



ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION MINUTES
Meeting held electronically via Zoom
Meeting ID # 161 405 2009

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, May 11, 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 6:31 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.
 - Members present: Deborah Crosby, Gary Alexander, JR. Forasteros, Jeffery Winget, Neslie Fudge, Theresa Zicoello, Kate Voor, and Elizabeth Swagerty
 - Members absent: Barbara Morrison
 - Staff present: Laura Tschoerner, Library Director; Lisa Watt, Senior Administrative Assistant
 - Visitors Present: Tamra Williams on behalf of Nic Noblique

- 2) Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary.
 - Alternate Theresa Zicoello selected as voting member in Barbara Morrison's absence.
 - Alternate Elizabeth Swagerty selected as voting member in JR. Forasteros's absence when he left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

- 3) Citizens' Input.
 - N/A

- 4) Review and discuss current and future public art project.
 - Tamra Williams presented four artwork possibilities for Fire Station number two. A discussion ensued to use either example two; a ladder shape representative of a fire fighter's hose or even the flames they fight; or example four; a polished stainless steel option at fifty feet tall to represent the first responders working as a team to keep the community safe, in unison.
 - Sculptures were priced according to size: 15' = \$30,000, 20' = \$40,000, 30' = \$50,000, 50' = \$125,000.
 - A decision was made for Tamra Williams to setup a meeting between herself, Nic Noblique, and Neil Howard, Rowlett Fire Chief to get feedback on a rendering, location, and cost in order for the Arts and Humanities Commission to speak with City Council during the upcoming work session.
 - Laura Tschoerner, Library Services Director, will speak with Neil Howard, Rowlett Fire Chief, to see if conduit can be run to the decided location of the artwork while fire station number two is under construction.

- 5) Consider approving the minutes from the regular meeting held April 13, 2021.
 - Motion made by JR. Forasteros to accept meeting minutes as written; seconded by Gary Alexander
 - Motion approved 6-0.

- 6) Discuss with Arts and Humanities Commission to meet in person starting June 2021.
 - The Commission unanimously decided to continue meeting via Zoom for the June meeting.

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

- Young Artist Exhibit
 - Contest completed. All artwork was returned and certificates and prizes have all been mailed.
- Writing Contest
 - A presentation of the winners will be announced at the City Council meeting in June 1, 2021.
 - Publicity Standing Committee will be spotlighting them on the Cities FaceBook and Instagram media pages.
- Photography Contest
 - A 2021 Contest Theme was chosen as “My Hometown”.
 - Jeff Winget will be the contact person on the website for the Photography Contest.
 - A suggestion was made to make sure the information on Photography Contest Entry Form was worded correctly and all information was correct. The final version will be sent to the Photography Contest Standing Committee for approval.
- Scavenger Hunt
 - The Arts and Humanities Commission will have a scavenger hunt July 3, 2021.
 - The Publicity Standing Committee was advised to speak with Laura Keasling at the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce on best practices since she has hosted scavenger hunts in the past.
- Publicity
 - The Publicity Standing Committee discussed the overall goal of the Spotlight program. Local Artists will submit their works along with a biography. The Spotlight program will highlight their works on the Arts and Humanities Facebook and Instagram media pages along with winners of the Commission’s contests.
 - The Spotlight program is scheduled to kick off in 10 to 14 days.

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 Wednesday, May 12, 2021.
- Gary Alexander to deliver to Rowlett Parks and Recreation either on Thursday, May 13, 2021 or sometime next week. Deborah Crosby volunteered to assist in the delivery of the trees.

7:38 P.M. Deborah Crosby, Chair, lost connection to meeting. Gary Alexander, Co-Chair, continued the meeting.

9) Discuss Asphalt Initiative.

- A proposal to fund \$10,000 to the Asphalt Initiative was agreed upon.
- A motion was made by JR. Forasteros to fund the Asphalt Art Initiative with \$10,000 if a grant is awarded; Jeff Winget seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

7:43 PM Deborah Crosby, Chair, rejoined meeting.

10) Discuss Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission Art Contest

- A meeting will be scheduled between the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission and the Arts and Humanities Commission Chairs, Munal Mauladad, Director of Community Development, and Laura Tschoerner, Library Services Director, to discuss roles for each commission and what cost may entail for the art contest.

8:15 PM JR. Forasteros left meeting. Elizabeth Swagerty was selected as JR. Forasteros’s alternate.

11) Discuss FY2022 budget for operational and maintenance needs.

- Bronze Conservation was selected to do the cleaning and repair to the Spirit of Rowlett.
- A motion was made by Jeff Winget to accept the bid to clean and repair the Spirit of Rowlett. Gary Alexander second the motion. Vote was approved unanimously.

- Bronze Conservation will coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Department to ensure no damage is done to the park during the cleaning and repair to the Spirit of Rowlett.
- Deborah Crosby, Chair, requested any additional funding needed for next years budget FY2022 be sent prior to the June work session with the City Council. This will help in facilitating the needs of the Arts and Humanities Commission.

12) 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. Give update and discuss Fire Station #2 public art project.
5. Consider approving minutes from previous meeting held on May 11, 2021
6. Review updates and take possible action on standing commission reports:
 - a. Photography Contest
 - b. Scavenger Hunt
 - c. Publicity
7. Review, discuss and take possible action on Kenwood Park wood trees painting project.
8. Discuss FY2022 budget for operational and maintenance needs.
9. Discuss current and future public art projects.
10. Public Announcements
11. Future agenda meetings
12. Adjourn

14) Adjournment

- Chair adjourned meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:

Deborah Crosby
Signature

06/23/2021
Date