



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.

Wednesday, July 22, 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 Vice-Chair Deborah Crosby at 6:35 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.
 - *Members present: Jeff Winget, Deborah Crosby, Neslie Fudge, Gary Alexander and Barbara Morrison*
 - *Members absent: JR. Forasteros and Kim Nurmi*
 - *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*

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

- 3) Citizens' Input.
 - *N/A*

- 4) Consider approving the minutes from the regular meeting held Tuesday, June 23, 2020.
 - *Motion made by Neslie to accept meeting minutes as written; seconded by Gary.*
 - *Motion approved 5-0.*

- 5) Discuss completion of an annual report for City Council.
 - *Laura informed Commission that joint work sessions will not be held this year. Instead, an annual report will be submitted providing project updates.*
 - *Laura will follow up with Brian Funderburk for presentation date and report back at August meeting.*
 - *Deborah volunteered to work on the presentation; Jeff and Laura to review draft presentation.*

- 6) Discuss FY2021 budget needs.
 - *After discussions and anticipated budget reductions, AHC operating budget will remain at the current level; public art budget still contains funds for public arts maintenance not yet spent this year and will carry over to FY2021.*

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

8) Review updates and take possible action on standing committee reports:

- *Rowlett Sings*
 - *Gary – no report at this time*
- *Photography Contest*
 - *The discussion included displays at the library this year due to COVID-19. Other items discussed: publicity, displays online and live streaming. Councilmember Brown suggested providing an online photography contest, maybe this would attract younger people to participate.*
 - *Theme: Rowlett 20/20*
 - *Standing Committee to review updated Photography Contest Rules and notify Brenda with any updates. Will begin publicizing once contest info is posted on City's AHC webpage. Decided info will be emailed to Garland and Rockwall Fine Arts administrators for distributions to schools.*
- *Rowlett Artist Exchange*
 - *No report*
- *Publicity*
 - *No report*

9) Discuss current and future public art projects.

- *Update on Kenwood Park wooden trees project coordination with schools.*
 - *Gary shared that a local daycare is interested in painting all the wooden trees.*
 - *Discussion ensued on following up with Parks and Recreation regarding logistics with delivery of the trees, funding on the materials for painting, and addressing possible autographs on pictures.*
- *Presentation of public art proposal from James Moore, III.*
 - *James' concept for a public art mural represents an expression of a recent community event in Rowlett on the south wall facing the park. James pointed out that the art in the pictures represent diverse populations, conversations and interactions among community participants from the most recent Black Lives Matter Protest in Rowlett and figurative work.*
 - *Some of the features of the mural includes structural framework consistent in the archways of Pecan Grove, Rowlett Community Centre, and Rowlett High School.*
 - *James explained estimated cost; best time of the year to work on project and gave an estimate of 3 to 4 months to complete.*
 - *Discussion on the art proposal continued with congratulatory notes. Councilmember Brown recommended to include additional symbols of Rowlett's past, present and future to make mural relatable to everyone for years to come. She also recommended to Commission, that if/when proposal is presented to City Council, to include artists resume, folio, etc.*
 - *Jeff will work with James for an updated proposal.*
 - *Deborah asked James to include a maintenance plan (including materials to be used) for mural.*
 - *Jeff will ask to be placed on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board August agenda to present mural idea for their consensus.*

10) Public Announcements.

- *Reminder: Board and Commission reappointment application deadline, Friday, August 14, 2020.*
 - *Neslie and Gary acknowledged receipt of reminder email and plan to re-apply.*

11) Future topics.

- *Call to order*
- *Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary*
- *Citizens' Input*
- *Consider approving minutes from previous meeting*
- *Review updates and take possible action on standing committee reports:*

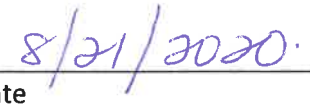
- *Photography Contest*
- *Publicity*
- *Discuss current and future public art projects*
 - *Update on Kenwood Park wooden trees painting project*
 - *Update from Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on Community Centre mural*
 - *Discuss public art mural proposal from James Moore*
- *Public announcements*
- *Future agenda items*
- *Adjourn*

12) Adjournment

- *Vice Chair Deborah Crosby adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.*

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:


Signature


Date