



## ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION MINUTES

*Our Vision: A well-planned lakeside community of quality neighborhoods, distinctive amenities, diverse employment, and cultural charm. Rowlett: THE place to live, work and play.*

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Tuesday, June 11, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Rowlett Public Library  
3900 Main Street

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- 1) Meeting called to order by Chair Jeff Winget at 6:30 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.
  - *Members present: Jeff Winget, Deborah Crosby, Tamra Williams, JR. Forasteros and Kim Nurmi*
  - *Members absent: Laura Keasling, Gary Alexander and Neslie Fudge*
  - *Staff present: Elise Bowers, Neighborhood Life Coordinator, Kathy Freiheit, Director of Library Services and Brenda Kennedy, Senior Administrative Assistant*
- 2) Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary.
  - *Alternate Kim N. selected as voting member in Laura K.'s absence.*
- 3) Consider approving the minutes from the regular meeting held Tuesday, May 14, 2019.
  - *Motion made by Tamra W. to accept meeting minutes as written; seconded by Deborah C.*
  - *Motion approved 5-0.*
- 4) Presentation on "Adulting 101" class (Elise Bowers, Neighborhood Life Coordinator.
  - *City Council asked for a class like the City Academy for young adults ages 17 – 20; registration is required, max 30 participants.*
  - *Four sessions on Tuesdays (9, 16, 23 and 30) in July from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; lunch provided.*
  - *Topics include:*
    - *Cost of Civilization*
    - *Police Encounters*
    - *DART on Out*
    - *Keep Your Coin\$*
  - *Please share with interested parties; for more information, contact Elise.*
- 5) Review updates and take possible action on standing committee reports:
  - a) Photography Contest
    - *Deborah C. emailed contest information to Garland ISD and Rockwall ISD administrators mid-May, asking them to distribute to schools.*
    - *Jeff W. will contact Drew Rist asking him to add contest information to marquee at City Hall; he will also send information to Lakeshore Times and Larry Beckham (for his newsletter).*
  - b) Rowlett Artists Exchange
    - *Tentative date is Tuesday, September 17 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.*
    - *JR. will speak to Book Club Café to see if Exchange can meet there after hours.*
    - *Exchange would provide non-alcoholic beverages for attendees.*
    - *Target audience is anyone with an interest in the arts (writing, music, etc.) to network with and discuss what's it like to be an artist in Rowlett.*
    - *Would like to invite winners from each AHC contest to attend, give a short bio and little background about their artwork.*

- *By August meeting, the promotional plan will be in place, AHC contest winners contacted, will have invited members of Artists 'Round Texas to attend and be ready to post event on Facebook, with possibility of Standing Committee providing a short Facebook video to promote the event.*

*c) Publicity*

- *Kim N. is providing frequent posts on the AHC Facebook page.*

6) Discuss and take possible action on future public art projects:

*a) Update on sculptures for Veterans Park and Fire Station #3*

- *Plaque for Veterans Park has been installed; one Barberry bush is in distress and one flagpole light is out; Kathy will provide follow-up.*
- *Concrete to be poured tomorrow at Fire Station #3 for Noblique sculpture; concrete needs to cure before sculpture can be installed.*
- *With installation of sculpture at Fire Station #3, the next phase is to determine cost for installation of lighting at all three fire stations.*

*b) Plaque design proposal for Fire Station #3 sculpture*

- *Sculpture has yet to be named; Kathy F. will contact Southwest Gallery to find out name the sculptor has given the piece and when it will be installed.*
- *Motion made by JR. F. to purchase one 11" x 11" bronze plaque for sculpture at Fire Station #3. Plaque to have black leatherette background with raised bronze lettering and 1" square post cemented into the ground. Price to include artwork, fabrication and installation. Bronze plaque to come with a lifetime guarantee. Price not to exceed \$1,500. Seconded by Kim N., motion approved 5-0.*

*c) Lighting for sculptures at Fire Stations*

- *Kathy is waiting on completion of Fire Station #3 sculpture installation so that quotes can be obtained for all three fire station pieces at the same time.*

7) Sculpture maintenance plan.

- *Tamra W. obtained a quote to clean the two bronze sculptures and four Noblique sculptures once per year at a cost of \$7,000; vendor quote does not include Spirit of Rowlett sculpture. Vendor was recommended by the Nasher Center in Dallas. Tamra will ask vendor for his resume along with a written quote.*
- *Discussion ensued. Tamra will ask vendor for a separate quote to clean the sculpture at Rowlett Community Centre; would need to be completed by the end of August.*
- *Jeff W. will inform Council of estimated cost for maintaining sculptures during Joint Work Session on Tuesday, June 18, 2019.*

8) Recap proposed FY 2020 budget request.

- *Proposed budget request includes:*
  - *Rowlett Sings* \$1,000 for alternative venue
  - *Publicity* \$1,000 for promotion of contests and events
  - *Rowlett Artists Exchange* \$ 500 for quarterly meeting refreshments, etc.
- *Commission will present proposed FY2020 budget increases at their Joint Work Session with Council on Tuesday, June 18, 2019.*

9) Discuss City Council Joint Work Session Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

- *Jeff W. reviewed his Council Joint Work Session presentation with Commission.*

- Kathy F. will forward June 18 Council agenda which indicates start time as soon as it is posted.

10) Discuss and take possible action on "Synergy" presentation program at Veterans Park.

- Mayor reached out to Jeff W. and Kathy F. about recognizing "Synergy" sculpture (recently installed) in Veterans Park to honor all veterans.
- Plan is to have City Council recess after the July 16 work session and walk to Veterans Park, sometime around 7 p.m. The Mayor would recognize veterans, followed by Deborah C.'s remarks about the sculpture, including the artist's statement recognizing veterans and their service. Deborah will draft remarks and forward to Jeff W. and Kathy.

11) Public Announcements.

- Jeff W. announced Fireworks on Main, from 6 – 10 p.m. on Thursday, July 4, 2019 at Pecan Grove Park.
- Kathy F. handed out renewal information for current Commission members whose terms are expiring at the end of September. If interested in continuing to serve on a board or commission, please re-apply before the deadline.
- Reminder, the Commission does not meet in July.

12) 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) Photography Contest
  - b) Rowlett Artists Exchange
  - c) Publicity
- Discuss and take possible action on future public art projects
  - a) Update on Fire Station #3 sculpture
  - b) Plaque review for Fire Station #3 sculpture
  - c) Lighting for sculptures at Fire Stations
  - d) Interactive Mural
- Sculpture maintenance plan
- Recap FY2019 budget
- Recap City Council joint work session Tuesday, June 18, 2019
- Recap City Council July 16, 2019 "Synergy" presentation at Veterans Park
- Public announcements
- Future agenda items
- Adjourn

13) Adjournment

- Chair Jeff Winget adjourned meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:

Signature



Date

August 13, 2019