

Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Location: Library Conference Room, 3900 Main Street

- 1) Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Hugo Martinez at 6:32 p.m. and a quorum was present.
 - *Members present: Hugo Martinez, Jerry Barshop, Laqueata Brown, Jerry Hickman, and Cassie Wilson.*
 - *Members absent: Mary Drayer and Veena Valiaveedu.*
 - *Staff present: Kathy Freiheit and Brenda Kennedy.*

- 2) Consider approving minutes from the regular meeting on April 10, 2012.

Motion made by Cassie Wilson to accept the April 10, 2012 meeting minutes as written; Jerry Hickman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3) Review budget overview from prior month.
 - *Current budget balance at \$1,548.77; upcoming expenses to be paid: Writing contest (\$450), Photography contest (\$600) and Arts in Education grants (\$500).*

- 4) Discuss plans to keep Cultural art center in City's vision.
 - *Chair Mary Drayer will invite Jim Grabenhorst, Director of Economic Development, to attend the June 12, 2012 meeting to discuss interest in a cultural arts center as part of the City's vision and planning.*
 - *Hugo Martinez presented a conceptual drawing created by South Garland High School students; discussed what members would like to include in a cultural art center.*
 - *Members were asked to bring questions to ask Mr. Grabenhorst (i.e.: location, when, where, downtown economic realty, etc.).*
 - *Hugo Martinez will research local cultural centers to find out if they are struggling.*
 - *Commission members should work to get the vision out to the public; center could bring in outside money into the city.*

- 5) Update from standing committees:
 - **Writing Contest**
 - *Received 43 entries (27 youth and 16 adult).*
 - *Dr. Steven Cobb, Associate Dean with the College of Arts and Sciences at University of North Texas, will judge the contest.*
 - *Winners will be presented during the June 5, 2012 City Council meeting; Mary plans to attend.*
 - **Photography Contest**
 - *Theme is "All Things Texas".*
 - *Discussed the requirement that "photos must be taken within one year of the contest deadline", decided rule really can't be enforced.*
 - *Mary Drayer will give an update at the June meeting.*
 - **Young Artists Exhibit**
 - *No report given.*
 - **Arts in Education**
 - *Cassie Wilson sent information to schools, both public and private, in Rowlett.*
 - *Discussed if schools receive information early enough to prepare grant submission; suggested sending out information at the beginning of the school year (send out August 2012 for May 2013 deadline).*
 - **Publicity**
 - *Cassie Wilson submitted press releases*

--Hugo Martinez suggested sending hard copy of information to press outlets to announce events/contests (i.e. KEOM Mesquite ISD radio).

6) Public Announcements.

- Lakeshore Symphonic Winds concert planned for October 27, 2012 at the Granville Performing Arts Center.
- Special Events position has been filled by Sarah Morgan who will start May 14, 2012.
- Rowlett Community Chorale will sing during the Parent – Child Tea Party on May 12, 2012.

7) Future topics.

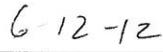
- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes of the previous meeting
- Discuss the need of a Cultural Arts Center with Economic Development Director Jim Grabenhorst
- Review budget overview from prior month
- Review, discuss and award Arts in Education grants
- Receive updates and take possible action from standing committees:
 - Writing Contest
 - Photography contest
 - Young Artists Exhibit
 - Arts in Education grants
 - Publicity
- Public announcements
- Future topics
- Adjournment

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

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:



Signature



Date