

Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Location: Library Conference Room, 3900 Main Street

- 1) Meeting called to order by Chair Mary Drayer at 6:30 p.m. and a quorum was present.
 - Members present: Hugo Martinez, Mary Drayer, Jerry Barshop, Laqueata Brown, Veena Valiaveedu, Jerry Hickman Cassie Wilson.
 - Members absent: N/A
 - Staff present: Kathy Freiheit and Brenda Kennedy.
 - Visitors present: Alicia Martinez, Elissa Mosley, and Madeleine Breeden with the Rowlett Community Chorale; Ron Hoes with the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds; and Council Liaison Carl Pankratz.

- 2) Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2011.
 - Jerry Barshop made a motion to accept minutes as written; motion seconded by Hugo Martinez; motion passed unanimously.

- 3) Review budget overview from prior month.
 - Additional hardware for display panels ordered and received at a cost of \$27.47; no other expenditures.

- 4) Review and discuss possible amendments to budget.
 - Jerry Barshop explained that his motion at the November meeting was an attempt to award all four grant applicants equitably, as all applicants are very deserving. His motion at the November meeting died for lack of a second.
 - Discussed moving \$100 from another project to increase total amount of Cultural Arts Grants project to \$2,000.
 - Hugo Martinez made a motion to move \$100 from Art in Education to Grants; motion died for lack of a second.
 - Discussion followed about the intention for the Art in Education grants. Mary explained that public and private schools have the opportunity to apply for an Art in Education grant (up to \$250) that could be used to develop new experiences or to support existing creative or performing arts. Art in Education grants have not been awarded the last two years due to lack of publicity. Veena questioned that if the grant amount was lowered, would it be hard to raise amount back at a later date? Commission will discuss promoting Art in Education grants at the February meeting. Someone needs to be in charge of the project.
 - Discussed Young Artists Exhibit. Budget is \$550, with \$150 budgeted for purchase of additional hardware for display panels. Actual hardware cost was \$27.47, leaving \$122.53. Motion made by Hugo Martinez to reallocate \$100 from Young Artists Exhibit into the Grants project; Jerry Barshop seconded the motion; motion passed.

- 5) Discuss and vote to award FY 2012 Arts and Humanities Commission Cultural Grants.
 - Ron Hoes, trustee with Lakeshore Symphonic Winds, read a statement expressing need for the Arts and Humanities Commission's continued financial support.

- Alicia Martinez, Rowlett Community Chorale Board member, also addressed the group's need for continued financial support from the Commission.
- Jerry Barshop made a motion to award \$500 to each of the FY 1012 Cultural Grants applicants: Artists 'Round Texas, Amateur Community Theater of Rowlett, Rowlett Community Chorale, and Lakeshore Symphonic Winds. Cassie Wilson seconded. Motion passed with five votes cast to approve and two abstentions (Mary Drayer and Hugo Martinez).
- Hugo Martinez shared historic background on the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds. Kathy Freiheit clarified the charge of the Arts and Humanities Commission, as stated on the Boards & Commissions section of the City's webpage. Hugo encouraged Arts & Humanities Commission members to attend performances of this high quality group, as well as the Rowlett Community Chorale.

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

a) Receive special work session details from Hugo Martinez.

- Hugo Martinez has scheduled a special work session and will invite interested parties to discuss the community's vision for a cultural arts center. An outside mediator will be recruited for the meeting. Need to decide guest list, including invitations to City Council). Questions will be developed for discussion at the work session.
- Hugo suggested having architectural students at his school create a concept design to spark ideas during the meeting.
- Staff will confirm date and time (March 1, 2012, 7-8:30 p.m.) for the special work session with the Community Centre.
- Hugo will take care of getting invitations and work with a sub-committee consisting of Cassie Wilson, and Jerry Barshop to this end.

7) Update on promotional ideas.

- Kathy Freiheit announced that Drew Rist will videotape the special work session. Kathy will ask if tape can be aired on City's YouTube site and RTN Channel 16. Kathy was asked if an announcement of upcoming meeting could be placed on the City's website, she'll check.

8) Update from standing committees:

- Writing Contest – No report at this time.
- Photography Contest – Mary asked members to be thinking of a theme for this year's contest; will discuss at February meeting.
- Young Artists Exhibit – Take in date is Saturday, January 21, 2012. Laurieann Dygowski will judge the contest the week of January 24, 2012. Jerry Barshop would like to make contest dates available for the public. Awards will be presented during the February 21, 2012 City Council meeting.
- Arts in Education – Tabled until February 2012 meeting.

9) Standing Reports.

- Update from the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.
 - Next concert is scheduled for March 10, 2012, from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Plaza Theater in Garland.

- Hugo announced Lakeshore Symphonic Winds have been given permission to perform compositions by a composer in Madrid, will be a North American premier.
- Update from the Rowlett Community Chorale.
 - Next concert is scheduled for February 18, 2012, at 3 p.m. Location to be announced.

10) Public Announcements.

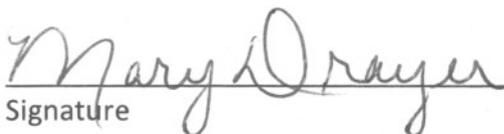
- Kathy announced the Mayor's State of the City Address will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012m at 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP.

11) Future topics.

- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting of previous meeting
- Review budget overview from prior month
- Discuss plans to keep Cultural Arts Center in the City's vision
 - Receive special work session details from Hugo Martinez
- Update on promotional ideas
- Review contests and events and set dates for publicity
- Review standing committee assignments
- Update from standing committees:
 - Writing Contest
 - Photography contest (theme)
 - Young Artists Exhibit
 - Arts in Education grant
- Standing reports:
 - Update from Lakeshore Symphonic Winds (Hugo Martinez)
 - Update from Rowlett Community Chorale (Mary Drayer)
- Public announcements
- Future topics
- Adjournment

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:



 Signature

 Date