



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.

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Rowlett Public Library - 3900 Main Street

- 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, Gary Alexander, Kim Nurmi, J.R. Forasteros and Barbara Morrison*
 - *Members absent: Neslie Fudge*
 - *Visitors: James Douglas Moore, III and Amanda Jackson*
 - *Staff present: Angie Smith, Parks and Recreation Director; Kari Pacheco, Parks and Recreation Operations Manager; Laura Tschoerner, Interim Library Director and Constance Whalon, Library Assistant*

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

- 3) Citizens' Input.
 - *James Douglas Moore, III is a citizen of Rowlett and an alumni of Rowlett High School. He is a professional artist and has experience creating public artwork. He shared his portfolio.*
 - *Jeff shared that Mr. Moore could share more about his work during the discussion of current and future public art projects on the agenda.*

- 4) Parks Department to discuss Kenwood Park's wooden trees.
 - *Angie and Kari gave an update on the 2010 grant that was received for Kenwood Heights as a donation from Walmart to the City of Rowlett.*
 - *Kenwood Park has playground equipment and plywood trees; children planted the trees.*
 - *The Parks Department would like to partner with the Arts and Humanities Commission to preserve the trees with children's artwork.*
 - *There are currently seven trees that the Parks Department has agreed to add, with the possibly of more trees, to accommodate all the elementary schools in the project.*
 - *The schools will receive paint and plywood; delivered by Parks Department.*
 - *Deborah volunteered to coordinate with the schools; Kim agreed to help Deborah.*

- Skipped to Item 8.

- 8) Discussed current and future public art projects.
 - *Jeff gave a brief historical background of the public art projects.*
 - *Mr. Moore observed this agenda item from a previous meeting and it prompted him to attend today's meeting to share his vision for possible work on future public art projects. He indicated that his vision and future intent for art projects of interest: the wall of the Bankhead building, side wall of the Coffee House, or perhaps the interior walls of City Hall.*
 - *Discussed ensued, recommendations for Mr. Moore to talk to some of the local business owners, restaurants and Old Gin/Coffee House.*

- *Jeff provided photos of some of the Dallas partnership sculptures that Councilmember Martha Brown shared from their discussion on February 13, 2020.*
- *Jeff was unable to reach out to Bronze Conservation.*
- *Jeff asked about the financial requirements surrounding the fiscal year and spending funds.*

Returned to the original order of agenda.

- 5) Consider approving the minutes from the regular meeting held Tuesday, February 11, 2020.
 - *Motion made by Gary to accept meeting minutes as written; seconded by Kim.*
 - *Motion approved 6-0.*

- 6) Update from Ad Hoc Committee on partnering with the Library on an “arts” program concept.
 - *N/A*

- 7) Review updates and take possible action on standing committee reports:
 - *Young Artists Exhibit*
 - *Deborah reported that everything is ready to go including confirmations from the teachers*
 - *Take-in date of artwork is Friday, March 20 (3-5 p.m.) and Saturday, March 21 (10 a.m. – noon); Kim volunteered to help during Friday afternoon take-in. Gary agreed to assist as he will be there to accept entries for Rowlett Sings.*

 - *Rowlett Sings*
 - *Gary will be available Friday, March 20 (3-5 p.m.) and Saturday, March 21 (10 a.m. – noon) in the Annex to accept entries.*
 - *Gary has arranged video judging for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce. He announced that he has two judges at this time but looking for more.*
 - *Gary shared the Facebook Boost publicity for \$100 was included for Rowlett Sings.*
 - *Gary indicated past participants were contacted to attract return visitors.*
 - *According to Gary, the new category for the Seniors has one registrant currently.*

 - *Writing Contest*
 - *Discussion included lack of publicity on Facebook, may consider more intervals between events and low participation at this time*
 - *Jeff indicated to look at spacing things out for future consideration.*

 - *Photography*
 - *Jeff shared he did not have any information at this time; Deborah agreed to help with any photography contest needs.*

 - *Rowlett Artist Exchange*
 - *J.R. discussed having next exchange after Easter.*
 - *Jeff, J.R. and Kim indicated they plan to attend on April 28, 2020.*

 - *Publicity*
 - *N/A*

- 9) Board and Commission Volunteer Banquet.
 - *Please RSVP by Friday, March 13, 2020; Jeff, J.R. and Gary did give guest names when they RSVP.*

- *Commission members verified they did receive email reminder*

10) Public Announcements.

- *Rowlett Sings submissions due March 20 – 21, 2020*
- *Writing Contest submissions due March 21, 2020*
- *Rowlett Sings video judging March 31, 2020*
- *Census Count Day April 1, 2020 at Rowlett Public Library*
- *Rowlett Artists Exchange April 28, 2020*
- *City Council elections are May 2, 2020; reminder to vote.*
- *Reminder: Joint Work Session Tuesday, June 16, 2020*

11) Future topics.

- *Call to order*
- *Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary*
- *Citizens' Input*
- *Consider approving minutes from previous meeting*
- *Joint Work Session Tuesday, June 16, 2020*
- *Update from Ad Hoc Committee on partnering with the Library on an "arts" program concept*
- *Review updates and take possible action on standing committee reports:*
 - a) *Young Artist Exhibit*
 - b) *Rowlett Sings*
 - c) *Writing Contest*
 - d) *Photography Contest*
 - e) *Rowlett Artist Exchange (RAX)*
 - f) *Publicity*
- *Discuss current and future public art projects*
- *Public announcements*
- *Future agenda items*
- *Adjourn*

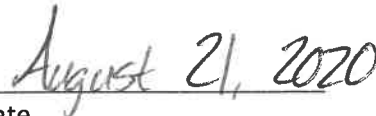
12) Adjournment

- *Chair Jeff Winget adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.*

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:



Signature



Date