CULTURE, ARTS & PRIDE COMMISSION  
Wednesday, October 4, 2023  
12:00 PM  
Municipal Complex, Committee Meeting Room (3300)  
100 Ann Edwards Lane  
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464  

Minutes  

Present: Brad Dunnells, Co-Chair; Chase Barrett; Bren Romano Monteiro; Nicole Seitz; Corey Alston  

Absent: Kathryn Whitaker, Chair; Chuck Lauer  

Staff Present: Nicole Harvey; Danielle Fraser; Tracy Richter; Steve Gergick  

► The Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.  

AGENDA  

1. Approval of Minutes from the August 2, 2023 meeting  
► Mr. Barrett motioned to approve and was seconded by Mr. Alston; all in favor.  

2. Public Comments  
► Ms. Marie-Louise Moretto asked, as president of the Mount Pleasant Community Arts Center Committee, what her organization could do to help the Culture, Arts & Pride Commission. Discussion followed.  
► Carol Hallman, board member of Mount Pleasant Community Arts Center Committee and member of board of directors of Seaside Community Choir, stated the choir has grown to 61 members and is looking for a larger rehearsal space and a performance space that seats up to 400 people.  

3. Report from Subcommittees  
   a. Student Art  
      ► Ms. Seitz summarized her meeting with local art teachers, Ms. Harvey and Ms. Fraser. Ms. Seitz specifically mentioned Art on the
Half Shell, and noted their discussion of ways to make student art more visible and accessible. Discussion followed.

b. Sweetgrass Basket Stands
   ▶ Mr. Alston provided an update on the Sweetgrass Basket Stands work and media exposure. Discussion followed.

c. Community Arts
   ▶ Ms. Romano Monteiro provided an update from the October 2, 2023 Health, Recreation and Events Committee meeting. Discussion followed.
   ▶ Mr. Gergick commented on the steps required for the Health, Recreation and Events Committee to bring the recommendations to Town Council. Mr. Dunnells asked for clarification on some points. Discussion followed.
   ▶ Mr. Gergick emphasized the importance of a mission statement and drafting an RFP (Request for Proposal) with purpose.

d. Traffic Box Art
   ▶ Ms. Harvey provided an update on the popularity of the Traffic Box Art program. Ms. Fraser presented a template she created to show how various art submissions would fit on the standard traffic boxes.
   ▶ Ms. Harvey stated that the Traffic Box Art subcommittee was needed to help narrow down art submissions. Mr. Barrett and Mr. Lauer were appointed to the Traffic Box Art subcommittee.
   ▶ Ms. Seitz and Ms. Fraser discussed ways to make the design mock-up process more efficient and available to artists during the submission process.

e. Marketing
   ▶ Ms. Harvey reminded the Commission of the upcoming Christmas Parade on December 10 and asked about availability of the Commission members to participate. Discussion followed.

4. New Business
   ▶ There was no new business.

5. Adjourn
   ▶ Meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by:
Megan Lynn, Executive Secretary
10/04/2023