

CITY OF GOOSE CREEK CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

MEETING – Monday, September 9, 6:00 PM

Present

- Commission: Chair Libby Roerig, Commissioner Jamie Bierdz, Commissioner Mike Owens, Commissioner Linda Smith
- Staff: Art Director Barbara Richardson, Recreation Director Crystal Reed, Parks Director Philip Sweat, Arts and Entertainment Coordinator Gabbi Pace, City Council Member Gayla McSwain
- Public: Larry Alexis, Doreen Rugema

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm by Commissioner Roerig.

Minutes

- A motion to approve July minutes was made by Commissioner Bierdz, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Business

- Commissioner Bierdz inquired about commissioner positions and when they become available. Do Cultural Arts Commissioners leave once their term is over and what is the limit of that term? Director Reed confirmed there are currently no open positions and commissioners are appointed for a 2-year term. Director Reed will confirm with the City Clerk as to whether current commissioners can renew their term.
- Creek Collective – The demolition of the chapel started today 9/9/2024. Gabbi Pace is coming up with ideas for programming and events for the Collective. One idea is an apothecary station. An idea for the grand opening is to highlight members of the Goose Creek Artists Guild. Gabbi was inspired by artists and ideas at Zine Fest and hopes to bring some of those ideas to the Collective. Larry Alexis expressed concerns about the idea of a paint and sip program being held close to works of art that may be on display.

- The Daning Amphitheater – Director Reed feels that the Grand Opening was a huge success. The time and effort put into the project and into the opening was a much bigger undertaking than anticipated and City staff along with the production crews were able to pull it all together and we had an amazing show. Randall Fowler will be our second performer for the venue. Tickets will be available Friday, September 13 at noon. Director Reed also sent a shoutout to GCPD for all their amazing work and collaboration. Working with Chief Roscoe, with her amazing experience and background, made the event so much safer for everyone. The City is evaluating our procedures for the grand opening to revamp and improve future shows. Commissioner Bierdz spoke about the shuttle system and its ease of use. She liked the parking availability, the route, and the driver. Commissioner Roerig spoke about the Post and Courier’s article about the venue and how it’s being used. Director Reed spoke about the many uses of the space and how it will amplify the City’s events.
- Cultures in the Creek – Commissioner Smith asked about any more interest in Cultures in the Creek. Director Reed confirmed that Sharina has a full list of applicants, and the goal is to collect all the information and clean it up to come up with a full schedule for the event.

Art Director’s Report

- Sanitation trucks have all been completed but one.
- Crows in the Creek has launched.
- New crosswalk paintings are coming around the Recreation Complex.
- We are up to 39 goose statues purchased. Jake from State Farm is undergoing a new clear coat process after repairs had to be made.
- We are kicking off a competition where you dress as your favorite goose. There will be one resident winner and one business winner.
- Trading cards are TBD as we wait for businesses to create fun facts about their goose.

Public Comments

- Doreen Rugema spoke about her dance group and their performance to showcase Filipino culture. They have applied to perform at Cultures in the Creek.

- Larry Alexis – “The concert was a big hit.”

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was set at 6:48pm by Commissioner Owens seconded by Commissioner Bierdz.