

Minutes of the Board of Directors of Creative Pinellas Inc.

Creative Pinellas Board
Meeting Thursday
October 14, 2021
4:00pm – 6:00pm

Present Board Members: David Warner, Flora Maria Garcia, Susan Benjamin, Doreen Moore, Mark Weinkrantz, Tony Satterfield, Akiko Kotani, Comm. Karen Seel. Kathi Grau, Robin Miller

Absent: Joyce Cotton, Celeste Davis, Martin Tadlock, CJ Zygadlo, John Brielmaier III

Staff: Barbara St. Clair, Charlene Harrison

Guest: Cathy Tobias

Meeting called to order: 4:03 pm

AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING:

1. Mission Moment: Cathy Tobias creator of the Covid Memorial exhibit in the courtyard provided the story behind the Covid Ribbon Memorial honoring the (then) 55,000 Floridians who died from Covid.
2. Consent Agenda: Financials, Minutes, CEO report, financials.

Motion to Approve: Mark Weinkrantz
Second: Floria Maria Garcia
Approval: Unanimous

3. Action Items
 - a. SPACEcraft traveling art project: move to redistribute SPACEcraft funds currently allocated to in the agreement with the County to Project Management, Contingency and Marketing categories, into Implementation, as required to enable the extension of SPACEcraft project and the continuation of SPACEcraft onsite arts activities through December 2022 (with final closing activities moving into 2023).

Motion to approve: Doreen Moore
Second: Tony Satterfield
Approval: Unanimous

- b. Nominating Committee: Approve the following members of the nominating committee: CJ Zygadlo, Celeste Davis, Susan Benjamin, Duggan Cooley, Carol Mickett and Frank Vitarelli with Flora Maria Garcia as chair of the slate of Nominating Committee.

Motion to approve: Susan Benjamin
Second: Robin Miller
Approval: Unanimous

- c. David Rajaram resignation: Accept the resignation of board member David Rajaram due to family reasons.

Motion to approve: Floria Maria Garcia
Second: Kathi Grau & David Warner
Approval: Unanimous

d. Board business:

- i. Confirm January 20, 2022, as date of the board retreat.

Motion to approve: Floria Maria Garcia
Second; Tony Satterfield & Kathi Grau
Approval: Unanimous

The time and location for the retreat will be discussed at a later date.

- ii. November board meeting canceled unless pressing issues arise.
- iii. December and January executive and board meetings will be held at regular times and dates. We will look at whether to have them in person or via zoom as we get closer..
- iv. Arts Annual programming (buy tickets!)
- 11/13: 1-4 pm and 5-8 pm with performances and food truck
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 - 10.00 for each of the three performances or 25.00 for the weekend

4. Reports/Updates

- a. Financial : Review of preliminary financials for September and year-end
- b. Update on status of LAA agreement
- c. Active programs updates
- i. American for the arts
 - ii. Barbara shared the information she received from Americans for the Arts, addressing the board concerns about how tourism might impact the results
 - iii. Update on participation – so far:
 1. Dunedin
 2. Tarpon Springs
 3. Safety Harbor
 4. Gulfport
 5. Clearwater
 6. Pending
 - a. Largo
 - b. Pinellas Park
 - c. St. Pete
 - d. The Beaches
 - iv. There will be a countywide study
 - v. Commissioner Seel suggested each member speak to a commissioner to let them know what is going on.

d. Arts FAM tour:

- i. We are working with VSPC to get this planned and scheduled
 - ii. Suggesting January 21 as potential date
 - iii. The trip will start in St Pete at 8.30 am, drive to Clearwater, Tarpon Springs, Dunedin, and back to the starting point.
 - iv. Robin has volunteered to help with the organization for the tour.
 - e. Arts Navigator:
 - i. We are moving the project to a new vendor (PhiQuest – who was our consultant on the SOW, and has provided consulting services to this project during the production stage)
 - 1. We did not get the support we needed from Source Toad (previous vendor) to deliver the MVP on time
 - 2. No (or minimal) financial impact expected
 - 3. Completion will be delayed – PhiQuest will provide a new timeline within 14-30 days.
- 5. Upcoming Exhibits/Activities
 - a. Sharon McCaman: January 2022
 - b. Pinellas County Schools: March 2022
 - c. Emerging Artist: April 2022
 - d. The Hidden Sadness of Covid (tentative) May 2022
 - e. Jason Hackenweth large scale installation: July, 2022
- 6. Membership: Robin Miller has agreed to work on this committee
- 7. Other
 - a. Six artists associated with Creative Pinellas received the Critic's Choice award from the Creative Loafing. (This is the prestigious one!)
 - b. They include:
 - i. Carol Mickett and Robert Stackhouse
 - ii. SPACEcraft project
 - iii. Emily Stehle, emerging artist
 - iv. Nick Davis, emerging artists
 - v. Carlos Culbertson, muralist
 - vi. Todd Bates, SPACEcraft photographer

Meeting Ended: 5:47 pm