

**ARTS, CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT TRANSITION COMMITTEE
DO BETTER WITH WHAT WE HAVE SUB-COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES
ED BALL BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR SUITE 114
July 14, 2023 at 1p.m.
Chair: Liz McCoy
Co-Chair: Josh Taylor

COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE

Liz McCoy	Tim Stephen
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Josh Taylor	Jason Peoples
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ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Amy Palmer	Stephen Dare
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Welcome/Attendance.

Since we did not have a quorum, we will not be able to vote on matters.

Report Suggested Template

To help us understand the end result we will deliver by September 5th, Liz read over the suggested reporting template:

- a. Name of Transition Committee & Sub-Committee
- b. Names of members of Sub-Committee
- c. Expert Contributors
- d. Description of Current Conditions
- e. Recommendation(s)
- f. Context
- g. Short-Term Actions
- h. Long-Term Actions

Review of Framework of our Sub-Committee

Stephen Dare's presence in the meeting was extremely helpful to give context and intentionality to the task at hand, as he was instrumental in writing the framework for this sub-committee.

Our tasks include:

- i. Identify existing City-owned historic and culturally important spaces, dormant programs, or neglected venues.
- j. Meet with leaders in city departments and city-managed venues to understand underutilized assets and paused programs
- k. Propose action items reignite and reimagine assets the city already has, with the arts - those who create it, care for it and share it – as the catalyst.

List Making of City-owned spaces & People to reach out to:

Below are some of the spaces we know to survey for this process, however, Stephen suggested that we reach out to COJ's Real Estate Office or the Tax Collector's Office to get a full list of City owned properties.

- a. ASM Managed Properties
 - a. Stadium
 - b. Vystar Veteran's Memorial Arena
 - c. Jumbo Shrimp Baseball Grounds
 - d. The Prime Osborne Convention Center
 - e. Jacksonville Performing Arts Center
 - f. The Ritz Theatre & Museum
 - g. Subject Matter Experts to reach out to: Mike Kenny, GM of ASM, George Perley, Concert Promoter, Milt Russos of FSCJ Artist Series
- b. Snyder Memorial Church - DIA has a proposal in the works
- c. The Armory – check with Suzanne Pickett about her interest and past proposal
- d. Murray Hill Arts Center - TBD
- e. Storage Space in Brentwood Park/May Mann Jenkins Park, a former theatre - Parks
- f. Upper floors of the Florida Theatre - Liz to reach out to Numa
- g. Ft. Caroline spaces (former Gazebo 5566 Fort Caroline Road)
- h. Equestrian Center

Additional Subject Matter Experts to reach out to:

- Groups and organizations that are currently using City spaces
- Groups that have organized or tried to organize larger events through COJ Special Events
- COJ Grants Office
- FL State Cultural Grants Office (Liz)
- Philanthropic Groups that support the Arts
- The Infrastructure Transition Committee

Other ideas and thoughts for the sub committee to consider:

- Consider parts of the City that are cultural deserts
- Connect with Historic Preservation Groups to help with preserving historic buildings that could be used for Artists Organizations
- Look for grant opportunities to ensure “no money is left on the table”
- Look at Commissions and Boards structure in COJ to see if an Arts Commission would be a good idea and/or a position in the mayor's office dedicated to the Arts.
- Interview other municipalities (St. Pete, Asheville, Durham, Portland) to look at their policies, commissions and budgets to support the Arts.
- Look into existing City ordinances that need to be revised to support the Arts, including the CCGJ agreement that would expand their reach to the beach municipalities.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule for Sub-Committee

Next Meeting will be on Thursday, September 20th at 1pm

Public Comment was accepted throughout the meeting

We adjourned at 3:15pm