

## Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Location: Library Meeting Room, 3900 Main Street

- 1) Meeting called to order by Jerry Barshop at 6:30 p.m. and a quorum was present.
  - In the absence of Chairman Hugo Martinez and Vice-Chair Mary Drayer, senior commission member Jerry Barshop presided over meeting.
  - Members present: Jerry Barshop, Jerry Hickman, Veena Valiaveedu, Andrea Plumlee and Celia Barshop.
  - Members absent: Hugo Martinez (excused), Mary Drayer (excused), Kris Kriofske (excused) and Judy Mitzner.
  - Staff present: Kathy Cockcroft and Brenda Kennedy.
  - Visitors: Donna Davis, City Council Liaison.
- 2) Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting of October 12, 2010.
  - Motion made to accept minutes as written by Jerry Hickman; motion seconded by Andrea Plumlee; motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Elect Arts and Humanities Commission officers for 2010-2011.
  - Item tabled until January 2011 meeting.
- 4) Discuss budget overview from prior month.
  - Members received budget overview, no expenses in October.
  - Grant applications due December 15, 2010.
- 5) Appoint grant sub-committee to review grant applications.
  - Jerry Barshop thanked the City Council for the \$4,000 budget.
  - Kathy Cockcroft reviewed the grant information posted on the City's website. Grants were also advertised in the City's *Community News* that was made available today.
  - Kathy reported the City Attorney reviewed the grant process and revised the application which was presented at the May 2010 meeting.
  - Jerry Barshop asked for no more than 3 Commission members to serve on the grant sub-committee. Members volunteering to serve are Celia Barshop, Veena Valiaveedu and Andrea Plumlee. The sub-committee will meet before the January 11, 2011 to review applications in order to make recommendations to the Commission at the January 2011 meeting.
- 6) Discuss and set calendar of events to coordinate activities.
  - Item tabled until January 2011 meeting.
- 7) Discuss plans to keep Cultural Arts Center in City's vision.
  - City Council Liaison Donna Davis was asked how to proceed. Donna explained that now is not the right time to pursue an increase in taxes to build a Cultural Arts Center. The economy remains slow. She did remark on the importance of community support. Donna suggested that the Commission find ways to demonstrate why the arts are so important and how a Cultural Center could be both a benefit to the City.
- 8) Update on DART Art and Design Program.
  - Hugo was absent, will place item on January agenda.

9) Update from standing committees:

- Writing Contest – Andrea Plumlee volunteered to judge the entries in the writing contest.
- Photography Contest – no report.
- Young Artists Exhibit – 105 packets were mailed the end of September to public and private school art teachers. Entries are due January 15, 2011. Divisions include: Elementary (\$25); Intermediate (\$50); High School (\$75). Winners will be presented during City Council meeting in February 2011. Will ask local artist Laurieann Dygowski if she would be interested in judging the contest again this year.

10) Standing Reports.

- Update from the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.  
Hugo absent, no report.
- Update from the Rowlett Community Chorale.  
Mary absent, no report.

11) Public Announcements.

- Kathy Cockcroft announced the City's Veteran's Day event on November 11, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. and Tree Lighting on December 4, 2010 from 5 – 8 p.m. Library will be open late to provide craft activities for children.

12) Future topics.

- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes from previous meeting
- Elect Arts and Humanities Commission officers for 2010 – 2011 (tabled item)
- Discuss budget overview of prior month
- Vote on Grant sub-committee recommendations
- Discuss plans to keep Cultural Art Center in City's vision
- 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 6:59 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:

  
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Signature

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Date