



ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION MINUTES
Meeting held electronically via Zoom
Meeting ID #160 032 0581

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, February 9, 2021

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 Deborah Crosby at 6:35 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.
 - Members present: Deborah Crosby, Jeff Winget, Gary Alexander, JR. Forasteros, Theresa Zicolello, Kate Voor
 - Members absent: Kim Nurmi, Neslie Fudge and Barbara Morrison
 - Staff present: Laura Tschoerner, Library Director; Lisa Watt, Senior Administrative Assistant
 - Visitors Present: Kari Pacheco, Senior Advisory Board; Diana Moore, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission Chair, and Mike Hernandez, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission Chair Vice-Chair

- 2) Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary.
 - Alternate Kate Voor selected as voting member in Barbara Morrison's absence.
 - Alternate Theresa Zicolello selected as voting member in Kim Nurmi's absence.

- 3) Citizens' Input.
 - N/A

- 4) Presentation by Rowlett Senior Advisory Board: AARP Age-Friendly Community Network - Livable communities
 - Kari Pacheco presented AARP Age-Friendly Community Network – Livable Communities to the Arts and Humanities Commission.
 - AARP accepted the City of Rowlett into their community. AARP has defined 8 domains within a livable community. Currently the Senior Advisory Board is working on the housing and transportation domains.
 - They are looking for stakeholders 45 years of age and up to help design and promote the livable community in Rowlett.
 - Stakeholders would work on items such as bike riding and/or public transportation like DART. In the housing domain they could be working on affordable and compliant housing in the City of Rowlett.
 - Anyone interested in being a stakeholder, should contact Shelly Monroe in the Parks and Recreation department.

- 5) Presentation by Rowlett Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission regarding a public art competition.
 - Diane Moore, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission Chair, introduced Mike Hernandez, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission Vice-Chair who gave a presentation on a public art competition. They would like to collaborate with AHC on an art competition focusing on diversity where art would be displayed on the traffic signal boxes.
 - Use the AHC social media to advertise the Art Contest for the Diversity Commission

- Concerns were brought up:
 - How the art would be taken care of in the future and dealing with any potential for vandalism.
 - Funds for this project do not exist in the current AHC budget but Deborah did suggest judging of the art as part of the participation.
 - Concerns regarding the project's:
 - Exposure to the environments were voiced.
 - JR suggested a vinyl wrap may be better to withstand the changes in Texas weather.
 - Deborah requested a projection on long term cost such as the color, size, and graphics. The information will be presented to the Arts and Humanities Commission for further discussion.
- 6) Consider approving the minutes from the regular meeting held January 12, 2021.
- Motion made by Jeff to accept meeting minutes as written; seconded by Gary with a correction to the amount be changed from \$1325.00 to \$1400.00 which was the amount requested by the Artist Round Texas.
 - Motion approved 6-0.
- 7) Review updates and take possible action on Standing Commission reports:
- Arts in Education
 - Gary stated no AIE grant applications were presented this year.
 - Gary requested the budgeted amount of \$1,000 to be moved to another area of the AHC budget and be discussed at the next meeting.
 - Young Artist Exhibit
 - Laura presented the diagram to the AHC on placement of the cabinets and intake room.
 - The Commission discussed placement of the display panels as well as the location of the intake at the Library.
 - Deborah is still waiting on a confirmation for the judge. She does have a backup, Nadine Burke, who has a lot of art background. She will get the decision to the commission as soon as possible.
 - Writing Contest
 - JR. provided a status update on receiving online applications for "In the Neighborhood" theme.
 - Jeff had a note from Boot Camp that another \$50 award could be possible based on the budget of \$900 from last year and only \$850 was spent. The extra \$50 could be used as an additional award of 1st place for the youth winner or a 2nd place adult winner.
 - Rowlett Sings
 - The Rowlett Sings contest will be virtual.
 - Gary and Jeff are working with City employees Drew Rist and Phil Barott.

JR left meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Out of Order:

Requested #8 be discussed before Publicity due to the length of the Publicity discussion and member having health issues at this time.

- 8) Review, discuss and take possible action on Kenwood Park wooden trees painting project.
- Pass and review next meeting.

Gary left meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Meeting continued in order:

- Publicity
 - Theresa stated there is good traction on Facebook. Hashtags are bringing in people.
 - They are posting about Black History month regarding history and art.
 - They are sending out scattered reminders for the various contests and will speak with Jeff to get additional information regarding contests.
- 9) Discuss current and future public art projects.
- Creating a statement for citizens inquiries about projects or contests was discussed. Deborah will present a draft to the commission at the next meeting.
- 10) Maintenance of Spirit of Rowlett sculpture
- Jeff stated Eric Thomas with Bronze Conservation Services has performed maintenance on artwork for the City of Rowlett in the past. Provided no additional damage is found on the Spirit of Rowlett, the quote is a total of \$7000.00.
 - Bronze Conservation Services will evaluate the damage and repair the broken weld, spot weld, paint, and clean.
 - Concerns were voiced about the weight of a lift to repair the sculpture.
 - On an annual basis they take into consideration the weather conditions the art is exposed to and looking at an annual maintenance cost of about \$15k. Laura and Deborah both have the quote.
 - Need to make a decision at next meeting on what to do with the Spirit of Rowlett
 - A discussion ensued regarding obtaining competing quotes and scheduling maintenance.

Kate left at 7:36 p.m.

Quorum no longer present at 7:36 p.m.

Out of Order:

No quorum present after 7:36 p.m. Deborah Crosby, Arts and Humanities Chair, went to item #16 and adjourned the meeting.

- 11) Discussion regarding a public statement about the Commission's stance on current and future Public Art
N/A – duplicate agenda item
- 12) Public announcements
- 13) Recap judging for Dr. King bookmark contest
- 14) General Update

15) Future agenda items

16) Adjournment

- Chair adjourned meeting at 7:36 p.m. due to a quorum no longer present.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:

Richard L. Crosby
Signature

April 17, 2021
Date