

Cultural Arts Commission



September 26, 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 Cultural Arts Commission meeting to order at 6:30pm.

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

Ron Miller, Chair, Place 1
Elizabeth Brannon, Vice Chair, Place 2
Laverne Amsterdam, Place 4
Deb Fitzpatrick, Place 7, Alternate
Murthy Mantha, Place 8, Alternate

with the following member(s) absent:

Beth Dilley, Place 3
Radha Sathe, Place 6

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

Rachel Hadidi, Director of Library Services
Samantha Stansbery, Administrative Assistant
Letitia Carter, Manager of Community and Cultural Events
Travis Cunniff, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation

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.

Names listed below don't necessarily reflect the order in which each person spoke and all addresses are located in Flower Mound unless otherwise indicated.

| | Speaker name and address | Subject (as written on the form) |
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| 1. | Sweetie Bowman, 6524 Orchard Dr, Flower Mound, Tx 75022 | Cross Timbers Artists' Guild 2024 Studio Tour; November-Arts month |
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** Indicates person did not wish to speak*

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements from the members

Ron Miller, Chair, announced that October 4 at 7:30pm Lewisville Lake Symphony will have a Chamber Concert at Tinity Presbyterian Church of Flower Mound. Admission is free. They will accept donations.

Flower Mound Community Orchestra will have their Philharmonic Concert at Trietsch United Methodist Church, October 8 at 7:00pm. Admission is also free.

Flower Mound Community Orchestra will have their Symphony Orchestra Concert at Trietsch United Methodist Church, October 19 at 7:00pm. Admission is free as well.

Voices of Flower Mound will present "What a Wonderful World: Songs of Inspiration" at Lamb of God Lutheran Church on October 12 at 7:00pm and October 13 at 2:30pm.

Our Productions Theatre Co. has 3 upcoming events:

- October 26 7:00pm "Raised in a Barn" in the Black Box Theater at the Lewisville Grand Theater
- November 2 at Masterclass Musical Theatre workshop
- November 10 7:30pm "Songs of Hope and Love" from Broadway at the Lewisville Grand Theater

D. PRESENTATION(S)

1. Short PP presentation given by Letitia Carter, Community and Cultural Events Manager, covering recent Art Projects and Events completed or currently working on.

Leticia Carter, Cultural Arts and Community Activities Manager, presented a PowerPoint going through all that they have been accomplishing and some of the upcoming events.

Upcoming events include:

- Do Your pART Make Some Art--Saturday September 28
- Art Walls at the Library will be going up
- Chalk the Walk--November 2
- Arts Month in Flower Mound--November
- Art Party at the Library--November
- Christmas Parade of Lights--December 7
- Traffic Signal Box Art Project--January 2025
- Arts Festival at Heritage Park 2025--May 10

2. Presentation on Peters Colony Memorial Park Project
Travis Cunniff, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, presented the PowerPoint for Peters Colony Memorial Park Project. The Bunny Bench should be staying there. The plan is to build a public specialty park that will be dedicated to past, present, and future residents of Flower Mound. The plan includes: Veterans' Plaza, pavilion, public art showcase, water wall, and children's area. There will be markers, plaques, and panels throughout. Construction anticipated to be complete around fall/winter of 2025.

E. STAFF/DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Rachel Hadidi, Director of Library Services, and Letitia Carter, Manager of Community and Cultural Events, provide their Staff Reports.
Dr. Rachel Hadidi, Director of Library Services, gave her Director's report.
 - We saw 4,000 people in programs over the summer.
 - We had approximately 3,000 people participate in summer reading.
 - We gave out approximately 2,700 books to youth and adults as rewards for summer reading goals.
 - We have increased our partnerships with the community. We are partnering with Agrilife Extension for a walk and talk program. We partnered with an early development literacy called "Help Me Grow North Texas". Getting the Art Wall up in the Library.
 - We are currently working with Tammie at LISD to prepare for Art Party. We are going to have both art and music from local schools. We are also trying to work with some of the local home-school groups to be involved as well.
 - 'Haunted Library' is coming up on October 26 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.
 - We had 'Truck Rodeo' today, and we had almost 600 families attend.
 - Next year is the Library's 40th anniversary and Rachel is hoping to do something special for it.

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

- Not much to add after the presentation earlier. Hoping to see more volunteers at upcoming events.

F. 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. Approve minutes 5/23/24 - Consider approval of the minutes from May 23, 2024.

ACTION: Elizabeth Brannon, Vice Chair, moved to approve F.1. as presented in the agenda caption. Laverne Amsterdam, Place 4, seconded the motion.

AYES: Deb Fitzpatrick, Laverne Amsterdam, Elizabeth Brannon, and Murthy Mantha.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESULT: 4 : 0

2. Library Policy Manual 2024 - Consider the approval of changes to the Library Policy Manual.

G. REGULAR ITEM(S)

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

The purpose of this item is to allow the members an opportunity to bring forward items they wish to discuss at a future meeting.

Elizabeth Brannon, Vice Chair, brought the future agenda item to address being more active and a plan to bring about more action. She would like to see members being more proactive. She includes more attendance and/or volunteering at events. Elizabeth expressed interest in putting together a plan so as to know what we want and can do, as an Arts Commission. She would like to see that on the agenda in the future so that it can be discussed as a Commission.

Ron Miller, Chair, would like an update on the Cultural Arts Center.

I. COORDINATION OF CALENDARS

The next meeting will be on October 24th at 6:30pm.

J. ADJOURN

The agenda had been exhausted and the meeting was adjourned by Ron Miller, Chair, at 7:17pm