



Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Rowlett Public Library, Class / Board Room

3900 Main Street, Suite 200, Rowlett, TX 75088

- 1) Meeting called to order by Chair Jeff Winget at 6:32 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.
 - *Members present: Jeff Winget, Deborah Crosby, Tamra Williams, Gary Alexander, Laura Keasling, JR Forasteros and Kim Nurmi*
 - *Members absent: Neslie Fudge*
 - *Staff present: Kathy Freiheit, Director of Library Services*
- 2) Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary.
 - *Alternate Kim N. selected as voting member in Neslie F.'s absence.*
- 3) Consider approving minutes from the following meetings:
 - *Regular meeting held October 9, 2018*
 - *Motion made by Tamra W. to accept meeting minutes as written; seconded by Laura K.*
 - *Motion approved 7-0*
 - *Special work session held November 3, 2018*
 - *Motion made by Gary A. to accept meeting minutes as written; seconded by Tamra W.*
 - *Motion approved 7-0*
- 4) Review, discuss and take possible action on FY2019 work plan items from November 3, 2018 special work session.
 - *Gary A. discussed need to change Rowlett Sings from May 3 and May 4 to April 26 and April 27. Laura K. will check with Rowlett Community Centre on room availability and report back to Tamra W. for purposes of calendar.*
 - *Motion made by JR F. to approve budget items per FY2019 work plan spreadsheet; seconded by Tamra W.*
 - *Motion approved 7-0*
- 5) Recap on Library "Trunk or Treat" program on October 27, 2018.
 - *Tamra W. was unavailable due to Rowlett Police Academy.*
 - *Deborah C. reported that Mayor Dana-Bashian recommended inviting all Boards, Commissions and City Council to participate next year.*
 - *Kathy asked for volunteers at Library's Gingerbread House program on December 22 (2 – 4 p.m.); Tamra W. will assist, also Jeff W. if available.*
- 6) Recap on Rowlett Chamber of Commerce "Taste & Trade" event on October 30, 2018.
 - *Laura K. reported 450 people attended and good time was had by all.*
 - *Laura K. thanked Commission members for their help and participation.*
- 7) Review updates and take possible action on standing committee reports:
 - a) *2019 calendar*
 - *Tamra W. reported calendar vendor (Jack Green/Worldwide Digital Press) relocated and has had electrical issues; other vendors' estimates were significantly higher.*
 - *Tamra W. made a motion to accept 700 calendars from Jack's backup printer in lieu of Worldwide Digital's same quote for 1,000 if unable to get equipment up and running. Calendar standing committee (Tamra W. and Deborah C.) will do final proofing and approval; seconded by Laura K.*
 - *Motion approved 7-0*

b) 2019 Grants

- Cultural Art Grants
 - Grant applications sent to last year's award recipients; publicity posted on Facebook, sent to Larry Beckham and Rowlett Lakeshore-Times
 - Submissions due Friday, December 14, 2018
- Arts in Education Grants
 - Grant applications emailed to Fine Arts teachers at schools physically located in Rowlett
 - Submissions due Friday, January 18, 2019

c) Young Artist Exhibit

- Will discuss announcement with Brenda Kennedy to send out on January 8, 2019
- Will get standing committee approval prior to release

d) Rowlett Sings

- Date changed as discussed in Item 4
- Gary A. has discussed with last year's judge for involvement again this year

e) Writing Contest

- Discussion ensued regarding difference in dates of submission and judging from special work session
- Kathy F. will verify dates with Brenda K. and confirm with Tamra W. for calendar update

f) Publicity

- Discussed adding Kim N. and JR F. as AHC Facebook page administrators; both to meet with Kathy F. and Library Services Manager Laura Tschoerner to review City social media guidelines
- Commission will participate in Trail of Trees event again this year; plan is to set up on either Friday, November 30 or Saturday, December 1; Laura K. will check and report back to Jeff W. Staff will post notice of possible quorum
- Kim N. is working on Rowlett Sings banner graphic; Gary A. reported judge asked for singer biographies this year

8) Discuss and take possible action on Public Art projects:

a) Sculpture maintenance plan

- Jeff W. recommended future need to seek additional funding from Council for sculpture maintenance; Commission will pursue volunteer help this year to clean and wax Noblique sculptures
- Kim N. will check with contacts at City of Garland regarding maintenance of their sculptures

b) Future art projects

- Four handouts circulated
- "Synergy" bronze sculpture by Gary Lee Price presented as possibility for Veteran's Park
- Discussion ensued; new idea suggested (pentagon) for placement on existing pillars (five sides representing five branches of the armed services)

Jeff W. left meeting at 7:19 p.m. and returned at 7:20 p.m.

- Discussion continued; "Synergy" noted as cliché, frequently appearing in motivational posters, etc.
- Commission members shared opinions regarding granite versus pillar bases and location preferences

Laura K. left meeting at 7:28 p.m.

- Gary A. made a motion to pursue purchase of "Synergy" with a granite base, cost not to exceed \$36,000; seconded by Jeff W.
- Motion approved by vote of 4 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstention
- Public Art Committee to meet with Parks and Recreation Director to further discuss proposal

- *Nic Noblique steel conceptual design presented as sculpture possibility for Fire Station #3*
- *Discussion ensued; concerns over saturation of Noblique pieces versus continuity; general consensus that Noblique pieces are unique enough in shape and color to not be redundant*
- *Tamra W. made a motion to pursue purchase of "Ladder" design piece by Nic Noblique for \$27,000 with cost of pad and installation; seconded by JR F.*
- *Motion approved by vote of 6 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention*
- *Public Art Committee to meet with Fire Chief to further discuss*

- *Public Art Committee needs a third person; JR F. was willing to serve and appointed by Commission members*

JR F. left meeting at 7:56 p.m.

9) Public Announcements.

- *December 1: Chamber of Commerce Santa 5K - 1 p.m.*
- *December 1: Tree Lighting Festival*
- *December 8: Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's, photo ops with Santa, Minnie and Mickey Mouse, \$10 adults and \$7.50 children, 8-10 am*

10) Future topics.

- *Call to order*
- *Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary*
- *Consider approving minutes from previous meeting*
- *Review updates and take possible action on standing committee reports:*
 - a) *2019 Calendar project*
 - b) *2019 Grants*
 - *Cultural Art Grants*
 - *Arts in Education Grants*
 - c) *Young Artists Exhibit*
 - d) *Rowlett Sings*
 - e) *Writing Contest*
 - f) *Tri-fold brochure*
 - g) *Village of Rowlett Spring Main Street Market*
 - h) *Publicity*
- *Update on Public Art Projects*
 - a) *Sculpture maintenance plan*
 - b) *Future art projects*
- *Public announcements*
- *Future agenda items*
- *Adjourn*

11) Adjournment

- *Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.*

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:

Signature



Date

1-8-19