

Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Location: Library Conference Room, 3900 Main Street

Members Present: Hugo Martinez, Michael Gallops, Jerry Barshop, Joyce Baxter, Jerry Hickman, and Leila McNeill.

Members Excused: Mary Drayer and Kris Kriofske.

Members Absent: Rosalita Lucas.

Staff Present: Brad Weber and Brenda Kennedy.

- 1) Call to Order:
Chairman Hugo Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and a quorum was present.
- 2) Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting on February 10, 2009.
Motion made by Jerry Barshop to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Joyce Baxter; motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Discuss budget overview of prior month.
Hugo presented the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds 501 (c) (3) number as requested by City Manager's office; Brad will check with Katie regarding the Rowlett Community Chorale 501 (c) (3) status. No expenditures to report.
- 4) Recap on the joint work session with the City Council held Tuesday, March 3, 2009.
Hugo Martinez gave a 10 minute presentation to the Council. The goals for the Commission were included in the Council packet and most of the goals have been met.

Hugo addressed the Commission's renewed interest in a Cultural Arts Center for the city and for members to attend the Bond Committee meetings to show support. Jerry Barshop, Facilities Sub-Committee member, will present Commission's interest at the meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, Committee may or may not include on final list.

- 5) Update from standing committees:
 - Writing Contest – Mary Drayer was not at the meeting, Michael Gallops will contact Mary for the contest flyer, will send copy to Brenda.
 - Photography Contest – no report.
 - Art Shows – Hugo Martinez did check with the Garland ISD regarding art shows the district holds during February and March. Commission's art shows would be in conflict with the district shows (also TAKS testing in April). Commission will re-think possible dates for youth art show.
 - Westshore and More – Brad Weber will set-up a meeting with Hugo Martinez, Mary Drayer and Jennifer Gomez to discuss project.
 - Art in Education grants – no report.
- 6) Standing reports:
 - a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.
Successful joint concert with the Rowlett Community Chorale Sunday, March 1st

at the First United Methodist Church. New conductor was very pleased. The Lakeshore Symphonic Winds and the Rowlett Community Chorale donated a music CD of the concert to the library. Brad mentioned Jennifer Gomez would like the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds to perform a series of concerts to be held before the movies being presented to the citizens.

b) Update from the Rowlett Community Chorale.

Successful joint concert with the Rowlett Community Chorale Sunday, March 1st at the First United Methodist Church.

c) Update on progress of AHC newsletter and webpage.

Hugo Martinez and Michael Gallops will plan to meet in August with Rowlett High School's web teacher.

7) Public Announcements:

- Brad informed the Commission of the upcoming "Touch a Truck" event on May 23, 2009; may be asking for volunteers to help.
- Next Arts and Humanities Commission meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

8) Future topics:

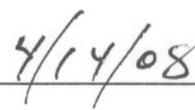
- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes from previous meeting
- Discuss budget
 - a) overview of previous month
- Discuss if volunteers are needed for the May 23, 2009 "Touch a Truck" event
- Update on Standing Committees
 - a) Writing Contest
 - b) Photography Contest
 - c) Art shows
 - d) Westshore and More
 - 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

9) Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:



Signature of Chairman



Date