

Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Location: Library Meeting Room, 3900 Main Street

Members Present: Hugo Martinez, Jerry Barshop, Jerry Hickman, and Kris Kriofske.

Members Excused: Mary Drayer, Michael Gallops, Leila McNeill and Joyce Baxter.

Members Absent: Rosalita Lucas.

Staff Present: Brenda Kennedy.

1) **Call to Order:**

Chairman Hugo Martinez determined quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2) **Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2009.**

Motion made by Jerry Barshop to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Kris Kriofske; motion passed unanimously.

3) **Discuss budget overview of prior month.**

Account balance \$1,724.48. Encumbered funds for Photography contest awards and supplies, possible balance remaining at end of fiscal year approximately \$1,200. Discussed what happens with unspent funds; discussed using half of unspent funds to make a one time contribution to three local fine arts groups to support the arts in Rowlett with the remaining funds go back to the City at the end of the fiscal year.

Motion made by Jerry Barshop to make a one time contribution of \$200 to the Company of Rowlett Performers (CORP), Artists 'Round Texas (ART) and Amateur Community Theatre of Rowlett (ACTOR) to support fine arts in Rowlett, with any funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year to be returned to the City. Motion seconded by Hugo Martinez, motion passed unanimously.

Kris Kriofske made a motion to amend the approved motion to add an additional \$50 for a total contribution of \$250 to be made to the Company of Rowlett Performers (CORP), Artists 'Round Texas (ART) and Amateur Community Theatre of Rowlett (ACTOR) with any remaining funds be returned to the City at the end of the fiscal year. Motion seconded by Jerry Barshop, motion passed unanimously.

Friendly amendment: Pending the approval of the City's financial regulations.

4) **Update from standing committees:**

- Writing Contest – no report.
- Photography Contest – the take in date for the contest is Saturday, September 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. Mary, Hugo and Leila plan on working during the take-in. Hugo mentioned the Artists 'Round Texas juried art show on display in the library and the photography contest entries will be on display also in the library. Discussed possibility

to have in the future an events calendar that would include local events, accessible on the web.

- Art Shows – information packets were mailed August 31 to public and private schools. Take in date is Saturday, October 3 from 3 – 5 p.m. and take-down is Saturday, October 31 from 3-5 p.m. Laurieann Dygowski will judge the exhibit. Will post a sign during take-in to announce prize amounts. Information sheets are due by Monday, September 28.
- Westshore and More – no report.
- Summer Cultural Art Series and Art in the Park – Leila McNeill not at meeting, will report at next meeting.

5) Standing reports:

a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.

The next concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, September 12th at Firewheel Town Center (rain is in forecast; if it does concert will be canceled). Possibility concert could be canceled due to performers not available – will know more after group meets tonight.

Lakeshore Symphonic Winds will perform at the City's Movies on Main Street on Friday, September 25th at 7:30 p.m.

b) Update from the Rowlett Community Chorale.

Hugo reported for Mary to announce a joint concert with Lakeshore Symphonic Winds is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, December 19 at the First United Methodist Church.

6) Public Announcements:

- Board and Commission Banquet scheduled for Thursday, November 12th, more information to follow.
- Reminder the Commission does not meet in December.

9) Future topics:

- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes from previous meeting
- Discuss budget overview of previous month
- Discuss upcoming joint work session with City Council
- Discuss plans to keep Cultural Art Center in City's vision
- 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:



Signature of Chairman



Date