



Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

City Hall Conference Room B

4000 Main Street, Rowlett, TX 75088

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- 1) Meeting called to order by Chair Jeff Winget at 6:32 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.
 - *Members present: Jim Katzenberger, Tamra Williams, Deborah Crosby, Jeff Winget, Gary Alexander and Neslie Fudge*
 - *Members absent: Laura Keasling, Teresa Lua and LeighAnn Welk*
 - *Staff present: Kathy Freiheit, Director of Library Services and Brenda Kennedy, Senior Administrative Assistant*

 - 2) Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary.
 - *N/A*

 - 3) Consider approving minutes from the regular meeting held January 9, 2018.
 - *Motion made by Tamra W. to accept meeting minutes as written; seconded by Gary A.*
 - *Approved 6-0.*

 - 4) Update on Public Art projects:

Jeff W. reported that Deborah C. resigned her position on Public Art Standing Committee; consensus of Commission is for Jeff W. to fill the position. Standing Committee members are now Jim K. (Chair), Tamra W. and Jeff W.

 - a) *Sculpture maintenance*
 - *Discussed having Boy Scouts and Lions Club members clean sculptures, maybe on a rotating basis. Tamra W. will ask interested Lions Club members to complete a Volunteer Application form; Jeff W. will communicate with Scout troop and report back at next meeting.*
 - b) *"Phoenix" sculpture*
 - *Jim K. reported delays due to weather; will be using an epoxy-based paint once the weather clears. Jim K. estimates sculpture completion by end of February.*
 - c) *Public Art Committee progress report*
 - *Jeff W. reported that ideas will be shared at the March meeting; brain-storming activities included:*
 - *ideas drawn from Rockwall County courthouse*
 - *pieces at each end of Veterans' Park which could be moved in the future, if necessary*
 - *inexpensive bronze sculptures imported from China*
 - *creation of a sculpture park at location/s like Downtown, Waterview, Golf course, Animal Shelter, etc.*
 - *research into City of Keller's public art program*
 - *partnering with Keep Rowlett Beautiful to create artwork from materials collected during clean-up day*

 - 5) Discuss Commission participation in Village of Rowlett Main Street Market on May 12, 2018.
 - *Item tabled for March meeting.*

 - 6) Discuss information for Joint Work Session with City Council on Tuesday, June 19, 2018.
 - *Discuss 2017 accomplishments and 2018 goals*
 - *Deborah C. will compile a list of 2017 accomplishments and forward to Jeff W.*
 - *Consider future budget needs*
 - *Discussion ensued; contemplated requesting an increase in operating budget, but will wait until Rowlett Sings has concluded to determine if additional funds may be needed*

7. Review updates and take possible action on standing committee reports:
- a) Arts in Education Grants
 - *Receive recommendations from Arts in Education Standing Committee for FY2018 grant applications*
 - i. *Gary A. reported no applications were received*
 - ii. *Publicity efforts were even greater than last year*
 - *Discuss and take possible action on the Arts in Education Grant award for FY2018*
 - i. *Suggestion made to use these funds for Rowlett Sings, if costs are greater than anticipated*
 - ii. *Will review operating budget balance at May meeting and discuss options for unspent funds*
 - b) Publicity
 - *Jeff W. reported that publicity for Rowlett Sings and Young Artist Exhibit have been sent to the following:*
 - i. *Dallas Morning News (Guide section)*
 - ii. *Larry Beckham's e-newsletter*
 - iii. *Lakeshore Times*
 - iv. *Denise Perrin (City publicity)*
 - v. *Arts and Humanities Commission Facebook page*
 - c) Rowlett Sings
 - *Gary A. gave an update on the contest*
 - i. *Contest is for Rowlett residents only*
 - ii. *Checking with Community Centre for a stage that Commission can use. If not, will need to rent one.*
 - iii. *Contest judges are Mary Drayer, Courtney Collins and Megan Senter; Gary Freedman will emcee the live performances*
 - *Gary A. showed sample contest trophies and medallions*
 - *Jeff W. will prepare a slide show to run before and after live performances; will include past contest winners and photos of the Noblique sculptures*
 - *Discussed management of contest entries that run beyond the maximum three minutes; a generic statement will be sent to contact letting them know their entry will be edited*
 - d) Young Artists Exhibit
 - *Deborah C. reported receiving lots of questions from teachers and the homeschool community*

8) Public Announcements.

- *N/A*

9) Future topics.

- *Call to order*
- *Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary*
- *Consider approving minutes from previous meeting*
- *Update on Public Art Projects*
 - a) *Sculpture maintenance*
 - b) *"Phoenix" sculpture*
 - c) *Public Art Committee progress report*
- *Discuss Commission participation in Village of Rowlett Main Street Market on May 12, 2018*
- *Discuss information for Joint Work Session with City Council on Tuesday, June 19, 2018*
- *Review updates and take possible action on standing committee reports:*
 - *Young Artist Exhibit*
 - *Rowlett Sings*
 - *Summer Scribes Writing Contest – youth and adult*
 - *Animal Shelter Adopt-a-Thon*
 - *Touch-a-Truck Participation*
 - *Publicity*
- *Public announcements*
- *Future agenda items*

- *Adjourn*

10) Adjournment

- *Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.*

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:

Signature 

Date 3-13-18