



## Official Minutes of the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Location: Library Conference Room, 3900 Main Street

- 1) Meeting called to order by Chair Hugo Martinez at 6:37 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.
  - *Members present: Hugo Martinez, Aimee Lanier, Jerry Hickman, LaQueata Brown, Brian Hokanson, and Steve Sauerwein*
  - *Members absent: Mary Drayer and Veena Valiaveedu*
  - *Staff present: Kathy Freiheit, Director of Library Services, and Brenda Kennedy, Senior Administrative Assistant*
- 2) Consider approving minutes from the regular meeting on April 9, 2013.
  - *Motion made by Jerry Hickman to accept the April 9, 2013 meeting minutes as written; LaQueata Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*
- 3) Review budget overview from prior month.
  - *Year-to-date expenditures \$2,472.04; account balance \$1,527.96.*
  - *Steve Sauerwein asked if unspent funds are rolled over into new fiscal year. Any unspent funds go back into the General Fund.*
- 4) Receive update on DART Art Project.
  - *Kathy reported that DART has approved the request to display artwork at the station plaza on a windscreen panel. Specifics will need to be worked out with DART, including review of contest rules, applications, etc. In the future, contest entry forms will likely include a parental release form to be submitted with youth entries.*
  - *DART does not want original artwork and Kathy will work with DART to determine the format needed.*
  - *Commission agreed on submittal of winning artwork from the February 2013 Young Artists Exhibit and, if feasible, upcoming Photography Contest winners. Artwork will be displayed for one calendar year.*
  - *DART is in the process of contracting the windscreen changeout work, with completion anticipated by November.*
  - *Motion made by Jerry Hickman to authorize Kathy Freiheit to continue work with Dawn Dorman at DART in anticipation of a November 2013 display date for winning artwork; seconded by Steve Sauerwein. Motion passed unanimously.*
- 5) Discuss ideas for July 25, 2013 Boards and Commissions Volunteer Fair.
  - *This is an annual event presented by the City to promote the various Boards and Commissions and what they do. It is a great way for citizens to learn about the City and to become active in City government.*
  - *Two members are needed that night; Mary Drayer and Hugo Martinez have volunteered to represent the Commission. Hugo invited Commission members to come and help out.*
  - *Kathy will bring her laptop to display artwork and Hugo will provide music.*
- 6) Update from standing committees:
  - *Writing Contest*
    - *--Received 96 entries (72 youth and 24 adult).*

- Hugo emailed entries to Joseph Daun, Head/Professor of Art at Texas A&M Commerce for judging with May 22<sup>nd</sup> as the deadline to disclose winners.
- City Council presentation of winners scheduled for Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>; will send out email reminder to Commission members if they would like to attend.
- Discussed entries submitted out of Rowlett area, is not a bad thing it's bringing attention to Rowlett.

- Photography Contest

- Suggested themes for 2013 contest:

- 1) Up Close and Personal
- 2) Rowlett the Beautiful
- 3) Macro/Micro Rowlett
- 4) Through the Looking Glass and What Rowlett Found There
- 5) On the Water

- After discussion, members voted "Rowlett the Beautiful" as the 2013 Photography Contest theme.

- Young Artist Exhibit

- No report

- Arts in Education

- Grant application emailed to Sub-committee members Hugo, Steve and Veena.

- Sub-committee will review and present recommendation at June meeting.

- Steve was surprised only one application was received. Suggested looking at a different timeline to offer grant; maybe at beginning of school year instead of at the end of school year.

- Since only one grant application received, discussed using remaining grant funds to purchase additional display panels/hardware. Jerry will take a look at panels and see what is needed.

- Publicity

- No report

- Cultural art center

- a) Discuss and take possible action to continue research on cultural arts center.

- Brian Hokanson read a draft motion for Commission consideration.

- Item tabled until June meeting.

- Staff will email motion to members in preparation for discussion and possible action at the June meeting.

- Any items to be added to meeting agenda need to be submitted by the last Thursday of the month to appear on next agenda.

## 7) Public Announcements.

- Artists 'Round Texas (ART) held reception for eleventh annual Juried Works Art Show on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> with 45 people attending. ART gave thanks for Library staff support and to the Commission for this year's grant, which was used, in part, for the Juried Works Show.
- Hugo announced Rowlett Community Chorale is now Lake Cities Chorale.
- Joint concert planned for September 7, 2013 with Lake Cities Chorale and the Lakeshore Symphonic Winds.
- Brian Hokanson performing in "A Raisin in the Sun" this weekend at the Latino Center in Dallas.

## 8) Future topics.

- Call to order
- Consider approving minutes of the previous meeting
- Review budget overview from prior month
- Receive update on DART Art project
- Discuss and take possible action for the July 25<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Fair

- *Receive updates and take possible action from standing committees:*
  - *Writing Contest*
  - *Photography Contest*
  - *Young Artists Exhibit*
  - *Arts in Education grants*
  - *Publicity*
  - *Cultural arts center*
    - a) *Discuss and take possible action on continued research about cultural arts centers*
    - b) *Discuss and take possible action to decide what to call such a center*
- *Public announcements*
- *Future topics*
- *Adjournment*

9) Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:

Signature 

Date 6/11/2013