

Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Location: Library Conference Room, 3900 Main Street

Members Present: Hugo Martinez, Michael Gallops, Jerry Barshop, Mary Drayer, Jerry Hickman, Leila McNeill and Kris Kriofske.

Members Absent: Joyce Baxter (excused) and Rosalita Lucas

Staff Present: Brad Weber and Brenda Kennedy.

- 1) Call to Order:
Vice-Chair, Mary Drayer, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Quorum was present. New members Leila McNeill and Kris Kriofske were welcomed.
- 2) Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting on January 13, 2009.
Motion made by Michael Gallops to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Jerry Barshop; motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Discuss budget overview of prior month.
Reviewed the 2008-2009 Budget Readjustment proposal and the prize amounts for the Regional Writing and Photography contests. Vice-Chair Mary Drayer recognized the arrival of Chairman Hugo Martinez and turned the meeting over him. Hugo Martinez made a motion for the Commission not to award prizes lower than 1st place. Motion was seconded by Mary Drayer; motion passed unanimously. Awards for 2nd place for the Writing contest and runner-up awards for the Photography contest will be eliminated.
- 4) Discuss the joint work session with the City Council scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009.
Discussed if Commission wants to address their renewed interest in a Cultural Arts Center for the city. Agreed Commission will address at the joint work session. Hugo will prepare a write-up and will electronically submit to Brad Weber or Stacey Chadwick seven days prior to council meeting. This is a good time to present a recap to the Council as to what the Commission does and to present goals and accomplishments. All Commission members are asked to attend and show their support.
- 5) Update from standing committees:
 - Writing Contest – Mary Drayer will be preparing information to go out to schools. New member Leila McNeill is a literature analyst, discussed her judging the contest. Entries should be either dropped off at the library or postmarked by May 1, 2009. Michael Gallops will publicize the contest.
 - Photography Contest – Please be thinking of a theme for this year's contest. Contest is scheduled for September.
 - Art Shows – Jerry Barshop and Jerry Hickman presented handouts that will be sent out to schools, including private and home school associations. Brad Weber will check into use of City logo and postage costs. Decided not to hold Young Artist Exhibit in March after discussion and review of Garland ISD art events – do not want to compete with school events. Will discuss possible dates at the next Commission meeting.

- Westshore and More – Brad Weber updated the Commission that Donna Huerta no longer handles special events. He will set-up a meeting with Hugo Martinez, Mary Drayer and Jennifer Gomez, new special events coordinator, to discuss project.
- Art in Education grants – publicized the last part of school year and award grants after new school year begins.

6) Standing reports:

a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.

Joint concert with the Rowlett Community Chorale is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, March 1st at the First United Methodist Church. All Commission members are invited to attend.

b) Update from the Rowlett Community Chorale.

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c) Update on progress of AHC newsletter and webpage.

No report given.

9) Public Announcements:

- Joint work session with City Council scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009.
- Next Arts and Humanities Commission meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

10) Future topics:

- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes from previous meeting
- Discuss budget
 - a) overview of previous month
- Recap of joint work session with the City Council held Tuesday March 3, 2009
- Update on Standing Committees
 - a) Writing Contest
 - b) Photography Contest
 - c) Art shows – date clarification for art shows
 - d) Westshore and More – recap of meeting with Jennifer Gomez
 - e) Art in Education grants
- Standing Reports:
 - a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds (Hugo Martinez)
 - b) Update from Rowlett Community Chorale (Mary Drayer)
 - c) Discuss progress of AHC newsletter and web page
- Public announcements
- Future topics

11) Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:



 Signature of Chairman

3/10/09

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