



ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION MINUTES
Meeting held electronically via Zoom
Meeting ID # 876 0219 6933

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, June 23, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Rowlett Public Library - 3900 Main Street

Due to the public health emergency and to conform with the social distancing requirements, the Arts and Humanities Commission meeting was held via teleconferencing. The public was provided an opportunity to submit comments for a specific agenda item or general comment through citizen email address.

- 1) Meeting called to order by Chair Jeff Winget at 6:35 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.
 - *Members present: Jeff Winget, Deborah Crosby, Neslie Fudge, Kim Nurmi, J.R. Forasteros and Gary Alexander (joined meeting at 6:45 p.m.)*
 - *Members absent: Barbara Morrison*
 - *Visitors: J. D. Moore and Amanda Jackson*
 - *Council Liaison: Martha Brown*
 - *Staff present: Laura Tschoerner, Interim Library Director; Constance Whalon, Library Assistant; and Brenda Kennedy, Senior Administrative Assistant (joined meeting at 6:43 p.m.)*

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

- 3) Citizens' Input.
 - *JD Moore is a citizen of Rowlett and an artist. He was invited to this meeting by the Arts and Humanities Commission to recommend proposed sites for possible public murals in Rowlett. Some of the locations discussed by JD were the Community Centre (retaining wall) and Fire Stations 2 and 3 (retaining walls).*
 - *The conversation ensued to discuss the recommendations on possible sites for the murals; concerns the Fire Department may not want to consider murals due to limited replacement time on upcoming plans for relocation; the clarification on possible section of Miller Road; consideration for the Nature Trail Entrance; consideration for the park and benches; gym exterior wall, and trend for murals that might involve community interaction; discussion for Kid's Kingdom. Follow-up on some of his work that included a Community Interaction project at Dallas Thanksgiving Tower location, and the idea about participation from Rowlett High School Partnership.*
 - *Council Liaison, Martha Brown asked if there was any information on the Bloomfield grant. Jeff and Deborah added the announcement was to be made in spring 2020; Deborah will check with Brian Funderburk if any announcement has been made.*
 - *Jeff made an introduction of Council Liaison, Martha Brown to JD and AJ.*

- 4) Consider approving the minutes from the regular meeting held Tuesday, March 12, 2020.
 - *Motion made by Deborah to accept meeting minutes as written; seconded by JR.*
 - *Motion approved 6-0.*

- 5) Determine if Commission will meet in July 2020.
 - *It was decided to table this item for the end of the meeting.*

- *AHC will meet Wednesday, July 22, 2020.*
- 6) Discuss FY2021 budget needs.
- *The discussion included possible flat budget expectations due to budget shortfalls.*
- 7) Update from Ad Hoc Committee on partnering with the Library on an “arts” program concept.
- *JR and Neslie shared that there was not an update at this time.*
 - *Neslie indicated that she has participated in the Library’s Curbside Service; Jeff added that his family enjoyed the feature also.*
- 8) Review updates and take possible action on standing committee reports:
- *Young Artist Exhibit*
 - *Deborah reported Exhibit was canceled but will reconsider for next year.*
 - *Rowlett Sings*
 - *Gary reported this event was canceled. Some submissions were received and plans to “redo” in the fall.*
 - *Writing Contest*
 - *JR. reported that all prizes were awarded and the checks delivered to the recipients.*
 - *Photography Contest*
 - *JR. and Phil Barott are trying to make the contest information available online.*
 - *Rowlett Artist Exchange*
 - *This event did not occur due to COVID-19.*
 - *Publicity*
 - *The Writing Contest winners was announced to local media.*
- 9) Discuss current and future public art projects.
- *Update on Kenwood Park wooden trees project coordination with schools.*
 - *Jeff indicated that he will reach out to Angie concerning the painting of the trees in the park.*
 - *Discussion ensued on follow-up work with the schools in the fall, involvement of local businesses and daycares.*
 - *Presentation of public art proposal from James Moore, III.*
 - *Discussion during Item 3 Citizen’s Input.*
- 10) Public Announcements.
- *Brenda emailed a reminder to members whose terms expire in September to verify receipt. Email contained information how to re-apply.*
- 11) Future topics.
- *Call to order*
 - *Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary*
 - *Citizens’ Input*
 - *Consider approving minutes from previous meeting*
 - *Update from Ad Hoc Committee on partnering with the Library on an “arts” program concept*
 - *Discuss FY2021 budget needs*
 - *Review updates and take possible action on standing committee reports:*
 - a) *Rowlett Sings*
 - b) *Photography Contest*
 - c) *Rowlett Artist Exchange (RAX)*

d) *Publicity*

- *Discuss current and future public art projects*
- *Public announcements*
- *Future agenda items*
- *Adjourn*

12) Adjournment

- *Chair Jeff Winget adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.*

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:



Signature

August 21, 2020

Date