



Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

City Hall Conference Room B

4000 Main Street, Rowlett, TX 75088

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- 1) Meeting called to order by Chair Jim Katzenberger at 6:32 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.
 - *Members present: Jim Katzenberger, Tamra Williams, Deborah Crosby, Jeff Winget, Neslie Fudge and Barbara Clinton*
 - *Members absent: Gary Alexander and Gabriela Borcoman*
 - *Staff present: Kathy Freiheit, Director of Library Services and Brenda Kennedy, Senior Administrative Assistant*
 - 2) Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary.
 - *Alternate Barbara Clinton selected as voting member in Gary Alexander's absence.*
 - 3) Consider approving minutes from the regular meeting held August 8, 2017.
 - *Motion made by Tamra W. to accept meeting minutes as written; seconded by Deborah C.*
 - *Approved 6 – 0*
 - 4) Update on Public Art projects:
 - a) Recap on August 12 artwork reception
 - *Tamra W. thanked the Commission; Kathy F. said Battalion Chief Chris Ensley and Fire Station #1 staff not only hosted the reception, but also helped with set up, loan of cooler, ice, etc.*
 - *Discussed low attendance; Kathy F. reported that previous art receptions and special meeting events have also resulted in low turnout.*
 - b) Plaque installation
 - *Tamra W. pleased with bronze plaques for gift sculptures and complimented Marquis Designers for a great job.*
 - *Tamra W. asked if sculptures have been maintained as recommended by the sculptor; Jim K. will check with local Boy Scouts about any interest in providing annual maintenance (cleaning and waxing) and report back at the October meeting. If Boy Scouts or other volunteers are not available, Kathy F. asked if Commission members might be willing to perform maintenance on a quarterly rotating basis (skipping the summer months).*
 - c) "Phoenix" sculpture
 - *Jim K. reported on a production meeting with Troy Connatser, Denco and City staff he attended last week.*
 - *In addition to schedule for completion, there were concerns about the strength and integrity of welds; if verification is required, there could be additional project expense from Public Art funds.*
 - *Discussed Public Art funds balance and payments made to date on the Phoenix project.*
 - 5) Review updates and take possible action on standing committee reports:
 - a) Publicity
 - *Jeff W. has been updating Arts and Humanities Commission (AHC) Facebook page with recent contest winners, also working within the community to get the AHC name out.*
 - *Former member Dema' Roach shared information from Rowlett High School Eagle Theater's upcoming performances; Jeff W. has posted and info was shared on the City's Facebook page.*
 - b) Rowlett Sings
 - *No report.*
 - 6) Discuss November 4, 2017, "Boot Camp" Planning Workshop.
 - *Boot Camp will be held at Rowlett Community Centre in Room D from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; members will bring their own drinks and snacks for sharing*

- Additional information at the October meeting
- Deborah C. suggested pairing new members with current members for purposes of mentoring

7) Discuss additional future Public Art projects.

- Suggestion made to hold off on other art projects until the final cost for Phoenix sculpture is determined
- Kathy F. repeated August meeting announcement that Councilmember Martha Brown has learned of City of Dallas surplus art that may be available for loan. At request of City Manager Brian Funderburk, Kathy F. recommended Tamra W. as Commission member to work with Martha. Martha and Tamra will explore availability and possible loan of surplus artworks, kinds of works available, their condition, loan program specifics, associated costs, etc., and report back for further discussion
- Veteran's Park bronzes and "Infrastructure as Art" were discussed again; also discussed City of Rowlett obelisks, Bayside opportunities and an art festival. Kathy F. reported that Lindsay Prasifka is the new Parks & Special Events and Marketing Coordinator for Parks & Recreation department
- Questions raised included:
 - What is Commission trying to achieve? Tourism, etc.?
 - How is art to be funded?
 - Should artwork location options be identified first?
- Suggestion made about meeting again with Council to discuss the public art program and seek further direction

8) Public Announcements.

- Jim K. won Fourth Place in State Fair of Texas Photography Contest.
- Wednesday, September 13 at 5:30 p.m., outgoing Mayor and Councilmember recognition and incoming Mayor and Councilmember swearing in ceremony at City Hall; reception to follow
- Movies at Pecan Grove Park on Fridays in September beginning at dusk
- Kathy F. invited AHC to participate in the Library's "Trunk or Treat" program on Saturday, October 28 from 2-3 p.m.

9) Future topics.

- Call to order
- Around the table introductions by members
- Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY2018
- Consider approving minutes from previous meeting
- Arts and Humanities Commission orientation by Staff Liaison
- Discuss November 4, 2017 "Boot Camp" Planning Workshop
- Update on Public Art Projects
 - a) "Phoenix" sculpture
 - b) Sculpture maintenance coordination
- Review updates and take possible action on standing committee reports:
 - Publicity
 - Calendar project
- Trunk or Treat at the Library
- Public announcements
- Future agenda items
- Adjourn

10) Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:


Signature

10-10-17
Date