

## Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Monday, January 10, 2011

Location: Library Meeting Room, 3900 Main Street

- 1) Meeting called to order by Hugo Martinez at 6:30 p.m. and a quorum was present.
  - Members present: Hugo Martinez, Mary Drayer, Jerry Hickman, Veena Valiaveedu and Kris Kriofske.
  - Members absent: Jerry Barshop (excused), Celia Barshop (excused), Andrea Plumlee (excused) and Judy Mitzner.
  - Staff present: Brian Funderburk and Brenda Kennedy.
  - Visitors: Donna Davis, City Council Liaison and Carl Pankratz, Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 2) Welcome to Brian Funderburk, Assistant City Manager / Interim Library Director.
  - Commission members introduced to Brian Funderburk.
- 3) Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2010.
  - Motion made to accept minutes as written by Jerry Hickman; motion seconded by Veena Valiaveedu; motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Elect Arts and Humanities Commission officers for 2010-2011.
  - Hugo Martinez elected Chairman and Mary Drayer elected Vice-Chair for FY 2011.
- 5) Review budget overview from prior month.
  - Members received budget overview, no expenses in first quarter.
- 6) Receive and vote on grant sub-committee's recommendation for awarding 2011 grants.
  - Veena Valiaveedu announced Commission received three grant applications: Artists Round Texas (requested \$1,000), Lakeshore Symphonic Winds (requested \$1,000) and Rowlett Community Chorale (requested \$1,000). All three requesting grant to pay for expenses and to keep organization going.
  - Brian Funderburk reviewed the City Attorney's "Affidavit for Conflict of Interest" with Commission and it was decided Hugo Martinez (member of Lakeshore Symphonic Winds Board) does not have a conflict of interest.
  - Veena reported that Celia Barshop (absence from meeting) emailed her recommendation to approve grants in the amounts requested. Veena explained with the Commission budget of \$4,000 that would only leave \$1,000 for various contests/projects the Commission has planned for FY 2011. Veena's recommendation was to approve the amounts awarded last year: Artists Round Texas received \$500 grant, Lakeshore Symphonic Winds received \$700 grant and Rowlett Community Chorale received \$700 grant.
  - The Commission has not set the budgets for each contest/project for FY2011. Since setting budgets was not on the January agenda, Commission will discuss and set at February meeting. At that time if the Commission decides not all of \$4,000 will be expended, the Commission will have the option to revisit grant applications received and award additional funds (if available).
  - Kris Kriofske made a motion for the Commission to accept Veena's recommendation of awarding the Artists Round Texas a \$500 grant, Lakeshore Symphonic Winds a \$700 grant and Rowlett Community Chorale a \$700 grant with the option (after the Commission sets the

FY2011 budget for contests/projects) to revisit the grants awarded January 2011 additional funds (if available). Jerry Hickman seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

- Brenda will submit check requests for grant payments to Artists Round Texas (\$500), Lakeshore Symphonic Winds (\$700) and the Rowlett Community Chorale (\$700).

7) Discuss plans to keep Cultural Arts Center in City's vision.

- Hugo announced a page has been created on Facebook to gain community support for a center.
- Lewisville just opened their new Creative Arts Center, Hugo would like for members to visit, maybe on a Saturday.
- Discussed Commission attending Comprehensive Planning meetings to express interest for a Cultural Arts Center for Rowlett; Donna Davis suggested attending "visioning" meetings to present the benefits having a Cultural Arts Center in Rowlett; Commission needs community support.
- As meeting dates are scheduled, Brian will inform the Commission in order for members to attend.

8) Update on DART Art and Design Program.

- Hugo handed out DART's "Blue Line Express" brochure. In FY 2012, winning entries from the Young Artist exhibit (and possibly Photography Contest) will be displayed for one year at the Station.
- Hugo explained where the art will be displayed at the station on the map included in the "Blue Line Express" brochure.
- DART station groundbreaking will take place in February 2011.
- Rowlett Station Artist is Viola Delgado, a local professional artist and muralist. She has designed art for DART's Lake June Station and DFW airport.

9) Update from standing committees:

- Writing Contest – please be thinking of a theme for the contest.
- Photography Contest – please be thinking of a theme for the contest.
- Young Artists Exhibit – Jerry Hickman and Jerry Barshop will be at library Saturday, January 15 from 1 – 3 p.m. receiving art entries. They have not received many forms back letting them know an approximate number of entries to expect. In the event not many entries are received, Hugo volunteered to send out an email to Garland ISD letting art teachers know the deadline has been extended and date they can bring in the artwork.

10) Standing Reports.

- Update from the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.
  - a) Lakeshore Symphonic Winds in its 10<sup>th</sup> year.
  - b) Hugo reported upcoming concert tentatively planned for March.
  - c) Hugo will contact Jennifer Gomez, Special Projects Manager for the City, to discuss possibility of Lakeshore Symphonic Winds performing in spring/summer.
- Update from Rowlett Community Chorale.
  - a) Mary reported their last concert was held December 2010. Plans for an upcoming concert in Plano, more information to follow.
  - b) Mary explained she has to pay an accompanist for rehearsal/concerts and advertising expenses. These expenses take up much of the grant the Chorale receives.

11) Public Announcements.

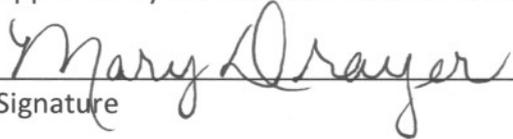
- No announcements.

12) Future topics.

- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes from previous meeting
- Review budget overview of prior month
  - a) Discuss and set budget for FY 2011 contests/projects with option to revisit the grants awarded at January 2011 meeting to award additional funds (if available)
- Discuss plans to keep Cultural Art Center in City's vision
- Review standing committees and re-organize
- Update on Standing Committees
  - a) Writing Contest - theme
  - b) Photography Contest - theme
  - c) Young Artists Exhibit
  - d) Art in Education grant
- 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 7:55 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:

  
Signature

  
Date