

## Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Location: Library Conference Room, 3900 Main Street

- 1) Meeting called to order by Chair Mary Drayer at 6:37 p.m. and a quorum was present.
  - *Members present: Mary Drayer, Jerry Barshop, Laqueata Brown, Jerry Hickman, Cassie Wilson and Veena Valiaveedu.*
  - *Members absent: Hugo Martinez*
  - *Staff present: Kathy Freiheit and Brenda Kennedy.*
  
- 2) Consider approving minutes from the regular meeting on March 13, 2012.

*Motion made by Jerry Hickman to accept the March 13, 2012 meeting minutes as written; Jerry Barshop seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
  
- 3) Review budget overview from prior month.
  - *Current budget balance at \$1,572.53.*
  
- 4) Discuss plans to keep Cultural art center in City's vision.
  - a) *Receive a report on the special work session held March 1, 2012.*
    - *Chair Mary Drayer will invite Jim Grabenhorst, Director of Economic Development, to attend the June 12, 2012 meeting to discuss a cultural arts center as part of the City's vision and planning.*
  
- 5) Discuss concept of an independent Friends of the Arts organization.
  - *Kathy Freiheit advised that such an organization would necessarily be independent and not a subcommittee of the Arts & Humanities Commission.*
  - *To find out how the Friends of the Rowlett Library was created, Kathy Freiheit will ask a reference librarian to research to find any information available.*
  - *Jerry Barshop will contact Mike Lancaster, member of the Friends of the Rowlett Library, for the history of how group started. Jerry will report his findings during Public Announcements at the May meeting.*
  
- 6) Update from standing committees:
  - **Writing Contest**
    - Mary Drayer was unable to email the announcement and guidelines for the contests to schools; she mailed packets to schools.*
    - Entries are due by Monday, April 23, 2012.*
    - Mary contacted Steven Cobb, Associate Professor at University of North Texas, who agreed to judge the contest.*
    - Winners will be presented during the June 5, 2012 City Council meeting; Mary plans to attend.*
  - **Photography Contest**
    - Members voted on several contest themes and "All Things Texas" won by a four to two decision.*
    - Mary Drayer will begin updating contest information from last year to begin publicizing in August.*
    - Entries will be due September 10, 2012 and will be on display at the library. Winners will be presented at the October 2, 2012 City Council meeting.*
    - Local nationally known photographer, Cindy Serine, will judge the contest again this year.*
  - **Young Artists Exhibit**
    - Jerry Hickman announced he may not be able to help with exhibit next year.*
    - Additional display panels are needed; will need to take into consideration when Commission decides FY 2013 budget plan.*

- Arts in Education
  - Veena Valiaveedu asked for clarification on grants availability to public and private schools within Rowlett city limits and if this is correct. Will also send grant information to homeschool associations in Rowlett. There are two grants of \$250 each to be awarded.
  - Teachers can submit their grant application by May 15, 2012.
  - Cassie Wilson made a motion for all members come to the June 12, 2012 meeting prepared to discuss and vote to decide winners; Laqueata Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed with four votes for and two abstaining.
- Publicity
  - Cassie Wilson reported Writing Contest information was sent to the Dallas Morning News, Rowlett Lakeshore Times, North Dallas Gazette and Denise Perrin, Communication Relations Manager.
  - Contest information posted on Library website.

7) Public Announcements.

- Items of community interest may be announced under this agenda item. This was confirmed in the City of Rowlett Board and Commission handbook, Section 4.4 Public Hearings.
- The Arts and Humanities Commission does want to be aware of cultural activities and events in the Community.
- The Rowlett Community Chorale will sing during the annual Parent – Child Tea Party presented by the Rowlett Public Library on May 12.

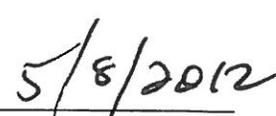
8) Future topics.

- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes of the regular meeting of previous meeting
- Review budget overview from prior month
- Discuss plans for keeping a Cultural art center in the City's vision
- Receive updates and take possible action from standing committees:
  - Writing Contest
  - Photography contest
  - Young Artists Exhibit
  - Arts in Education grant
  - Publicity
- Public announcements
- Future topics
- Adjournment

8) Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:

Signature 

  
Date