

Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Location: Library Conference Room, 3900 Main Street

Members Present: Hugo Martinez, Michael Gallops, Jerry Barshop, Mary Drayer, Jerry Hickman and Rosalita Lucas.

Members Absent: Joyce Baxter.

Staff Present: Jennifer Gomez, Brad Weber and Brenda Kennedy.

- 1) Call to Order:
Chairman, Hugo Martinez, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Quorum was present.
- 2) Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting on November 11, 2008.
Motion made by Hugo Martinez to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Jerry Barshop; motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Discuss Downtown Events series with Jennifer Gomez, Assistant Recreation Division Manager.
 - Jennifer discussed the Downtown Events series and presented a handout listing the various events to be held (Veterans' Day Memorial, Holiday Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Touch a Truck, July 4th and Movies on Main).
 - Discussed possibly working with Commission to incorporate some of the events/contests/shows in with some of the Downtown events.
 - Commission member Michael Gallops will contact Jennifer for more information.
- 4) Discuss budget overview of prior month.
At previous meeting, Commission approved \$700 to be paid to the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds and the Rowlett Community Chorale for the continued support of the arts. Both groups were asked to submit a statement of how the funds will be spent. Mary Drayer (Rowlett Community Chorale) will forward her statement to Hugo Martinez (Lakeshore Symphonic Winds) who will forward both statements to Katie Corder.
- 5) Discuss the joint work session with the City Council scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009.
 - This is a good time to remind Council what the Commission does and present accomplishments. All Commission members were asked to attend to show support.
 - If Commission plans to present any handouts to the Council, information should be emailed to Brenda Kennedy in order to include in the agenda packet for the City Council.
- 6) Discuss Arts & Humanities Commission member to attend Youth Advisory Council meeting to promote the arts in Rowlett.
Would be an opportunity for youth to participate in the arts. Hugo Martinez volunteered to be the Commission liaison with Jerry Hickman as the backup liaison. Brad will let them know when the meeting is scheduled.

7) Update from standing committees:

- Writing Contest – Mary Drayer is the contact person for the contest. Publicity needs to go out as soon as possible. Drop off date for submissions is Friday, May 1, 2009 at the library. Mary will check on judges for contest (Brenda to email Mary any Rowlett area authors). Divisions for adult and youth with categories of short stories, short works and poetry. Presentation of winners at the June 2, 2009 City Council meeting.
- Photography Contest – Mary Drayer is the contact person for the contest. Please be thinking of a theme for this year's contest (will discuss at the next meeting).
- Art Shows – Jerry Barshop and Jerry Hickman are the contacts for the contests. Will keep as a contest and display at the library. Drop off day will be Thursday, March 5th from 5 – 7 p.m. in the library meeting room and pick-up day will be Thursday, March 26th from 5 – 8 p.m. Judging should take place the second week of March (9-13th), so names of winners can be given to Brenda in order for checks to be cut in time for the City Council presentation on April 7, 2009. Brad Weber will check about Commission soliciting donations for contest. Award for Best of Show \$150; 1st place 2 dim \$100; 1st 3 dim \$100; judge \$100 and misc expense (ribbons, etc) \$50.
- Westshore and More – Hugo will schedule a meeting with Donna Huerta, Mary Drayer and will invite Jennifer Gomez.
- Art in Education grants – publicize the last part of school year and award grants after new school year begins.

8) Standing reports:

a) Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.

Reported on first stand alone concert, quality singers, presented a variety of music and an appreciative audience. Chorale is still seeking singers (must be able to read music).

Joint concert with the Rowlett Community Chorale is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, March 1st at the First United Methodist Church. All Commission members are invited to attend.

b) Update from the Rowlett Community Chorale.

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c) Update on progress of AHC newsletter and webpage.

Hugo and Michael to schedule a meeting with the web person at Rowlett High School.

9) Public Announcements:

- Brad Weber announced City Manager Lynda Humble will be sworn and the State of the City address will be given at the City Council meeting on January 20th. A reminder was given about the Board and Commission Banquet on January 16th.
- Next Arts and Humanities Commission meeting is Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

10) Future topics:

- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes from previous meeting
- Discuss budget
 - a) overview of previous month

- Discuss the joint work session with the City Council scheduled for Tuesday March 3, 2009
- Update on Standing Committees
 - a) Writing Contest
 - b) Photography Contest
 - c) Art Exhibit
 - 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

11) Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:



Signature of Chairman

2/10/09

Date