



ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION MINUTES

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Tuesday, April 12, 2022,

6:30 p.m.

Rowlett Public Library - 3900 Main Street

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Chair Deborah Crosby at 6:32 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.
Members present: Deborah Crosby, Gary Alexander, Jeffery Winget, Neslie Fudge, JR Forasteros, Laura Keasling, Kathryn Crenshaw, and David Olmstead
Members absent: Kate Voor and Theresa Zicoello
Council Liaison Present: N/A
Staff present: Laura Tschoerner, Library Services Director, Lisa Watt, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Visitors Present: Jade Broadnax, Senior Planner, Community Development
- 2) Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary.
Alternate Kathryn Crenshaw was selected as a voting member for Katherine Voor.
- 3) Citizens' Input
 - a) There was no citizen input for this meeting.
- 4) NeighborFest by Jade Broadnax, AICP, Senior Planner, Community Development
 - a) Jade Broadnax gave a presentation on different types of NeighborFest events. The events are designed to improve the quality of life for the residents and businesses in Rowlett.
 - b) Arts and Humanities Commission is interested in connecting with Community Development at the NeighborFest events. Members of the AHC gave suggestions on contacting Eagle Scouts, Girl Scouts, GISD, Rockwall Fine Arts Directors, and churches to organize volunteers for the events.
 - c) Jade Broadnax will send the Arts and Humanities Commission the date, time, and information on the type of events and locations.
- 5) Special Message from City Council
 - a) City Council catered dinner for the Arts and Humanities Commission for the volunteer banquet this year. A thank you video by City Council members was viewed during the banquet.
- 6) Consider approving minutes from the previous meeting held on February 8, 2022.
 - a) JR. Forasteros made a motion to accept March 8, 2022, meeting minutes as written, seconded by Laura Keasling. Motion approved with eight votes, and one abstained.
- 7) Discuss participation in the Earth Day Celebration on April 22, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 - a) The Arts and Humanities Commission agreed to participate in the Earth Day Celebration. Deborah Crosby to notify Mark Engen, President of Keep Rowlett Beautiful, about attending the celebration.
 - b) The library will supply the tent and tables for the Arts and Humanities Commission during the celebration.



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- 8) Discuss the possibility of sponsoring Rowlett High School student scholarships.
 - a) Gary Alexander, the Co-Chair, agreed to present criteria and a form for the scholarships at the FY2023 boot camp.
- 9) Discuss the offer of bronze statues for sale.
 - a) Laura T. read an email offer to the commission on purchasing bronze statues from a citizen. The commission requested additional information before taking into consideration any purchase.
- 10) Review updates and take possible action on standing committee reports:
 - a) Art in Education (AIE) Grants
 - i) Gary Alexander will update the Standard Operating Procedure and application to clarify the distribution of the grant to schools in Rowlett within multiple departments of a school and add the item to next month's agenda.
 - b) Young Artist Exhibit (YAE)
 - i) Deborah Crosby, Chair, will research dates for next year's Young Artists Exhibit for dates not to conflict with Garland ISD events and other schedules.

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- ii) Pick up for artwork is scheduled for April 22nd and 23rd at the Rowlett Public Library. Members of the Arts and Humanities Commission volunteered to assist with the pick-up of artwork.
- iii) City Council Young Artist Exhibit award presentation is scheduled for May 3, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.
- c) Writing Contest
 - i) City Council Writing Contest award presentation is scheduled for April 19, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.
 - ii) A discussion on distributing the extra youth prizes determined the Library Summer Reading Program should receive the additional prizes. The vendors intended prizes for use by children. JR. Forasteros made a motion to accept the distribution of the extra youth prizes to be donated to the Library Summer Reading Program, seconded by Kathryn Crenshaw. Motion approved unanimous of those members present.
- d) Rowlett Sings
 - i) Gary Alexander announced that the Commission received enough contestants this year to have the Rowlett Sings competition. The trophies are ordered, gift cards will be purchased for the emcee and three judges, and emails have been sent to finalists to confirm attendance.
 - ii) Rowlett Sings will present a Best of Show award for the first time.
 - iii) The Final Live competition is scheduled for April 30, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., with finalists arriving by 6:00 p.m.



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- e) Photography Contest
 - i) The photography contest entry form was updated with a new category of Phones. The verbiage for the phone category should be *The subject matter must be related to the theme. All guidelines apply except the image size must be 4"x6"*. The Photography Contest Standing Committee will review and make any necessary changes.

- f) Public Painting in the Park
 - i) Laura T. will send the agreement to the City Attorney for approval before giving it to the City Manager for signature.
 - ii) Once the agreement from Painting with a Twist has been signed, the webpage can be set up.
 - iii) Advertisement for the event will be on AHC social media sites and at the Earth Day celebration. JR. Forasteros will create a flyer and send it to Kathryn Crenshaw for free printing.

- g) Publicity
 - i) Publicity continues to promote the Arts and Humanities Commission contests and events. Winners of the various competitions and events will be publicized on the AHC social media sites.
 - ii) A special thank you went to David Olmstead, Publicity Standing Committee, for continuing to grow the AHC social media sites.

11) Discuss current and future public art projects.

- a) Update for artwork at Fire Station #2
 - i) A special meeting will be held on May 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. between the finalists, Public Art Selection Panel, and the Arts and Humanities Commission. Names were drawn for the finalists to present their design and budget information. Linda Serrao will be first, Harold Linke second, and Jon Millet as third.
 - ii) The selection panel will rank the three finalists and provide the rankings to the Arts and Humanities Commission information for review. The Arts and Humanities Commission will present the three design ideas with a recommendation of the finalist at the City Council Meeting on May 17, 2022.

Due to time constraints item (b) was not discussed and will be discussed on a future agenda.

- b) Update on utilizing donated steel beams from the World Trade Center.

JR. Forasteros moved for the meeting to be adjourned; Kathryn Crenshaw seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.



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12) Public Announcements. Members of the Board or Commission and staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or Arts and Humanities Commission may discuss nor take any action with regard to the announcements.

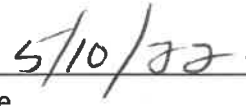
13) Members of the Board or Arts and Humanities Commission may request topics for **future agenda meetings**. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matter has been properly placed on a posted agenda.

11) Adjourn

a. Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Approved by the Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission:


Signature


Date