

Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Location: Library Conference Room, 3900 Main Street

Members Present: Hugo Martinez, Mary Drayer, Michael Gallops, Jerry Barshop and Jerry Hickman.

Members Excused: Joyce Baxter and Kris Kriofske.

Members Absent: Leila McNeill and Rosalita Lucas.

Staff Present: Kathy Cockcroft and Brenda Kennedy.

- 1) Call to Order:
Chairman Hugo Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and a quorum was present.
- 2) Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting on June 9, 2009.
Motion made by Mary Drayer to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Jerry Hickman; motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Discuss budget overview of prior month.
Account balance \$1,900. Unspent funds for FY 2008-2009 will be returned to City budget.
- 4) Discuss grants.
Kathy Cockcroft gave brief review of a phone call she received from a citizen last month asking how to apply for an Arts and Humanities Commission grant. The Commission's focus has shifted and the Commission now supports the various activities/contests (i.e.: art shows, writing contest, photography contest, etc). Kathy will extend an invitation to citizens to come to the meeting when Commission discusses budget expenditures for FY 2009-2010.
- 5) Discuss Cultural Art Center.
Hugo reported Mary Drayer and he meet with Ben White, Economic Development Director to discuss concerns for a center. Hugo will invite Ben White, a representative from the developer Lone Star Companies of Dallas, and other representatives of cultural organizations in the city to attend the next Commission meeting to discuss a cultural art center as part of the Rowlett City Center at Waters Edge.
On the City's website under "Quality of Life", fine arts were not mentioned. Mr. White has updated the link to include information regarding fine arts in Rowlett.
- 6) Update and update (if needed) standing committee assignments.
Kris Kriofske and Leila McNeill have been assigned to work on the Summer Cultural Arts Series and Art in the Park. An updated standing committee list will be handed out to members at next meeting.
- 7) Update from standing committees:
 - Writing Contest – no report.
 - Photography Contest – scheduled for September. The theme this year is transportation (i.e.: boats, cars, bikes, train, etc) and is titled, "Photo-Motion,

Photos of Modes of Transportation". Michael will handle publicity. The take-in date is Saturday, September 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Mary asked the members to help that Saturday afternoon to display the entries. The pick-up date is Saturday, October 3 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Mary will update the entry form and send out. Winners will be presented at the October 20th Council meeting. Winners awarded for Best of Show and 1st - 3rd place in each category. Cash awards given for Best of Show and 1st place in each category.

- Art Shows – Young Artists contest information included in packet for review. Information will be distributed to Garland and Rockwall ISD schools and private schools (will be sent the first week of school to art teachers). Two packets to be sent to secondary schools and 1 packet to elementary schools. Winners awarded for Best of Show and 1st – 3rd place in each category. Cash awards given for Best of Show (\$150) and 1st place in each category (\$100 each) and will be presented at the November 17, 2009 City Council meeting. Participation ribbons will be given for each entry. Mary Drayer will check on 300 participation ribbons for both photography contest and art show. Judging will take place the 1st week of October. Take in date is Saturday afternoon, October 3 from 3 – 5 p.m. Take-down date is Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 3 – 5 p.m.
- Westshore and More – Hugo met with Ben White (Economic Development) to discuss event and gave performer information to Mr. White.
- Art in Education grants –Kris and Leila will send out information. Will discuss to determine dollar amount to budget for new fiscal year. Old form will be emailed to members before next meeting. Hugo opened motion to postpone FY 2009 grants until May. Michael Gallops made the motion and Jerry Hickman seconded; motion passed unanimously. Will place on February 2010 agenda.

8) Standing reports:

a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.

Hugo reported the patriotic concert with the Wilshire Baptist Church on Wednesday, July 1, at 7 p.m., concert had a great turnout (1,100 people attended). Upcoming concert scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, August 1 at Firewheel Town Center in Garland (by the fountain).

b) Update from the Rowlett Community Chorale.

Mary reported a summertime women's concert is being planned (September) with more information to follow.

Also announced a combined program with the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds on December 19, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church and is entitled, "Old Fashioned Christmas".

Kathy Cockcroft asked Mary if chorale would be interested in performing in library's meeting room, Mary replied maybe a quartet could perform due to room size.

8) Public Announcements:

- Kathy Cockcroft announced a new conversational Spanish program will be offered by the library. English as a Second Language will be offered in the fall.

8) Future topics:

- Call to order

- Discuss Cultural Art Center as a part of the Rowlett City Center at Waters Edge (Ben White and a representative from Lone Star Companies of Dallas)
- Consider approving minutes from previous meeting
- Discuss budget overview of previous month
- Update on Standing Committees
 - a) Writing Contest
 - b) Photography Contest
 - c) Art shows
 - d) Westshore and More
 - e) Art in Education grants
- Standing Reports:
 - a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds (Hugo Martinez)
 - b) Update from Rowlett Community Chorale (Mary Drayer)
- Public announcements
- Future topics

9) Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:



Signature of Chairman



Date