

## Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Location: Library Meeting Room, 3900 Main Street

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. and a quorum was present.
  - Members present: Hugo Martinez, Mary Drayer, Jerry Hickman, Leila McNeill, and Jerry Barshop.
  - Members excused: Kris Kriofske and Joyce Baxter.
  - Staff present: Kathy Cockcroft and Brenda Kennedy.
- 2) Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2010.
  - Motion made to accept minutes as written by Jerry Barshop; motion seconded by Jerry Hickman; motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Discuss budget overview from prior month.
  - Budget was reviewed, no changes.
  - Costs from Photography Contest will be paid from current budget year.
  - Jerry Barshop asked if the Commission goes ahead and mails information to local schools regarding the upcoming Young Artists Exhibit would the postage be paid from current budget year? Yes, as long as the expense is incurred by September 30, 2010.
- 4) Discuss plans to keep Cultural Arts Center in City's vision.
  - Hugo left a message for Steve Maggiotto, but they have not been able to connect yet. Hugo will contact him again and will have more information at the next meeting.
- 5) Update on DART Art and Design Program.
  - Discussed art project; Hugo has asked for a copy of the artist's rendering, but has not received anything from DART yet.
  - Kathy mentioned that a report will be presented to City Council at the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting; Kathy will confirm meeting and time at the next Arts and Humanities Commission meeting.
- 6) Update from standing committees:
  - Writing Contest – Mary thanked Leila for judging the contest entries. All went well, winners were pleased.
  - Photography Contest – Informational flyers are on the City's website; Kathy has asked Donna Huerta to advertise and Mary has sent press releases to local newspapers. Mary will also contact local high schools and community colleges. Commission will receive entries on September 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Will need display panels brought over from storage, will add to August agenda.
  - Art shows – Jerry and Jerry will email Hugo the contact list for his review; mail outs will be sent to both local public and private schools.
  - Arts in Education – discussed mailing out information to schools, then following up with emails closer to due date. Will remove item from agenda until January 2011.
- 7) Standing Reports.
  - a) Update from the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.

Joint concert with Rowlett Community Chorale September 11<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church, concert begins at 7 p.m. and is free (donations are accepted). Hugo and Mary are working on creating invitations for Police and Fire Departments. Hugo gave recap of his trip to Spain and Portugal, gained permission from conductor to perform and share his works (music that has not been performed in North America).

b) Update from the Rowlett Community Chorale.

Mary working with local high schools to recruit students to perform with Chorale; currently have a total of 22 people. Mary is working on offering a scholarship to schools with students participating. Upcoming concert will be outstanding with a patriotic theme.

8) Public Announcements.

- Hugo and wife took a trip to Spain and Portugal.
- Kathy Cockcroft announced that Money magazine has selected Rowlett as the 24<sup>th</sup> Best Small City in America.
- Kathy asked the Commission if they would be interested in joining the Library in its goal to ask museums to donate membership cards so patrons could check out the membership cards and visit museums for free.

9) Future topics.

- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes from previous meeting
- Discuss budget overview of previous month
- Discuss plans to keep Cultural Art Center in City's vision
- Update on DART Art and Design Program
- Update on Standing Committees
  - a) Writing Contest
  - b) Photography Contest (retrieval of display panels)
  - c) Young Artists Contest
- Standing Reports:
  - a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds (Hugo Martinez)
  - b) Update from Rowlett Community Chorale (Mary Drayer)
- Public announcements
- Future topics

10) Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:

  
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Signature of Chairman

  
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