

CITY OF GOOSE CREEK CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

MEETING – Monday, January 08, 2024, 6:00 PM

Present

- Commission: Chair Commissioner Laura Wiggins, Vice Chair Commissioner Libby Roerig, Commissioner Marsha Hassell, Commissioner Michael Owens, Commissioner Sharina Haynes, and Commissioner Linda Smith
- Staff: Art Director Barbara Richardson, Recreation Director Crystal Reed, and Parks Director Philip Sweat
- Public: Larry Alexis, Wilbert Gettys, Bertrand Evans-Taylor

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by Commissioner Wiggins. Seconded by Commissioner Smith

Minutes

- A motion to approve minutes with corrections was set by Commissioner Hassell, Seconded by Commissioner Roerig

Old Business

- January Day of Service. Postponed due to waiting for soil test results. Test results will be provided to Goose Creek Master Gardener's Club for advice to move forward. Commission to reach out and meet with stakeholders in the community January 15th, from 2pm-3pm at Forest Lawn Park to go over plans for the space.
- Cultures in the Creek. November 16 with rain date of November 23. February 2025 potential Carnivale. Amphitheater for potential location. Commissioner Wiggins addressed narrowing the timeline down to 1 day as it is the first event of its kind in Goose Creek. Commissioner Haynes suggested a zoom meeting in 2 weeks for a status update. Commissioner Hassell spoke about creating a vision for what the event will look like and how it will play out. Commissioner Haynes volunteered to investigate what's been done in other communities to gather ideas and information.

Participant flyers with QR's/pre-registration forms, Save-the-Dates, and Formal Letters will be drawn out. Commissioner Haynes will work on the flyer. Commissioner Wiggins will work out the forms. Zoom meeting date January 29 at 6pm. Link will be sent through WhatsApp. Commissioner Wiggins will connect with Director Reed for form building. Goose Creek Recreation's 2nd Annual Corn Festival will be rescheduled. Commissioners will be responsible for cultures as follows:

Commissioner Wiggins – Brazilian, Commissioner Roerig – Hispanic, Commissioner Smith – Wassamasaw, Commissioner Hassell – European, Commissioner Owens - Asian/Vietnamese, Commissioner Haynes – African Americans. Commissioners Bierdz and Smith will team up to handle Asian Indian culture.

New Business

- Lunar New Year. Director Reed did some research and attempted to reach out for information. Commissioner Haynes suggested postponing the event as it is set for February 10 and would like to set it up for next year after doing more research. Motion to postpone was seconded by Commissioner Wiggins.
- Black History Month. Commissioner Haynes suggested being part of the NAACP and Postal Service unveiling of the stamp. The idea of an art contest was suggested where youth can present designs for their own stamps which could be displayed at the Recreation Complex. Bertrand Evans-Taylor volunteered to assist. The contest will be open to students in the district. Wilbert Gettys also provided his knowledge on black history. The event is set to February 22 with a tentative date to announce winners. The submission deadline is set to February 9. The flyer goal is set to be sent out January 16th. Recreation will post flyers to social media. Winners of the contest will also be posted to social media pending release forms.

Art Director's Report

- We have 25 Geese now.
- Rev250 Grant. The focus should be on Cherokee Trail that goes through Goose Creek. Mainly focusing on the items, the natives would make and trade and their predominantly female leadership.

- Renovations for The Creek Collective will begin soon. Director Richards brought up the potential to move Commission meetings to that location once renovations are completed.
- Second interviews scheduled for this week for the Art and Entertainment Director.
- Redbank Road banners have been installed.
- Wraps for the sanitation trucks are moving forward without the last truck. We will slowly roll out the truck wrapping in hopes that the newest truck will arrive in a timely manner to be wrapped.

Public Comments

- Larry Alexis announced he loved the parade and can't wait for the next one.
- Bertrand Evans-Taylor introduced himself and spoke of how the growth of art in Goose Creek is amazing and he's excited to be back. He volunteered his services for anything the commission may need moving forward.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was set at 7:22pm by Commissioner Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Hassell.