



CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Department of Cultural Affairs

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CAB MINUTES

August 14, 2002

Members Present: Sharon Alford, Mitzi Calvert, Blossom Das, Doug Diekow, Bill Holt, Deborah Howard, AuBroncee Martin, David Velez, and Bob Woods.

Members Absent: Omi Ajamu, Kali Blount, Kerry Estes, and Eric Trabin.

Others Present: Coni Gesualdi, City Liaison.

Guests: Dr. Lemuel B. Moore, III, Director, Department of Cultural Affairs; Scott Koons, Gainesville Friends of Jazz and Blues.

Mitzi Calvert recording.

I. Call to Order

Chair Diekow called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The guests were introduced to the Board.

II. Approval of June 20, 2002 Minutes

The June Minutes were reviewed. Deborah Howard made a motion to accept the Minutes as submitted; the motion was seconded by Bill Holt; motion to approve Minutes passed.

III. Chair and Manager's Reports

Outside Agencies Presentations:

Coni and Doug presented the CAB's funding recommendations to the City Commission during the Special Budget morning session on July 15, 2002. The Commission voted unanimously to approve as recommended.

Workplan Presentation:

The CAB's Fiscal Year 2003 Workplan was presented to the City Commission at the evening session of the special July 15 meeting. Doug also requested funding for the CAB for the next fiscal year, and for the Annual Meeting in October. Both the Workplan and the funding request were approved.

Ordinance Presentation:

Doug presented the proposed changes to the City's Code of Ordinances, as pertains to the duties of the CAB, to reflect the addition of eco-heritage tourism in its scope. The City Commission voted to authorize the City Attorney to draft and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise this Ordinance amendment.

Secretary's Report : A report was made on members' standings. A letter will be sent to the County to request that Omi Ajamu and Kali Blount be removed due to excessive absences. James Baiocchi and Andy Jeter have resigned. Student adjunct Eric Trabin's term expires at the end of September.

Gator Trails: This project is going terrifically well. Coni reported that vandalism has not been as bad as the newspapers have reported. There are 58 gators so far. Project Coordinator Jennifer Beaman is working on the map on the City's website.

New Tourism Programs Interlocal Agreement: Coni passed out copies of the revised New Tourism Programs draft, and reported that it had been presented to the TDC earlier in the day. Coni discussed Café Muse, which is part of the proposed New Tourism Programs Interlocal Agreement. Invitations to Café Muse were sent to approximately 150 potentially interested organizations and individuals, including all members of the CAB.

IV. Old Business

Community Relations Plan:

Café Muse will meet Thursday, August 22, 2002, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Gainesville Community Playhouse:

Doug recapped the history of this issue to date. The GCP had originally asked for \$100,000 from the City for their new facility. The City Attorney had advised City Liaison Gesualdi that donating money to a private, non-profit organization, for a non-City building is not an appropriate use of public monies. Doug has been speaking with Playhouse representatives, and has explained that a more appropriate action may be to offer City in-kind services, and possibly a loan. Bill was present at this discussion, and reported that the GCP did show interest in this possible solution. Coni is not sure the City can loan money; past loans have been attached to City-owned buildings. Several minutes of discussion ensued. A motion was made by Bob Woods that the City Commissioners should direct staff to enter into conversations and negotiations with the Playhouse for the City to provide in-kind services and to discuss the possibility of a loan. Bill seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business

Gainesville Chamber Orchestra: Lynn Noffsinger of the GCO had asked to make a presentation to the CAB, but had to cancel due to illness. This presentation will be rescheduled.

CAB Annual Awards: It was decided that a Lifetime Achievement award would not be given out this year. Doug asked for nominations for the Annual Award. Nominations were made for the Gainesville Community Theater; Lynn Noffsinger/GCO; Debbie Deforge; Vicki Sabatella/Gainesville Youth Chorus. Doug then amended his nomination to include Deforge and Sabatella as joint nominees; there was a discussion, and it was decided that this would be appropriate. AuBroncee moved that the nominations be closed; the motion was seconded, and passed.

Term Expirations: Term expirations were announced. Blossom and Bill's terms are about to expire. Bill stated that he would not be reapplying, but expressed his appreciation for being allowed to participate in the CAB's activities.

Report to County: The CAB needs to make its annual report to the Alachua County Commission to remind them of the work done by the Board. Doug asked for volunteers for a special task force to put together a presentation. AuBroncee, Deb, and Doug agreed to work on this.

VI. Committee and Liaison Reports

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate for 2002-2003 CAB officers:

Chair: AuBroncee Martin

Vice-chair: Blossom Das

Secretary: Mitzi Calvert

Doug then requested nominations from the floor. None were presented. Deb made a motion to close nominations; Bob Woods seconded, and the motion passed. The Board will vote on the proposed slate at their next meeting.

Budget and Grants:

B&G will meet next week to review an Arts Tag application, as well as amendments to Outside Agency budgets.

VII. Comments /Announcements

Bob announced that *A Soldiers' Play* would be presented by Velasques Productions beginning in November. Dr. Moore spoke about several projects he was working on, including working with UF on its 150 year celebration; and the Heritage Museum project. Bill reported that he has been working in several current movies.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.