

## Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

**Date:** Tuesday, August 11, 2009

**Location:** Library Meeting Room, 3900 Main Street

**Members Present:** Hugo Martinez, Mary Drayer, Jerry Barshop, Joyce Baxter, Leila McNeill, and Kris Kriofske.

**Members Excused:** Michael Gallops and Jerry Hickman.

**Members Absent:** Rosalita Lucas.

**Visitors:** Tony Airitam, Carol Ann Maggiotto, Larry Crosby (Lone Star Companies of Dallas) and Ben White, Director of Economic Development.

**Staff Present:** Kathy Cockcroft and Brenda Kennedy.

- 1) **Call to Order:**  
Chairman Hugo Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and a quorum was present.
- 2) **Discuss Cultural Art Center as a part of the Rowlett City Center at Water's Edge.**  
Hugo introduced Director of Economic Director Ben White and Larry Crosby with Lone Star Companies of Dallas. At a previous meeting with Mr. White, Hugo Martinez and Mary Drayer discussed the need of a cultural art center in the city. Mr. White and Mr. Crosby were at the meeting to present the planned Rowlett City Center at Water's Edge and discuss the possibility of a cultural art center being included in the development (planning is in the early stages). The next step in the development will be a market study that will allow community involvement (including AHC) as to what is needed.
- 3) **Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting on July 14, 2009.**  
Motion made by Jerry Barshop to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Mary Drayer; motion passed unanimously.
- 4) **Discuss budget overview of prior month.**  
Account balance \$1,724.48. No questions or comments.
- 5) **Discuss Board/Commission term expiration dates.**  
Kathy reminded Mary Drayer, Leila McNeill and Kris Kriofske their terms expire September 30, 2009. She asked if they are interested in serving on the Commission, new applications need to be completed by August 25<sup>th</sup>. Mary, Leila and Kris all re-applied. Kathy will contact Michael Gallops, Jerry Hickman and Rosalita Lucas to inform them their terms also expire in October and ask them to re-apply, if interested in serving another term.
- 6) **Update from standing committees:**
  - Writing Contest – no report.
  - Photography Contest – forms are available and Michael handled the publicity. Question was asked if "Best of Show" could win 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place and the answer is yes. Mary will need a few more supplies; funds are available in the budget. Leila volunteered to help during the day photos are turned in.
  - Art Shows – Jerry Barshop handed out the information for the Young Artists contest for review. Discussion regarding awards, decided the elementary division "Best of Class" in the 2D and 3D categories will be awarded \$50 each. The middle and high schools will be

grouped as Secondary division and "Best of Class" in the 2D and 3D categories will be awarded \$100 each. Best of Show has been eliminated. Changes will be made to forms; postage for the mail-out and judge will be paid from the FY 2009 budget.

- Westshore and More – Hugo commented this event could be opening for center.
- Art in Education grants – will discuss after the first of the year.

7) Standing reports:

a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.

Concert scheduled for Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at Firewheel Town Center in Garland was canceled due to rain. The next concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at Firewheel Town Center.

b) Update from the Rowlett Community Chorale.

Mary will have a report at the next meeting.

8) Public Announcements:

- Kathy Cockcroft will not be at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

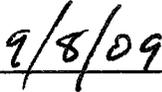
9) Future topics:

- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes from previous meeting
- Discuss budget overview of previous month
- Update on Standing Committees
  - a) Writing Contest
  - b) Photography Contest
  - c) Art shows
  - d) Westshore and More
  - e) Summer Cultural Arts Series and Art in the Park
- Standing Reports:
  - a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds (Hugo Martinez)
  - b) Update from Rowlett Community Chorale (Mary Drayer)
- Public announcements
- Future topics

9) Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:

  
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Signature of Chairman

  
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Date