

CITY OF GOOSE CREEK CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

MEETING – Monday, March 11, 2024, 6:04 PM

Present

- Commission: Chair Commissioner Libby Roerig, Vice Chair Commissioner Sharina Haynes, Commissioner Michael Owens, Commissioner Jamie Bierdz, Commissioner Laura Wiggins, and Commissioner Linda Smith
- Staff: Art Director Barbara Richardson, Recreation Director Crystal Reed, Art and Entertainment Coordinator Chelsea Mylett, and Parks Director Philip Sweat
- Public: Bertrand Evans-Taylor, Joshua Shumak

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:04 by Commissioner Roerig. Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Minutes

- A motion to approve minutes with corrections was set by Commissioner Haynes. Seconded by Commissioner Bierdz.

Business

- Commissioner Haynes thanked all who attended the Black History Month stamp unveiling.
- Cultures in the Creek. Commissioner Haynes asked about charging for registration. Commissioner Owens voted for charging to help encourage commitment to the event. Registration charge will not apply to entertainment. Businesses will not need a business license. Director Reed asked about paying for entertainment. Bertrand Evans-Taylor offered a chart for payment. Standing Zoom meetings will be the first Tuesday of every month moving forward. Commissioner Haynes asked for recommendations for a DJ. The Recreation Department will provide that information. Commissioner Bierdz asked if the DJ will be the Emcee for the event. The stage is 40'x30' and the DJ will most likely share the stage with

performers during the event. The Commission will be good to go live with the flyer after adding the \$25 vendor fee. Submissions of the interest form will be closed May 31. Food trucks will need a business license with the City of Goose Creek. Commissioner Wiggins asked about entertainment that wants exposure vs. free entertainment. Director Reed recommended having those discussions as events come up.

- Poetry in the Creek. Poetry submissions close March 18. We currently have 3 submissions. Bertrand recommended reviewing poetry for approval. Commissioner Haynes proposed moving the deadline to March 31. The Commission moved for approval. Commissioner Bierdz proposed posting flyers at high schools.
- Commissioner Haynes asked if the Commission would be interested in participating in the NAACP Juneteenth Youth Symposium. Director Reed said the City and Recreation Department would like to take part. Commissioner Haynes mentioned the idea of a t-shirt design contest. The symposium will be held June 22.

Art Director's Report

- New plans have been made for the Creek Collective. The gallery and patio area have been expanded. Commissioner Haynes asked if there was a plan to place a marker to commemorate the original chapel and if there was anyone trying to pay to save and remove the original chapel. Commissioner Bierdz suggested the possibility of having an art competition/submission for the community to create art in commemoration of the chapel. Top submissions could be displayed at the Creek Collective. Project timeline most likely shifted to 2025 opening.
- Plans for the amphitheater were shared. There will be 6 available spaces for food trucks to plug in. Renderings were shown to provide ideas for the use of the space.
- City of Goose Creek won the Municipal Association of South Carolina communication award for the Adopt a Goose program. Director Crystal Reed spoke about the idea of making trading cards for each goose to be kept at businesses and be collected by the community. The City is open to ideas for promoting the next big goose run. Neighborhood Taphouse, Goose Creek High School, Kawasaki Cleaners, and Kona Ice will be getting the next 4 geese. The new total will be 30 geese. Commissioner Bierdz

asked about the possibility of making post cards for geese and/or sanitation trucks wraps.

- Sanitation trucks. Artwork has been finalized and the City is waiting for confirmation to get the trucks wrapped. A date has not been set but it should be soon. A reel with promos will be created to market the wraps. Commissioner Bierdz asked about the possibility of getting T-shirts with the wrap designs.

Public Comments

- Bertrand Evans-Taylor presented a report on national arts trends and their local application. (See documentation provided). He believes Goose Creek is doing well in community engagement. Goose Creek as a presenter is opening a new chapter. How can we work to increase equity? Genre diversity and implementation of diversity engagement practices. Support for arts-based businesses. Turn the Page bookstore is the only black owned bookstore in the state. There is currently a GoFundMe for store rent and improvements. Bertrand recommended we build an arts-based business directory. Accessibility – work through what accommodations we can provide and market those accommodations for events. He encourages the City and Commission to research and implement best practices for inclusion.
- Joshua Shumak introduced himself and spoke about the Wassamasaw Tribe and their efforts in community engagement.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was set at 7:30pm by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Smith.