



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes City Commission Joint Meeting

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Monday, July 3, 2017

4:00 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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With the North Port Art Advisory Board

**NOTE: This is a draft copy of the minutes of the 07-03-2017 Commission Special Meeting, has not been approved by the Commission and is subject to change.**

### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The North Port City Commission Special Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in City Chambers by Mayor Yates.

Present: Mayor Yates; Commissioners Hanks, Luke and McDowell; Interim City Manager Lear; Interim City Attorney Slayton; City Clerk Adkins; Recording Secretary Hale and Police Chief Vespia.

Absent: Vice-Mayor Carusone.

Art Advisory Board Members: Sean Kirkpatrick, Chair; Carol Dawkins; Karen Frustereo and Staff Liaison Madison Heid.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commission.**

### **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION**

*A motion was made by Luke, seconded by McDowell, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote with Vice-Mayor Carusone absent:*

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Yates, Hanks, McDowell and Luke

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

#### **A. [17-1175](#)**

Presentation of the Art Advisory Board's Fiscal Year 2018 budget requests and annual report.

Art Advisory Board Liaison Heid presented a PowerPoint of the Board's accomplishments in 2016. Thereafter, Chair Fitzpatrick provided a brief report of the area schools' participation and provided details of the increased Budget request for Fiscal Year 2018.

Discussion ensued: (1) following a question, it was stated that there are sufficient places to hang the increased art pieces being requested; (2) the exhibition rotation schedule and the Belle Soiree event were explained; (3) the Board plans to help new developers with

their Art in Public Places requirements; (4) all student art receptions and art are held at City Hall and the next reception is scheduled for September 11, 2017; (5) the first floor in City Hall contains a rotation of art from the North Port Art Center and the Center's Summer Camp for Youth is on a Fall rotation to be displayed in City Hall on the second floor; (6) all schools are included in the art exhibits, elementary, middle and high school; (7) attendance at the Belle Soiree continues to increase and is anticipated to continue growing through social media exposure; (7) the Parks & Recreation Department is responsible for the Arts in the Parks program and the Art Board is willing to help if and when asked; (8) the rotation of art during the Belle Soiree was explained and it was stated that the displays could expand to include all school age groups for this event which will generate more attendance and interest; (9) the wall hangers were purchased by the Art Board's budget.

***There was a consensus that the City Manager will work with the Art Advisory Boards to get additional quotes on framing costs.***

Discussion continued: (1) it was stated that the current framer being used by the Board charges the lowest price in the area but the Board will work with the Finance Department to ensure the best competitive price is obtained; (2) it was stated that the frames are metal with plexi-glass and matboard and the student takes it home at the end of the exhibit rotation; (3) it was stated that last year's budget was \$6,332; (4) it was explained that business sponsors help with food donations for the Belle Soiree, and gift cards for the quarterly student exhibitions come from the budget; (5) staff will work with the Art Board to get more donations for the student art shows and to look into the City's sponsorship program; (6) to entertain and help promote arts in the community, a suggestion was proffered that groups be invited to perform prior to evening Commission meetings.

***There was a consensus to charge the Art Advisory Board to take the concept of expanding exposure to art by inviting performing arts to perform prior to the evening Commission meeting.***

A brief discussion ensued regarding a conversation between the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the Art Advisory Board concerning the City's Arts in the Parks program. It was suggested to involve the North Port Art Center at some point.

***There was a consensus to task the Art Advisory Board to find ways to collaborate and coordinate with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board in the City's Arts in the Parks Program, and thereafter include community involvement.***

It was suggested to involve all the schools to be represented during the Belle Soiree on all three floors at City Hall.

***There was a consensus to task the Art Advisory Board to include all levels of school participation in the Belle Soiree on the three floors at City Hall.***

Discussion ensued: (1) the Art Board was requested to work on minimizing the cost of framing but keeping a complimentary look to the piece; (2) it was suggested to look for ways to save and perhaps help with sponsorships and donations, trying to do more with less.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to authorize the Art Advisory Board's Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget as proposed. The motion carried by the following vote with Vice-Mayor Carusone absent:***

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Yates, Hanks, McDowell and Luke

Discussion ensued concerning the Walgreens Art in Public Places project on the corner of Sumter and Price Boulevards: (1) City Manager Lear will research the origin of the

Walgreen's funding and report back to the Commission; (2) it was stated that the art project was put on hold until after the intersection widening was completed; (3) the Art Board will move forward with a design proposal and options other than a clock tower will be considered; (4) it was suggested to consider a City theme such as Peace Bowls.

Following a comment, it was recommended that the liaisons to the Art Advisory Board and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board schedule a joint meeting to discuss plans incorporate art at the site of the future City pool.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

### **4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Yates noted an agenda was advertised regarding an upcoming public hearing for a Special Exception Permit for the kennel on July 11, 2017, starting at 1:00 p.m., and it was requested to set a time certain for that portion of the agenda. It was stated that both the counsel for the petitioner and the City's representative have both agreed to 6:00 p.m.

*There was a consensus to direct the City Manager to set the time certain for the Special Exception item on the kennel for 6:00 p.m. for the Tuesday July 11, 1017 meeting.*

Mayor Yates stated that former Commissioner Buddy Hughes is in the hospital and it was requested to keep her in prayers for a healthy recovery.

Commissioner Hanks stated that he will be arriving late at the July 6, 2017 meeting.

### **5. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS**

Nothing to report.

### **6. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Yates adjourned the North Port City Commission Special Meeting at 5:15 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Yates, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patsy C. Adkins, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the City Commission Regular Meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.