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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jonathan R. Lewis, City Manager

Thru: Juliana B. Bellia, Public Works Director *QBB*

FROM: Sean Kirkpatrick, Art Advisory Board Chair *SK*
Barb Wolf, Staff Assistant

DATE: January 9, 2017

SUBJECT: North Port Art Advisory Board Annual Report 2016

The following is the North Port Art Advisory Board Annual Report for 2016;

Board Member Information:

Sean Kirkpatrick (Chair)
Pamela Kaplan (Vice Chair)
Carol Dawkins
Jon Terhune
Lauren Almarode
Karen Frustereo
Laura Pucci
Camron Merion (Youth)
Chase Matthews (Youth)

Mission Statement:

Grounded in the belief that art is vital to the spirit, creativity, and wholeness of human beings, the mission of the City of North Port Art Advisory Board is to cultivate, promote, and encourage community spirit through the arts; to showcase and support artists and to foster communication vehicles devoted to arts appreciation.

2016 Activities:

1. The Art Advisory Board is continuing to coordinate with the North Port Art Center to hold exhibits on the first floor of City Hall every three months.
2. The Art Advisory Board has continued to partner with North Port school teachers and student artisans to showcase student art at City Hall. Three student art receptions were scheduled. The Art Advisory Board continues to have the student artwork framed in addition to giving Hobby Lobby gift cards for the First, Second, and Third place winners of the Student art shows. The gift cards are in the amounts of \$50.00 for First place, and \$25.00 for each Second and Third place winners.

The following North Port Schools involved are:

Cranberry Elementary School
Lamarque Elementary School
Toledo Blade Elementary School
Heron Creek Middle School
Woodland Middle School
North Port High School
Imagine Elementary, Middle, and High Schools
Also involved was the North Port Art Center Youth Program

3. Refreshments for these Student Art Shows were purchased at Publix and are served by Art Board members.
4. The Art Advisory Board hosted the *Belle Soirée* at City Hall on January 28, 2016, with twenty artisans demonstrating their art techniques, including dance and music. This event was attended by 120 people with inclement weather of rain. Refreshments were donated by the following sponsors Abbe's Donut Shop, Family Table Restaurant, Olde World Restaurant, Publix Supermarket, Perkins, Panera Bread, and Starbucks.
5. Members of the Art Advisory Board also staffed the information booth at the City of North Port Public Works Road-E-O.

2017 Goals

1. Continue to work with the North Port Art Center to coordinate all first floor shows and exhibits for City Hall.
2. Continue to work with North Port School Teachers, North Port Art Center, and student artisans to maintain three student art shows in FY 2017. The Art Advisory Board will explore incorporating artisan demonstrations at the student art reception.

3. Host the annual Belle Soirée Festival Art Show in January 2018 in conjunction with one of the Student Art Show Openings. The Art Advisory Board would again ask for business sponsorships. This year's event was publicized on social media.
4. Members of the Art Advisory Board will assist at the information booth and host a "Chalk Talk" at the City of North Port Public Works Road-E-O. The Chalk contest is to bring more awareness to the Chalk wall at the Atwater Park.
5. Assist other City Committees and Boards as requested throughout the year.

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