

ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL

February 14, 2023

The meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Colombo at 6:30 P.M. Tuesday, February 14, 2023, in The Frank Art Gallery.

Present: Chair Colombo; Members Koren, Pierce, and Jordan

Absent: Member Mirville

Also Present: City Staff Liaison Holly Bonkowski, Assistant City Attorney Quentin Morgan, and Board Secretary Nicole Lafrance

MINUTES:

There was no quorum.

ABSENCES:

There was no quorum.

REPORT OF LIAISON:

Liaison Bonkowski began the meeting by informing members of the events that will be taking place in February and March, including Relay for Life and Pines Day. She also mentioned the two openings the City recently had, Silent Narrator which had a great turnout, including about 200 people and Grounded which had about 150 people in attendance at Studio 18. Chair Colombo mentioned how nice Studio 18 after some of the rooms had been changed around and that it looks elevated.

Liaison Bonkowski mentioned the Storywalk in the Pines event that is coming up and how the City already has 86 children signed up. She went on to talk about the Teen

Art program and how well that is doing with upcoming workshops February 17 and March 24.

Liaison Bonkowski went on to speak on the Public Arts Master Plan and how they had recently had a meeting together and they will be in attendance for the next Arts and Culture meeting.

There was a brief discussion between Chair Colombo, and Members Koren and Peirce about the possibility of a new member being added to the Arts and Culture Advisory Board and if it was an item on the next Commission Meeting.

Liaison Bonkowski spoke on the upcoming Arts Festival and it being its 25th year. There were two areas of business she wanted to discuss. One of which was the festival brings about 40-50 artists but she would like to see more artists involved. And second, she would also like to see the number of attendees be higher. Mrs. Bonkowski spoke about how she would like to rename the festival to the “25th Annual Art & Music Fest in the Pines” to specifically include more music to this event. Chair Colombo mentioned how usually at other events the music is set far away from the artists that some people might not know there was music going on, to which Mrs. Bonkowski made the point that if they put the stage area too close the artists are not able to speak with their customers properly about their art.

Liaison Bonkowski mentioned how she would like to extend the hours of the event on Saturday to 8PM and start the festival at 11AM. She would also like to try and get a tribute band to come to try and bring more people in as well. There would no longer include an Awards Dinner, but an Awards Breakfast on Sunday. Chair Colombo

expressed concern about this and Mrs. Bonkowski reassured her this would be a nice classy breakfast held in the same location as the Award Dinner usually takes place.

Liaison Bonkowski mentioned she is working with a promoter for this event and the goal is to get more people in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no requests.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Colombo adjourned the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Lafrance

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Board Secretary

Meeting Adjourned: 7:17 P.M.
Approved: