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Minutes - Draft

Thursday, June 6, 2024

12:15 PM

Special Meeting at 12:15 PM

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City Commission

Mayor Thomas F. Carney, Jr.

Vice Mayor Juli Casale

Deputy Vice Mayor Rob Long

Commissioner Tom Markert

Commissioner Angela Burns

Pursuant to Section 3.12 of the Charter of the City of Delray Beach, the Mayor has instructed me to announce a Special Meeting of the City Commission to be held for the following purposes:

SP.1. External Partnership Selection Consideration for the Classrooms at the Crest Theatre Building

The June 6, 2024, Special Meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. City Clerk, Katerri Johnson, called the roll, and the following were present:

Present: 4 - Mayor Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Vice Mayor Juli Casale, Commissioner Angela Burns, and Commissioner Tom Markert.

Absent: 1 - Deputy Vice Mayor Rob Long

Others present were:

Terrence Moore - City Manager
Lynn Gelin - City Attorney

Mr. Moore apprised the Commission that both The Boca Raton Museum of Art and the Old School Square Not-for-Profit had formally withdrawn for consideration. He stated the two remaining entities interested in organizing activities at the Crest Theatre this summer were 27 Productions and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Casale, seconded by Commissioner Markert, to move forward with an external partnership with the DDA to run the classrooms at the Crest Theatre, and the theatre itself.

Discussion ensued regarding the DDA running the Crest Theatre's Art Program.

Laura Simon, Executive Director of the DDA, expressed the need for resources to open the classrooms and emphasized the importance of locking in a long-term solution with the City for keeping the classrooms and theatre open.

Vera Woodson and Brian Rosen, DDA Board Members, shared their thoughts about the DDA's agreement with the City to run the art classes at the Crest Theatre.

Blake Ian, with 27 Productions, thanked the Commission for their consideration.

City Clerk Katerri Johnson called the roll. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Carney, Vice Mayor Casale, Commissioner Burns, and Commissioner Markert

approved

Mayor Carney stated he intended for the DDA to oversee the classrooms, not the entire theatre. He passed the gavel to Commissioner Burns to make a motion to reconsider his vote for the previous motion.

A motion was made by Mayor Carney, seconded by Commissioner Burns to allow the DDA to **only run** the art classes at the Crest Theatre.

Discussion ensued regarding who would be in charge of managing the entire building.

Laura Simon approached the podium and emphasized the need for the DDA to have oversight of the entire building to enhance cohesion, rather than dividing it.

Ms. Gelin suggested the Commission allow staff to review the proposals. She stated that dealing with two different entities would be complicated and emphasized the need for a long-term agreement. She recommended targeting October 1st as the deadline for gathering the necessary information to proceed, which would align with the new fiscal year for facilitating budget planning and suggested appointing a task force for their assistance.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Carney, Vice Mayor Casale, Commissioner Burns, and Commissioner Markert

approved

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns, seconded by Commissioner Markert, to direct staff to negotiate with the DDA and 27 Productions and explore other avenues for managing the Crest Theatre Building and its classrooms for a date certain of July 16, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Carney, Vice Mayor Casale, Commissioner Burns, and Commissioner Markert

approved

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

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