

Cultural Arts Commission



January 25, 2024
Town Hall
2121 Cross Timbers Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ron Miller, Chair, called the regular meeting to order at 6:30pm.

The Cultural Arts Commission met at a regular meeting with the following members present:

Ron Miller, Chair, Place 1
Elizabeth Brannon, Vice Chair, Place 2
Beth Dilley, Place 3
Colleen Russ, Place 5
Laverne Amsterdam, Place 7, Alternate

with the following member(s) absent:

Ginene Delcioppo, Place 4
Radha Sathe, Place 6
Murthy Mantha, Place 8, Alternate

constituting a quorum with the following members of the Town Staff participating:

Sue Ridnour, Director of Library Services
Tish Carter, Community and Cultural Events Manager
Samantha Stansbery, Administrative Assistant of Library Services

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

The purpose of this item is to allow the public an opportunity to address the Board/Commission regarding any item on this agenda that is not a "Public Hearing." Issues regarding daily operational or administrative matters should first be dealt with by calling Town Hall at 972- 874-6000 during business hours. To speak to the Board/Commission during public comment, please fill out a comment form, which is located in the lobby of Town Hall.

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board/Commission is restricted from discussing or acting on items not listed on the agenda.

- Speakers are limited to 3 minutes; a tone will sound at 30 seconds left and when time has expired, and times may be adjusted by the Chair depending on the number of speakers.
- Speakers must address their comments to the Board/Commission.

- Please state your name and address when speaking.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair, Ron Miller, had a few announcements. The Flower Mound Symphony Orchestra has a concert "String Time in Texas" at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2024. This free concert will be held at Trietsch United Methodist Church. The Lewisville Lake Symphony will have their International Chamber Series concert at 7:30pm on Friday, January 26, 2024. This will be held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church. The Lewisville Lake Symphony will also perform "Pulcinella" a romance concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024 at the Lewisville Grand Theater. The Voices of Flower Mound left January 2nd to go on a choral tour of South America. They will be performing jointly with the North Texas Children's Choir and an ensemble group from the Turtle Creek Choral on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at The Meyerson Symphony Center.

D. STAFF/DIRECTOR REPORT

Tish Carter, Community and Cultural Events Manager, gave her staff report.

1. Details of Arts Events and Programs of 2023.
 - a. Arts Festival: 2,000 attendees, 44 art vendors, 11 sponsors, 9 performance groups, 7 chalk the walk artists, 2 community murals, 5 activities tables, 1 installation of 675 pinwheels, 1 LISD art show, 1 wildflower display, 3 food trucks, and 1 bubble tent. Art walls: 7 artists for Town Hall, 4 artists at the CAC, and 2 artists at the Senior Center.
 - b. Chalk the Walks had a combination of 250 participants.
 - c. First photo contest: 146 submissions.
 - d. Traffic box wraps: we wrapped 3 boxes and had 18 submissions.
 - e. Two Meet & Greet with the Artists in October/November. They were really successful.
 - f. Engaged 100 attendees at the Children's Parade.
 - g. Engaged 100 attendees of the Christmas Lighting Festival to participate in the Selfie tent.
 - h. Helped with Twin Coves celebration and helped 50 people paint rocks.

2. Arts Events and Programs to come in 2024.

- a. Community Arts Project: in process of being finalized. Wonderful things to come.
- b. Art Walls 2024: new artists coming in at Town Hall for February/March and April/May, new artist at the CAC. Doing a large installation at the Senior Center of 100 parasols that have been designed by the community.
- c. Traffic Box Art Project: currently have 13 submissions with 4 days left. There will be replacement of two of the wrapped Traffic Signal Boxes and an evaluation of current wrapped boxes.

- d. New event for 2024: “Do Your pART - Make Some ART”: Volunteers and artist list.
- e. February 2024 Presentation of Public Art Policy – Town Council Meeting Summary by JP Walton Read by Sue Ridnour, Director of Library Services. This was further discussed by Tish Carter, Community and Cultural Events Manager with Liz Brannon, Vice Chair, as both were at the Town Council Meeting.
- f. Chalk the Walk 2024 Artist – Meet and Greet.
- g. Arts Festival of 2024 will be in May.

Sue Ridnour, Director of Library Services, gave her staff report.

- 1. On Saturday, January 27 at 3:00 p.m., the organization “Teach the Shoah” will be presenting “Moments of Witness.” This program uses storytelling to honor and remember the lives and strength of Holocaust victims and survivors. Registration is recommended but not required.
- 2. The Library will again be hosting the popular annual Spring Gardening Series in February. This series is done in partnership with Denton County Master Gardeners Association, who picks the program topics. The sessions meet on Monday evenings in February at 7 p.m. and registration is required.
- 3. Back by popular demand, the Library will be hosting former U.S. Women’s Chess Champion Dr. Alexey Root to play ten simultaneous games on February 10 at 2 p.m. Registration is not required, and all ages are welcome.
- 4. The Library’s Creation Lab had its two-year anniversary in September. At the one-year anniversary, the Lab was averaging 25 visitors a week. It is currently averaging 75 visitors a week.
- 5. The Library is starting a “Seed Library” in February. The Library will purchase the initial seed offerings for residents to take, with the hope that they will bring back seeds from their harvest. Details are still being finalized – watch for publicity, coming soon.
- 6. At the end of December, the Library submitted an application for the Texas Municipal Library Director’s “Achievement of Excellence in Libraries” annual award for 2023. If received, this will be the Library’s 20th consecutive year to earn this award, which is generally given to only about 10% of Texas Libraries. Library staff is working on submitting the annual report required by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission that is required for accreditation. Staff will shortly be working on the Fiscal Year 2025 budget submission. March 28 will be Library Director, Sue Ridnour’s, last day. Sue is retiring after 24 years with the Town and 11 years as the Director. The selection process for a new director has begun and is expected that an offer will be made by mid-April.

E. CONSENT ITEM(S)

This part of the agenda consists of non-controversial, or “housekeeping” items required by law. Items may be removed from Consent by any Commissioner by making such request prior to a motion and vote.

- 1. Minutes - 10/26/23 - Consider approval of the minutes from October 26, 2023.

ACTION:	Elizabeth Brannon moved to approve E. as presented in the agenda caption. Beth Dilley seconded the motion.
AYES:	Beth Dilley, Colleen Russ, Elizabeth Brannon, Laverne Amsterdam
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
RESULT:	4 : 0

F. COORDINATION OF CALENDARS

The next meeting will be March 28, 2024, at 6:30pm, in the Town Council Room at Town Hall. This will be shortly after the recognition of Sue Ridnour's retirement, which will occur at the Library.

G. ADJOURN

Ron Miller, Chair, adjourned the meeting once all points of the agenda were exhausted, at 7:05 pm.