



**ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Meeting held electronically via Zoom**  
**Meeting ID #160 642 3762**

*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.*

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Tuesday, March 9, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Rowlett Public Library - 3900 Main Street

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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, Neslie Fudge, JR. Forasteros, Barbara Morrison, Theresa Zicolello, Kate Voor, Elizabeth Swagerty
  - Members absent: Gary Alexander (Excused Absence) and Kim Nurmi
  - Staff present: Laura Tschoerner, Library Director; Lisa Watt, Senior Administrative Assistant
  - Visitors Present: Victor Cardoso, Community Investment Advisory Board
- 2) Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary.
  - Alternate Theresa Zicolello selected as voting member in Kim Nurmi's absence.
  - Alternate Elizabeth Swagerty selected as voting member in JR Forasteros's absence.
  - Alternate Kate Voor selected as voting member in Gary Alexander's absence.
- 3) Citizens' Input.
  - N/A

**JR Forasteros joined the meeting at 6:43 p.m.**

- 4) Presentation of voter education information for the May 1, 2021 Special Bond Election and Charter Amendment Election.
  - Victor Cardoso, Community Investment Advisory Board, presented the voter education information for the May 1, 2021 Special Bond Election. Referred questions to Angie Smith, Deputy City Manager.
  - Deborah Crosby, Charter Review Commission, presented the voter education information for the May 1, 2021 Charter Amendment Election. Referred questions to Laura Hallmark, City Secretary.
- 5) Consider approving the minutes from the regular meeting held February 9, 2021.
  - Motion made by Neslie Fudge to accept meeting minutes as written; seconded by Kate Voor, voting member for Gary Alexander.
  - Motion approved unanimously 7-0.
- 6) Review updates and take possible action on Standing Committee reports:
  - Young Artist Exhibit
    - Deborah Crosby confirmed that Nadine Burke will be the judge for the Young Artist Exhibit.

- March 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and March 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. will be the take-in dates and times.
- Possible Quorum notice will be posted.

**JR. Forasteros left at 6:56 p.m.**

- Writing Contest
  - Tabled for next meeting. JR. Forasteros to provide a status update on receiving online applications for “In the Neighborhood” theme.
- Rowlett Sings
  - The Rowlett Sings contest will be virtual.
  - Jeff will converse with Gary via email and will provide an update to Arts and Humanities Commission at next meeting.
  - Members discussed the low number of entries and will use social media to advertise.
- Publicity
  - Theresa Zicoello discussed promoting the contests on Facebook and will get additional information regarding the Writing and Rowlett Sings contests to promote.

7) Review, discuss and take possible action on Kenwood Park wooden trees painting project.

- A decision was made to table the project until later in the year.
- A suggestion was made to see if Parks and Recreation would want the trees. Jeff Winget to follow-up.

8) Review and discuss formal statement and discuss current/future public art project.

- Future public art projects are on hold.
- A draft statement was discussed regarding citizens inquiries about projects/contests. The Arts and Humanities Commission all agreed to send the statement to Denise Perrin, Community Relation Manager, for final approval.

9) Discuss Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission presentation from February 9, 2021 meeting.

- At an earlier meeting, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission proposed an art contest with the winning artwork to wrap around traffic light boxes throughout the city.
- The Arts and Humanities Commission tabled the request until Staff Liaison, Laura Tschoerner, can speak with Public Works.

10) Discuss FY2022 budget for operational and maintenance needs.

- Maintenance Budget
  - 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 \$7,000.00. A second quote was received from Brown Mountain Art Restoration in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the same type of work. Staff Liaison, Laura Tschoerner, will meet with Acumen Enterprises March 10, 2021 to obtain an additional bid which will be presented at the next meeting.
  - A discussion ensued regarding the maintenance budget for FY2022 and it was agreed to ask for \$17,000.00.
- Operational Budget
  - Calendar Cost for FY2022 will be researched by Deborah Crosby.
  - Consideration of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission art project be tabled until FY2022.

- Ideas for Bootcamp FY2022:
  - The Committee considered whether equipment for Rowlett Sings would need to be purchased?
  - All members were requested to consider requests for FY2022.
- Bloomberg Asphalt Grant is opened again. Tabled for next meeting.

11) Public announcements. Members of the Board of Commission and/or staff may make announcement of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subject until such matter has been properly placed on a posted agenda.

- Dr. King bookmark contest was a success. The Arts and Humanities Commission recommended to do it again next year.
- The state mandated that mask are no longer required, the City has decided to continue with mask at events and in public buildings.
- Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, March 14, 2021.

12) **Members of the Board or Commission may request topics for future agenda meetings. 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:
  - Young Artist Exhibit
  - Writing Contest
  - Rowlett Sings
  - Publicity
- Review, discuss and take possible action on Kenwood Park wood trees painting project
- Discuss current and future public art projects
- Discuss Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission art contest
  - Response from Public Works
- Discuss FY2022 budget for operational and maintenance needs
- Public announcements
- Future agenda items
- Adjourn

16) Adjournment

- Chair adjourned meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:

  
Signature

April 17, 2021  
Date