

Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Location: Library Meeting Room, 3900 Main Street

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. and a quorum was present.
 - Members present: Jerry Barshop, Hugo Martinez, Mary Drayer, Jerry Hickman, and Leila McNeill.
 - Members excused: Joyce Baxter and Kris Kriofske.
 - Visitors: Michelle Stanard and Marcel Quimby with Quimby McCoy Preservation Architecture, LLC
 - Staff present: Kathy Cockcroft and Brenda Kennedy.

- 2) Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2010.

Motion made by Jerry Barshop to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Jerry Hickman; motion passed unanimously.

- 3) Presentation on Coyle House Project by Quimby McCoy Preservation Architecture, LLC.
 - Ms. Quimby and Ms. Standard explained their company was hired to determine the best way to use the Coyle House. Ms Quimby gave the history on the house. Built in 1916 and was the Coyle family home and was located at the corner of Main and Kirby Road. With the President George Bush Turnpike coming through Rowlett, the North Texas Tollway Authority paid to have the house and outbuildings moved to Pecan Grove Park. They are meeting with different community organizations to discuss various options the City could use the Coyle House. Leila McNeill suggested using in a similar manner as the Dallas Institute -- by providing space for classes, lectures on art, history, philosophy, etc. Hugo Martinez suggested it could be used for art displays, exhibits, etc.

- 4) Discuss budget overview from prior month.
 - Account balance \$3,650.00, no expenditures since last meeting. Discussion to move funds from various contests to increase the grant amount to be awarded. Commission agreed to reduce the Arts in Education grant awards to \$650; Regional Writing Contest to \$450 by eliminating fee for judge; Photography Contest to \$650 and increasing the Grants to \$1,900.
 - a) Review and approve Arts and Humanities grants.
 - After reviewing 3 grant applications received, Jerry Barshop made a motion to approve all 3 applications in the amounts requested. Jerry Hickman seconded the motion; motion carried (Hugo Martinez excused himself from the vote and Mary Drayer had not arrived at meeting at that time). Artists Round Texas will receive a grant in the amount of \$500; Rowlett Community Chorale will receive \$700 and Lakeshore Symphonic Winds will receive \$700.
 - Jerry Barshop made a motion that before the next grants are awarded next year, the Commission will need to set-up grant guidelines to be used in awarding grants. Jerry Hickman seconded; motion carried.

- 5) Discuss upcoming joint work session with City Council scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2010.
- Hugo will email his proposed presentation to the Commission members for their comments/suggestions. His presentation will continue to promote Cultural Arts Center to be built within Rowlett city limits
 - Hugo will send Kathy Cockcroft the information for the City Council agenda item electronically by Monday, February 15th.
 - Jerry Barshop will not be at the Council work session.
- 6) Discuss plans to keep Cultural Arts Center in City's vision.
- Hugo again asked members to be considering whom they could approach to create a non-profit organization, head up joint committee, someone well known locally.
 - At the joint work session with the City Council, Hugo will ask for Council support to garner support from outside non-profit organization to head up fundraising.
- 7) Update on DART Art and Design program.
- DART's program helps cities determine what artwork to be used in their stations. Hugo gave an update on the project and will have visuals at the March meeting. The artist chosen is Voila Delgado who has done several mosaics. A suggestion was made to display the winners of the Young Artist Contest for one year, but a decision has not been made. The next DART meeting is Thursday, February 11th.
- 8) Update from standing committees:
- Writing Contest – Mary Drayer presented the flyer for comments and suggestions. She will add the award amounts; the Council date awards to be presented to winners; ask for a cover sheet to include name, address, email, phone number and division entering. She will make the revisions and email to Kathy and Brenda. Discussed mailing out info or emailing.
 - Photography Contest – no report.
 - Arts Shows – no report.
 - Art in Education grants – Hugo gave Leila information; she will make revisions to form to include grants are only available to Rowlett schools in the Garland ISD and Cullens Lakepointe. Discussed if application would be available on the website and emailing info to schools.
 - Westshore and More – no report.
- 9) Standing reports:
- a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.
Hugo announced upcoming concert on February 27 at the First United Methodist Church. Admission is free and concert begins at 7:30 p.m.
- b) Update from the Rowlett Community Chorale.
Mary reported Chorale is working on a women's concert; more information to follow.
- 10) Public Announcements:
- Library information: Kathy announced early voting to be held at the library; census exams to be given 3 times in March; City Manager Book Club meets the 3rd Thursday.
 - City's new website to launch March 1, 2010.
 - Keep Rowlett Beautiful lake clean up is April 10 and will have a display at the library.
- 11) Future topics:
- Call to order

- Consider approving minutes from previous meeting
- Discuss budget overview of previous month
- Update of joint work session with City Council meeting held Tuesday, March 2, 2010
- Discuss plans to keep Cultural Art Center in City's vision
- Update on Standing Committees
 - a) Writing Contest
 - b) Photography Contest
 - c) Young Artists Contest
 - d) Art in Education grants
- Standing Reports:
 - a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds (Hugo Martinez)
 - b) Update from Rowlett Community Chorale (Mary Drayer)
- Public announcements
- Future topics

11) Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:



Signature of Chairman



Date