



Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2012

Location: Library Conference Room, 3900 Main Street

- 1) Meeting called to order by Chair Mary Drayer at 6:30 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.
 - *Members present: Mary Drayer, Hugo Martinez, Jerry Barshop, Jerry Hickman and Laqueata Brown.*
 - *Members absent: Veena Valiaveedu and Cassie Wilson.*
 - *Staff present: Kathy Freiheit and Brenda Kennedy.*

- 2) Consider approving minutes from the regular meeting June 12, 2012.

Motion made by Hugo Martinez to accept the June 12, 2012 meeting minutes as corrected (Item 3, 2nd bullet, change "Drayer" to "Martinez explained...bond election"); Jerry Barshop seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3) Review budget overview from prior month.
 - *Current budget balance at \$598.77; upcoming expenses to be paid: Photography contest (\$596.99).*
 - *Hugo asked, with the possibility of additional hotels with PGBT (increase in hotel/motel tax), could Commission budget be increased in the future?*
 - *Kathy will check with Brian Funderburk to find out how much City receives from hotel/motel tax and how is it spent.*

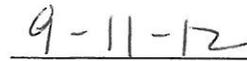
- 4) Follow-up discussion from June 12, 2012 meeting with Economic Development Director Jim Grabenhorst.
 - *Mary stated the information provided was informative, but how should Commission go about getting a cultural arts center?*
 - *Mr. Grabenhorst asked if the City has done anything like "art in park" with vendors, etc. Hugo stated the City has held "Pecan Fest" in the past with arts and craft vendors.*
 - *Jerry Hickman asked if Commission could be involved in the DART opening ceremony. It was a big deal in Irving when station opened. Mary agreed it would be beneficial for Commission to have a role at DART opening. Kathy suggested contacting Denise Perrin to inquire what Commission can do. As Kathy receives information on the opening, she'll pass onto members.*
 - *Hugo will check with DART about artwork in station; previous Young Artist winners artwork to be displayed.*
 - *Discussion on any upcoming bond elections; Kathy indicated she is not aware of any bonds proposals in FY 2013.*
 - *Participate in Realize Rowlett meetings to keep the need for a cultural arts center in vision.*

- 5) Receive recap regarding City's Volunteer Fair held July 26, 2012.
 - *Good turnout; received questions about cultural arts center; fair is a good recruitment tool.*
 - *Kathy asked what supplies needed for next year? Backdrop or display board; members to create display board, will place on April 2013 agenda for ideas and create a sub-committee. Need tablecloth and music playing.*
 - *Question asked if the City is missing people holding the Volunteer Fair in July? People on vacation?*

- 6) Review, discuss and take possible action on Arts and Education grants time frame.
- *Tabled – will place on September meeting agenda.*
- 7) Update from standing committees:
- Writing Contest
 - *Nothing to report.*
 - Photography Contest
 - *Cindy Serine will judge contest the week of September 10th.*
 - *Contest information is on City's website; Cassie was asked to publicize at June meeting; Mary will drop off contest forms at Community Centre and forms are available at the library.*
 - *Entries accepted Saturday, September 8th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Mary asked members to help with take in and displaying entries.*
 - *Presentation to winners at City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 2nd.*
 - *Entries will need to be picked up Saturday, October 6th.*
 - *If needed, Mary Drayer will order ribbons.*
 - Young Artist Exhibit
 - *Jerry Hickman will re-write letter sent to schools; will review at September meeting.*
 - Arts in Education
 - *No report.*
 - Publicity
 - *No report.*
- 8) Public Announcements.
- *Received grant report from the Rowlett Community Chorale.*
 - *Lakeshore Symphonic Winds will present "Noche de Paso Doble" concert on October 27, 2012 at the Granville Performing Arts Center; flyers handed out.*
- 9) Future topics.
- *Call to order*
 - *Consider approving minutes of the previous meeting*
 - *Review budget overview from prior month*
 - *Report on hotel/motel tax allocation*
 - *Receive update on DART*
 - *participation during station opening*
 - *station art displays*
 - *Review, discuss and take possible action on Arts in Education grants time frame*
 - *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*
- 10) Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:


Signature


Date