

Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center
Board Meeting
April 20, 2016
Carrollwood Cultural Center

Board Members Present: Nancy Stearns, *President*; Alan Preston, *Treasurer*; Bill DeMare, *Vice President*; Neil Smith, Evelyn Bless, *Secretary*; Brenda Heiss, Craig Nowicke, Rex Henderson, Dr. David Rowlands, Mary Ann Bardi, Diane Leeper

Board Members Absent: Dan Saxe

Staff Members Present: Paul Berg, *Director*

Call to order, quorum present, at 4:00p.m. by Nancy Stearns, President

Public comment: none

1. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: by Alan Preston

Second: by Rex Henderson

Motion passed: 11-0

2. Consent Agenda approved

Board minutes – March. Corrections: Spelling of Mary Ann Bardi’s name, and HOA business added to new business

Committee minutes:

March Governance

March Finance Committee

Motion: Alan Preston

Second: Rex Henderson

Motion passed: 11-0

3. Executive Director’s Report: Paul Berg reported that on May 2 TECO would be working on the power lines and power would be off in the morning at the center. The Tampa Visitor’s Bureau has invited Paul to speak. The Jazz festival is scheduled for this weekend. Tickets for the day are sold out, and a few for Saturday night are left. Next Saturday will be the Kids Fest, an outdoor event presented for the HOA’s... Paul secured an additional \$15,000 from the county for a public arts project; bringing the total to \$80,000. Paul explained the process for developing the project.

4. Finance Update: Alan Preston reported that the center is doing well. Instead of being \$14,000 deficit as planned, we are \$17,000 to the good. A warming kitchen will be provided at the studio.

5. Dellwood Property Update: Bill DeMare reported that on April 11 a group met with Commissioner Hagen about the park. He is still 100% behind the project. \$2 million has been set aside for the project. Bill explained the process that is being followed. Commissioner Hagen wants a “splash pad” included. In the plans for the park. A study is going to be done in the near future to assess the depth of the lake and quality of the water. The committee decided to have the “park” (FNWRP) become a 501C3 entity separate from the Cultural Center for financial reasons. Commissioner Hagen offered to accompany CCC board members who might want to solicit large donations from the community for the park. Bill explained that will be a community park not a regional park.

6. Unfinished business: Craig commended Aaron and Adrienne for their work on social media advertising the center, especially using a video series. Rex asked about the new computer based ticketing system. Paul reported that the company needs more time to get the new system in place. Bill congratulated Rex and his committee on their finance report. Bill thanked Aaron for his enthusiasm and work planning the 22 events for the HOA and all the other work that he does. Aaron recently visited nursing homes

7. New **Business**:Holiday trees: Nancy announced that this will be done again this year. She requested that someone from the board take over this job which takes about 6 hours. Diane Leeper volunteer to help with this task. Paul discussed HOA representation because we are getting near our 15 member limit. The discussion resulted in the board feeling that the present structure should remain for now. Communication between the HOA presidents and the directors has improved and the relationship is better than it ever has been. The HOAs are working to improve communication with residents of the village.
Craig announced that May 21 is a concert by the CCC chorus. Also, the Florida Orchestra, including members from the community chorus, will be joining the larger chorus April 26 at the Mahaffey Theater.

8. **Adjournment**: Nancy Stearns adjourned the meeting at 5:11. The next meeting will be held on May 18, 2016 at 4:00.

Submitted by:

Linda Delapenha

Recording Secretary