

Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Location: Library Conference Room, 3900 Main Street

- 1) Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Mary Drayer at 6:30 p.m. and a quorum was present.
 - Members present: Mary Drayer, Jerry Barshop, Jerry Hickman, Veena Valiaveedu, Celia Barshop, Andrea Plumlee and Kris Kriofske.
 - Members absent: Hugo Martinez and Judy Mitzner.
 - Staff present: Brian Funderburk and Brenda Kennedy.
 - Visitors: Donna Davis, City Council Liaison, Jenni Kriofske, Patty Granville and Dr. Hamp Holcomb.
- 2) Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2011.
 - Motion made to accept minutes as written by Kris Kriofske; motion seconded by Jerry Barshop; motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Presentation from Patty Granville, Director of Granville Arts Center Facilities, to discuss the process the City of Garland went through to build their arts center (from concept to completion).
 - Ms. Granville gave a brief history on the Performing Arts Center. The center opened in 1982 and is a multi-use facility available to for rental for productions or meetings.
 - Center is fully funded by the City of Garland and fees collected go into the City's general fund.
 - Donna Davis recommended Commission members participate in upcoming Visioning meetings to bring the Cultural Arts Center to the attention of Council, staff, and citizens.
- 4) Discuss plans to keep Cultural Arts Center in the City's vision.
 - a) Begin formulating a position statement to be presented to City Council.
 - Mary Drayer proposed a sub-committee be formed to refine a position statement. Individual members should send their ideas to Brenda, who will forward onto the sub-committee (Kris Kriofske and Jerry Barshop). Kris and Jerry will prepare into one statement and will present at the May meeting for review and discussion.
- 5) Review budget overview from prior month.
 - Members received budget overview, account balance \$1,599.23.
- 6) Discuss Commission subsidizing the venue costs in order for the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds and the Rowlett Community Chorale to perform in Rowlett.
 - Item not discussed due to lack of funds available for Fiscal Year 2011.
- 7) Receive sub-committee recommendations regarding the Arts in Education project.
 - Veena Valiaveedu and Celia Barshop recognized as a viable grant for schools and recommend offering grant for one more year. If there is a lack of interest, will discontinue offering grant.
- 8) Presentation and discussion of communications plan by Celia Barshop.
 - Celia prepared a list of promotional campaign ideas and presented to Commission.
 - Discussed posters advertising activities at local businesses and city departments; advertise on city cable channel 16.
 - Commission will discuss again during May meeting.

9) Update from standing committees:

- Writing Contest – Mary Drayer reported contest information has been sent out to schools. Andrea will judge the contest entries; deadline for entries is Monday, April 25th.
- Photography Contest – will check on the theme which was decided by the Commission at an earlier meeting and will have information for May meeting.
- Young Artists Exhibit – no report.
- Arts in Education grant – discussed earlier during meeting.

10) Standing Reports.

- Update from the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.
 - a) Joint Christmas concert planned with the Rowlett Community Chorale.
 - b) Concert planned for 7 p.m. April 17th in Garland at the Plaza Theater; tickets are \$5.00 at the door.
- Update from Rowlett Community Chorale.
 - a) Concerts planned in June 2011 at St. Mark's church in Plano and a combined Christmas concert with the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.

11) Public Announcements.

- No announcements.

12) Future topics.

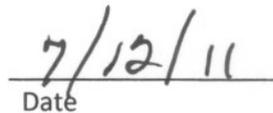
- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes from previous meeting
- Review budget overview of prior month
- Discuss plans to keep Cultural Art Center in City's vision
 - a) Report from sub-committee on position statement
- Discuss promotional campaign ideas
- Update on Standing Committees
 - a) Writing Contest
 - b) Photography Contest
 - 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 8:25 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:



Signature



Date