

Cultural Arts Commission Meeting

February 10, 2025

6:00PM

Present:

- Commission: Chair Libby Roerig, Vice Chair Jamie Bierdz, Commissioners Marsha Hassell, Sharina Haynes, Shelby Jasewicz-Davidoski, Kelly Conrad, and Kristina Mathieu.
- Staff: Barbara Richardson (Art Director), Gabbi Pace (Arts and Entertainment Coordinator), and Philip Sweat (Parks Director)
- Public: Tina Ballentine and Nathan Alessandro

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Libby Roerig.

General Public comments:

- N/A

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Chairman Roerig requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025 meeting.
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Kelly Conrad
 - Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jamie Bierdz
 - Discussion:
 - N/A
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Art Director's Report – Barbara Richardson:

- The Adopt a Goose Program's 51st goose has been purchased by a shopping center on Red Bank!
- The Stud Signing for the Creek Collective will be held on Thursday, February 13th from 4:00-6:00.
- An updated design of the Sky Market mural was shown to the Commission, and it was received favorably. They especially loved the stamp motif.
 - It was suggested that there be a mural in Goose Creek displaying all cultures that make up the community. It was suggested that the mural might be unveiled around the same time as the "Cultures in the Creek" Celebration.
- Street Banners
 - It is time to have a new contest to design banners that will hang off light posts in Goose Creek. Barb asked for suggestions of theme.
 - It was suggested that this contest be a way to celebrate the vibrant cultures in Goose Creek. The theme of "Who We Are" was brought up, to keep it broad and open to a variety of interpretations.
 - It was suggested that the banners would look like stamps.

Arts & Entertainment Report – Gabbi Pace:

- The Commission was informed of new communication policies and told that going forward, agenda items could be sent to Gabbi by the Thursday prior to a Commission meeting so that it could be added to the agenda. Commissioners will be sent a copy of the prior month's meeting minutes, an agenda, and a copy of the monthly Rec report on the Friday prior to a Cultural Arts Commission meeting.
- First Friday Concert performances have been secured. All First Friday Concerts will run from 7:00-9:00 with doors opening at 6:00.
 - The Novatones (A rock-and-roll cover band) on March 7
 - High Society Party Band (a 90s/00s rap/hip hop party band) on April 4
 - The Corey Stevenson Band (a country band) on June 6
 - The Chosen Levites (a jazz band) on August 1
- Larger concerts are in the process of being booked.
- City staff shared about a visit to Summerville's Public Works Art Center, where partnerships were formed, and connections were made with resident artists.
 - Kelly Conrad suggested a visit to Redux in Charleston.

Black History Month Programming Updates – Sharina Haynes:

- The Stamp Contest has been pushed back and will be held in partnership with Postal Pal.
 - The flyer for the stamp contest was approved and will be pushed out on Recreation socials and delivered to schools for promotion.
 - The new deadline for submissions has been changed to March 3, 2025. A short meeting to vote on the stamp winner will be held on March 4th at 6:00. The winner will be recognized at the Council meeting on March 11th.
- A movie night has been added to the Recreation calendar to be held on Friday, February 28. The movie will be *Piece by Piece*, a musical biopic about Pharrell Williams told with LEGOS. The Movie will start at 6:30, with the venue opening at 6:00.
- A graffiti artist, Daniel Green, has been added to the Black Business Market. He will be painting live from 2:30-4:30.
- The Goose Creek Elementary Black History Month Celebration will be held on February 27th at 5:30.

Strategic Planning Retreat- Libby Roerig

- Gabbi will be sending out a calendar for June and July to identify the best time for a CAC planning retreat to occur.

General Comments and Ideas from the Commission

- Kelly Conrad suggested that with so many cultures and identities being celebrated in Goose Creek, it would be good to hold some kind of Pride event as well, if even a small one.
- Shelby Jasewicz-Davidoski suggested that the commission look into SCRAP, a program out of Spartanburg, and suggested that there be some kind of Earth Day upcycling arts program. CCP was suggested as a location with each of the Pickleball courts being a different art station. It was

suggested that there be a competition to see who could create the most creative sculpture from scrap.

- It was also suggested that the City find ways to collaborate with local farmers to promote experiences that the average person might have no idea is occurring in the community and to support the local agriculture industry.
- It was suggested that there be a youth film festival at the Daning with a red carpet, and have “The Academy Awards” of Goose Creek.
- Marsha Hassell asked about the installation of a Poet Laureate in Goose Creek, and stated that she would look more into such a program and send that information to Gabbi.

Adjournment:

- Chairman Roerig requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- The motion was granted by Commissioner Bierdz.
 - The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haynes.
 - All in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting has been scheduled for March 10, 2025 at 6:00PM

Minutes approved for February 10, 2025.