

Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Location: Library Meeting Room, 3900 Main Street

- 1) Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Mary Drayer at 6:47 p.m. and a quorum was present.
 - Members present: Mary Drayer, Jerry Hickman, Kris Kriofske and Jerry Barshop.
 - Members excused: Hugo Martinez, Leila McNeill and Joyce Baxter.
 - Staff present: Kathy Cockcroft and Brenda Kennedy.

- 2) Welcome visitors.
 - Board and Commission applicant Veena Valiaveedu was welcomed to the meeting and introduced to Commission members.

- 3) Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2010.
 - Motion made to accept minutes as written by Jerry Hickman; motion seconded by Jerry Barshop; motion passed unanimously.

- 4) Discuss budget overview from prior month.
 - Budget was reviewed, no changes.

- 5) Report on purchase of display panels and/or wireless microphone.
 - Staff purchased two additional display panels to be used for art shows and photography contest. Additional hardware as also purchased for the panels the Commission currently uses.

- 6) Report on Volunteer Fair.
 - City held a Volunteer Fair on Monday, September 13, 2010 for citizens to have an opportunity to find out what Boards and Commission do for the City (61 citizens attended). Mary Drayer provided refreshments for the Arts and Humanities Commission table. Hugo Martinez and Kris Kriofske were also present.

- 7) Discuss plans to keep Cultural Arts Center in City's vision.
 - Commission is still looking for someone to chair a potential committee for a non-profit organization to help raise funds for a cultural center.
 - Discussed benefits of the Chamber of Commerce, introduce to businesses.
 - Discussed developing printed materials which could list the benefits the Center would bring to the City; talk with other local centers to find out how their citizens benefited (i.e.: increased property values, etc). Kris stated Patti Granville (Garland's civic center) could give insight to the costs, etc. It was agreed Commission needs to come up with a plan listing what needs to be done.
 - Jerry Hickman suggested for the members to visit with other groups; Kris will make a list of questions to ask.

- 8) Update on DART Art and Design Program.
 - Kathy attended the City Council meeting on August 17, 2010 to see the DART presentation.
 - Hugo should be able to request a copy of the artist's rendering from DART to show to Commission.

- Kathy will send the link to the Channel 8 news interview with Mayor Harper and Councilwoman Donna Davis on the DART station.

9) Update from standing committees:

- Writing Contest – no report.
- Photography Contest – received 55 entries. Cindy Serine to judge entries September 14th. All entries will be on display in the library until October. Mary will need to purchase additional ribbons (will be paid from current budget year).
- Awards will be presented to the winners at the October 19, 2010 City Council meeting (awards to be paid from current budget year).
- Young Artists Exhibit – Jerry and Jerry will forward updated letter to Brenda by Monday, September 27th in order to prepare packets for mailing the last week in September. First place awards will be given in both categories (2D and 3D). Divisions include: Elementary (\$25); Intermediate (\$50); High School (\$75). Art show take in date for entries is Saturday, January 8, 2011 and entries will be on display in the library through January.

10) Standing Reports.

- Update from the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.
Mary gave update for the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.
Joint patriotic concert with Rowlett Community Chorale on September 11th at the First United Methodist Church was wonderful. Everything went well, quiet moving and well attended.
Next concert is planned for October 17, 2010 at the Plaza Theater in Garland.
The Lakeshore Symphonic Winds and Rowlett Community Chorale are very appreciative to the First United Methodist Church for allowing concerts to be held in their facility.
- Update from the Rowlett Community Chorale.
Mary reported the Chorale's next concert is December 18, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church. Rehearsals for the concert will begin six weeks before the concert.

11) Public Announcements.

- Kathy Cockcroft announced Leila McNeill is resigning the Commission due to her schedule. She will be missed. City Council is appointing new members in October and hopefully her spot can be filled then.
- Kris announced the Garland Summer Musicals will present "Music Man" and "Cats" in 2011.

12) Future topics.

- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes from previous meeting
- Discuss budgets
 - a) overview of prior month
 - b) FY 2011 budget and allocate funds for specific activities
- Discuss plans to keep Cultural Art Center in City's vision
 - a) Create a Cultural Arts Center committee for the exploration of a center
- Update on DART Art and Design Program
- Update on Standing Committees
 - a) Writing Contest
 - b) Photography Contest
 - c) Young Artists Exhibit

- Standing Reports:
 - a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds (Hugo Martinez)
 - b) Update from Rowlett Community Chorale (Mary Drayer)
- Public announcements
- Future topics

13) Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:

Mary Drayer
Signature of Vice-Chairman

10/12/10
Date