Alston wants to discuss doing something new along Hwy. 17 to celebrate the sweetgrass basket stand renovations and basket makers. There is discussion regarding options.

   Adjourn at @ 12:56pm

Submitted by Erin Brewton

January 9, 2023