



ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION MINUTES
Meeting held electronically via Zoom
Meeting ID # 160 818 9564

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, April 13, 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, Gary Alexander, JR. Forasteros, Barbara Morrison, Theresa Zicolello, Kate Voor, and Elizabeth Swagerty
 - Members absent: Jeffery Winget and Neslie Fudge
 - Staff present: Laura Tschoerner, Library Director; Lisa Watt, Senior Administrative Assistant
 - Visitors Present: Artists 'Round Texas visitors were Jeff Sheldon, President, Pat Riaboy, and Laurieann Dygowski
- 2) Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary.
 - Alternate Elizabeth Swagerty selected as voting member in Jeffery Winget's absence.
 - Alternate Kate Voor selected as voting member in Neslie Fudge's absence.
- 3) Citizens' Input.
 - N/A
- 4) Discussion with Artists 'Round Texas regarding use of display panels and cabinets.
 - Artists 'Round Texas President, Jeff Sheldon, discussed having a Paint and Photograph Rowlett contest. He stated there may be as many as a 100 pictures and each one is framed. The scheduled take-in for paintings and photos will be Friday, May 29, 2021 with a reception following the next Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. with a maximum of about 30 people.
 - Laura Tschoerner, Director of Library Services revealed a Library diagram for 32 panels and where the panels could possibly be staged.
 - The Arts and Humanities Commission does have a requirement that the metal brackets and pins are used to mount the pictures on the panels.
 - Laura Tschoerner, Director of Library Services, will check with Jim Elridge on locating the brackets with the pins. She will also work with Artists 'Round Texas to coordinate the take-in process.
- 5) Consider approving the minutes from the regular meeting held March 9, 2021.
 - Motion made by JR. Forasteros to accept meeting minutes as written; seconded by Elizabeth Swagerty
 - Motion approved 6-0.
- 6) Elect new Vice-Chair due to former Vice-Chair's resignation from the Arts and Humanities Commission.
 - Deborah Crosby, Chair, introduced the need for electing an interim Vice-Chair. This position would only be through this fiscal year of 2021. A new Vice-Chair would be elected in October of 2021.

- Gary Alexander expressed interest in the position of Vice-Chair.
- Elizabeth Swagerty, voting member for Jeffrey Winget, motioned to elect Gary Alexander. JR. Forasteros second the motion. Motion approved with 5 in favor and 1 abstention.

7) Review updates and take possible action on Standing Commission reports:

- Young Artist Exhibit
 - A discussion about the awards for the Young Artist Exhibit found that prize money was not budgeted for Middle School Special Needs division. JR Forasteros made a motion for funds to be distributed according to the winners selected [including the Middle School Special Needs division]. Kate Voor seconded the motion. Deborah Crosby called for a vote which passed unanimously 6-0.
 - A Possible Quorum agenda will be posted for the pickup of the artwork on April 23rd and 24th, 2021. Theresa Zicoello and Elizabeth Swagerty will be present on April 23, 2021 and Deborah Crosby and Kate Voor will be present on April 24, 2021.
- Writing Contest
 - JR. Forasteros provided a status update regarding three entries received which were all poetry. He will send the entries to the judges and request a response by April 20, 2021.
 - With the consent forms being signed, all agreed, that the entries could be used on social media to promote the winners in order to generate more interest next year.
- Rowlett Sings
 - The contest Rowlett Sings was cancelled for 2021.
 - A participant letter and certificate was generated from the entries received and mailed April 14, 2021.
 - Laura Tschoerner, Director of Library Services, reported to Drew Rist, RCC and Phil Barott regarding the cancellation of Rowlett Sings.
- Publicity
 - Social Media will be used to inform the citizens about the Rowlett Sings contest being cancelled.
 - A report was given that Instagram is doing well and FaceBook is a little harder to get out before the public.
 - The Publicity Standing Committee is working on Rowlett Spot Light where local artists are showcased. An agenda item for the Rowlett Spotlight will be added to the May 2021 Agenda.

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

- Gary Alexander gave an update the panels should be finished by this time next month, May 13, 2021.
- Gary Alexander and Deborah Crosby discussed transporting the panels to the Parks and Recreation Department. An agenda item for the Kenwood Park Trees will be added to the May 2021 meeting.

9) Discuss current and future public art projects.

- Laura Tschoerner, is working with the city's Grants Coordinator on a proposal for an Asphalt Art Initiative grant. The Commission expressed interest in being involved with this grant which was also proposed in 2020.
- The new Fire Station #2 will need public art. The Arts and Humanities Commission would like to use the same artist and attain a price.

10) Discuss Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission Art Contest

- Laura Tschoerner will reach out to the Staff Liaison for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission to seek clarification about their proposal to partner on an art project involving traffic control boxes.
- Laura Tschoerner will follow-up with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission to get clarification on each of the commission roles.

11) Discuss FY2022 budget for operational and maintenance needs.

- Laura Tschoerner presented three maintenance bids for The Spirit of Rowlett.

- The Arts and Humanities asked the bids be revised to show the Spirit of Rowlett repair work and maintaining the other artwork was all inclusive of their bids. Laura Tschoerner, Director of Library Services will get the updated bids and present the bids to the commission.
- The budget may need to be discussed at a later date depending on the roles of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission and Arts and Humanities Commission roles in the art contest.

12) 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.

- Gary Alexander, Arts and Humanities Co-Chair, would like to thank everyone for their prayers and get well wishes.

13) Members of the Board or Commission may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matter has been properly place on a posted agenda.

1. Call to order
2. Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary
3. Citizens' Input
4. Consider approving minutes from previous meeting held on April 9, 2021
5. Review updates and take possible action on standing commission reports:
 - a. Young Artist Exhibit
 - b. Writing Contest
 - c. Scavenger Hunt
 - d. Publicity
6. Review, discuss and take possible action on Kenwood Park wood trees painting project.
7. Discuss current and future public art project.
 - a. Asphalt initiative
 - b. Noblique artwork for Fire Station #2
8. Public Announcements
9. Future agenda meetings
10. Adjourn

14) Adjournment

- Chair adjourned meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:

Kathleen L. Crosby
Signature

06/23/2021
Date