

# ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

## CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL

May 9, 2023

The meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Colombo at 6:30 P.M. Tuesday, May 9, 2023, in The Frank Art Gallery.

**Present:** Chair Colombo; Members Koren, Pierce, Jordan, and Pakiet-Mercado

**Absent:** Member Mirville.

**Also Present:** City Staff Liaison Holly Bonkowski, Assistant City Attorney Quentin Morgan, Susana Villegas Cultural Arts Assistant and Board Secretary Nicole Lafrance

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### **MINUTES:**

On a motion by Member Pakiet-Mercado seconded by Member Pierce to approve April 2023 Minutes passed unanimously.

### **ABSENCES:**

On a motion by Member Koren seconded by Member Jordan to excuse the absence of Member Mirville from the May meeting passed unanimously.

### **REPORT OF LIAISON:**

Liaison Bonkowski started the meeting by discussing upcoming events in the City including the Spring Into Arts event, which is a children's music and art show, there will be snacks provided and PetLand will be there. Liaison Bonkowski also mentioned the Teen Art Program on May 19, Savor the Sounds on May 21 where they will have a live artist and a Caribbean band. Liaison Bonkowski also mentioned on June 15 there will be an opening reception for Oliver Jeffers at The Frank where they will project his picture

books on the walls, also at this event will be Portraits by Stella, a 5-year-old artist who will be creating live portraits. Liaison Bonkowski also went over Mayors Kids Day, and the mayors Chess event. Liaison Bonkowski mentioned the Summer Symphony Series, where they partnered with South Florida Orchestra. This event will be held during the summer on Sundays from 4pm-6pm. Member Koren asked if these flyers could be displayed in Member Pakiet-Mercado's store, to which Liaison Bonkowski encouraged this idea. Member Pierce mentioned the crowd at Studio 18 for the Art Competition, Liaison Bonkowski says it was the largest crowd she has seen at this location. Member Pierce expressed she was disappointed not to see the Mayor or any Commissioners at the event. Chair Colombo expresses what a lovely job they did putting on this event, the art was hung beautifully, and she reached out to the people who put the event together expressing her thanks. Member Koren mentions the space and with so many people it possibly being a fire hazard. Liaison Bonkowski assured her that the staff knew all the ins and out and exit doors.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Liaison Bonkowski gives an update on the Public Art Master Plan, letting members know that Linda Flynn has met with the Environmental Advisory Board and will also be meeting with the Economic Development Advisory Board to hear their opinions as outside stakeholders. Liaison Bonkowski also passed around a QR Code for a survey to be done which will help the Master Plan get input from the community. Chair Colombo mentions that the QR Code and website is very user friendly.

Liaison Bonkowski then went on to give members an update on the Art Festival, Chair Colombo makes a mention to how they are going to do a breakfast instead of a dinner, she suggests that the table have a place setting as well as possibly doing mimosas with a "25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" flute that the artists can take with them. Liaison Bonkowski says that she has been working with Chef Josh and they have discussed the idea of mimosas/bellinis/bloody marys for the event. Liaison Bonkowski also explains that the event on Saturday will be from 11am-8pm, and in addition to having a hospitality area she would like to do a box lunch for the artists to include sandwiches and snacks. Member Pierce asked if during the concert Saturday evening will the vendors close their booths, to which Liaison Bonkowski responded no, they will stay open as the artist want to sell their work. Liaison Bonkowski informs members the breakfast for the artist will be until 11am, and that Chef Josh cannot work with an open flame meaning they will have to rethink the bananas foster idea. Liaison Bonkowski says they will have 2 hours for breakfast, they will announce the winner of the competition and the artist will be off to open their booths. With this amount of time and about 150 people for breakfast the omelet station idea probably won't work as people will be spending too much time in line for food. Chair Colombo brings up the difference in budget from switching from dinner to breakfast. Member Pierce asks if there will be lox and bagels, and Liaison Bonkowski says she is working on it.

Liaison Bonkowski showed members the possible logo for the Arts Festival that she worked with a graphic designer, members agree they like the design, it has nice colors and it is a clear design. Chair Colombo goes on to discuss the poster for the

festival, explaining they asked artists to show how they thought of the city of Pembroke Pines, the results were not as she had planned, and she narrowed the results out for the board to make a recommendation. Chair Colombo passes out 4 options and asks members which they like best. Member Pakiet-Mercado asked when does this need to be decided, to which Chair Colombo explained that the festival is not until November and would not need to be decided tonight, and if there is nothing that they like they can look at other options. Liaison Bonkowski mentions that the winner of this poster will also have it displayed on a traffic box in the city.

Member Jordan mentions that when she took a trip to Cincinnati the art schools and community participated in public art displaying pigs covered in art. Chair Colombo recalls this bring brought up before, but it was possibly too expensive, she does like the idea and would like to give it another try. Member Jordan also mentions in Holland, Michigan and Iowa there being public art that fold up to look like tulips and when unfolded, they are chairs, offering seating in public areas. Liaison Bonkowski asks for these ideas to be included when doing the survey for the Master Plan.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

**REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

There were no requests.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Member Koren Seconded by Member Jordan to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 P.M passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nicole Lafrance*

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Board Secretary

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:08 P.M.**  
**Approved:**