

## Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Location: Library Conference Room, 3900 Main Street

Members Present: Mary Drayer, Michael Gallops, Jerry Barshop, Jerry Hickman, and Kris Kriofske.

Members Excused: Hugo Martinez. & Joyce Baxter *HJM*

Members Absent: Rosalita Lucas, Leila McNeill and Joyce Baxter. *HJM*

Staff Present: Brad Weber, Kathy Cockcroft and Brenda Kennedy.

Brad Weber introduced Kathy Cockcroft, Director of Library Services, as the staff representative for the Commission. Commission members said good-bye to Brad and thanked him for his service.

- 1) Call to Order:  
Vice Chairperson Mary Drayer called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and a quorum was present.
- 2) Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting on April 14, 2009.  
Motion made by Michael Gallops to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Jerry Barshop; motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Discuss budget overview of prior month.  
Payment request to Rowlett Community Chorale has been forwarded to Accounting for payment. Expected expenditures for writing contest - \$450.
- 4) Discuss purchasing business card for Commission members.  
Sample business cards presented to members. Discussed members need cards to present to people, business, etc. when promoting Rowlett Arts & Humanities. Kathy Cockcroft will check with the City Secretary to find out what members need to do if they signed the Confidentially Form when they were appointed to the Commission. Item will be placed on the June agenda for further discussion.
- 5) Update from standing committees:
  - Writing Contest – Mary Drayer reported 58 entries were received. Cash awards to be presented at the June 2, 2009 City Council meeting. Mary will contact the winners to let them know the time and place. The need for a cover sheet containing person's name, address, phone numbers and the division and category the person is entering would be helpful.
  - Photography Contest – scheduled for September. Members discussed the theme and liked transportation (ie: boats, cars, bikes, train, etc). Members were asked to think about "catchy phrases" and bring to the June meeting.
  - Art Shows – at the last meeting Hugo Martinez said the Commission would wait until the new school year begins (aiming for September/October) for the art shows. Jerry Barshop and Jerry Hickman asked if having the art show in September or October would conflict with the photography contest. Mary will check and report back. Kathy Cockcroft will check and see if the library display cases will be available.

- Westshore and More – Mary read a report from Hugo Martinez. Hugo met with Jennifer Gomez (Head of Special Events for the City) and reports she is all for the idea of starting the festival on an annual basis and agreed with the idea of an event like Westshore and More falling under the city’s statement of “enhancing the quality of life”. The Westshore and More event would be a concert series (black tie event with the reception at the Community Centre and the concert at Rowlett High School). Also discussed was the need for a cultural arts center and the benefits it could bring to the City. Jennifer suggested that Hugo meet with Ben White, Director of Economic Development.
- Art in Education grants – no report.

6) Standing reports:

a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.

Mary read a report from Hugo Martinez. The next concert is 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 30 at the First United Methodist Church in Rowlett. Tickets available from Hugo or at the door.

b) Update from the Rowlett Community Chorale.

Mary reported a summertime women’s concert (maybe late June) is being planned with more information to follow. Anyone interested in the chorale (and can read music) please have them to contact Mary Drayer.

c) Update on progress of AHC newsletter and webpage.

Hugo Martinez and Michael Gallops will plan to meet in August with Rowlett High School’s web teacher.

7) Public Announcements:

- Brad announced the Memorial Day commemoration at Veterans Park honoring veterans and following the ceremony the Touch-a-Truck event on Main Street. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Brad.
- Next Arts and Humanities Commission meeting is Tuesday, June 9, 2009.


8) Future topics:

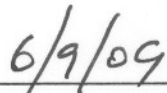
- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes from previous meeting
- Discuss budget overview of previous month
  - a) Present FY2009-2010 budget request
- Discuss purchasing business cards for Commission members
- Review Cultural Art Center presentation by Kris Kriofske
- Update on Standing Committees
  - a) Writing Contest
  - b) Photography Contest (theme)
  - 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

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9) Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:

  
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Signature of Chairman

  
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