



ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION SPECIAL WORK SESSION 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.

Saturday, October 19, 2019

8:00 a.m.

Rowlett Public Library - 3900 Main Street

- 1) Meeting called to order by Chair Jeff Winget at 8:02 a.m. and determined a quorum was present.
- *Members present: Jeff Winget, Gary Alexander, JR. Forasteros and Neslie Fudge*
 - *Members absent: Deborah Crosby, Kim Nurmi and Barbara Morrison*
 - *Staff present: Kathy Freiheit, Director of Library Services and Brenda Kennedy, Senior Administrative Assistant*

Kathy F. led the work session discussion.

- 2) Work Session Items.
- *Kathy's PowerPoint orientation presentation included information on AHC membership structure and meetings; members' role and responsibilities; role of staff; AHC standing committees, budgets and projects.*
 - *Commission is an advisory board; public artwork recommendations are taken to Council for their approval.*
 - *Joint Work Session with City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020.*
 - *Regular member Barbara Morrison, appointed by Council on Tuesday, October 15, had a prior commitment and could not attend this meeting. Kathy will meet with her to provide orientation information and discuss AHC grants, contests, etc.*
 - *Currently, the Commission has six Regular members and no Alternate members.*
 - *Meetings follow Robert's Rules of Order; Commission Chair presides; requests to speak should be directed to the Chair so that only one person holds the floor at any given time.*
 - *New and reappointed members are to complete Mandatory Open Meeting Act Training by Monday, December 2 and attend annual City provided training (date TBD).*
 - *Commission makes decisions as a group; a majority vote or consensus is required.*
 - *City staff are responsible for operational matters; Board/Commission members do not direct the activities of staff.*
 - *Standing Committees consist of no more than three AHC members (Chair and two members). With Alternate positions vacant, this will be a challenging year.*
- 3) Discuss FY2020 Work Plan (255 minutes).
- *Reviewed and discussed all grants, contests, projects, city partnerships, city events and supply items.*
 - *Discussed possible partnering with Library to provide "hands on" programs targeted at youth and young adults in the areas of photography, writing, graphic arts, etc. JR. and Neslie will serve as Ad Hoc Committee to work on program design and will present concept at the November meeting, along with a publicity plan.*
 - *Recommended budgets and dates tentatively set; Commission will formally approve at November 12 regular meeting; standing committee members were identified.*
 - *Possible themes for 2020 Adult Writing Contest to be voted on at November 12 meeting:*

- *Imagine Your Story (2020 Summer Reading Program theme)*
- *Over the Horizon*
- *Just Around the Bend*
- *Who Dunit?*
- *Other*
- *Possible themes for 2020 Photography Contest to be voted on at November 12 meeting:*
 - *Rowlett Behind the Scenes*
 - *Hometown Pride*
 - *Rowlett 20/20*
 - *Other*
- *Public Art Committee*
 - *Jeff to get with Phil Barott about adding sculpture information to AHC webpage*
 - *Will select Standing Committee at November meeting*
 - *Will need to work on sculpture maintenance this year; \$10,000 budgeted for expense*
 - *Work with Councilmember Martha Brown to investigate City of Dallas shared art program*

Chair Jeff Winget adjourned meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Chair Signature



Date

11-12-19