

Cultural Arts Commission



October 24, 2024
Town Hall
2121 Cross Timbers Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

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
Beth Dilley, Place 3
Laverne Amsterdam, Place 4
Murthy Mantha, Place 5
Cindy Jones, Place 6
Deb Fitzpatrick, Place 7, Alternate
Virginia Curry, Place 8, Alternate

with the following member(s) absent:
no members were absent

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

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

B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

ACTION:	Elizabeth Brannon nominated Ron Miller for the position of Chair. Murthy Mantha seconded the nomination.
AYES:	Elizabeth Brannon, Beth Dilley, Laverne Amsterdam, Murthy Mantha, Cindy Jones
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
RESULT:	5 : 0

ACTION: Beth Dilley nominated Elizabeth Brannon for the position of Vice Chair. Laverne Amsterdam seconded the nomination.

AYES: Elizabeth Brannon, Beth Dilley, Laverne Amsterdam, Murthy Mantha, Cindy Jones

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESULT: 5 : 0

C. 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)
1.	Sweetie Bowman, 6524 Orchard Dr, Flower Mound, Tx 75022	Add to information about Arts month (November). There will be 2 members that will be honored. One has passed and the other is currently in the hospital. Also, expressed some ideas for the Art Center that will hopefully come in the future.
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** Indicates person did not wish to speak*

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements from the members

Ron:

Welcomed the new members at the beginning of the meeting. Ron also presented upcoming events for organizations that have grants from the Town of Flower Mound:

- Voices of Flower Mound with Flower Mound Community Orchestra and Trietsch Chancel Choir will be performing their annual Christmas concert on December 14 at 7pm and December 15 at 2:30pm at the Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church.
- Lewisville Lake Symphony will be performing a concert on November 15 at 7:30pm in the Lewisville Grand Theater.
- Lewisville Lake Symphony will also be performing their Chamber Series concert at the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Flower Mound on December 30 at 7:30pm.
- Our Productions Theatre Co. will put on a performance of 'Broadway Out of Bounds-Songs of Hope and Love Benefit Concert'. This will be in the Lewisville Grand Theater on November 10 at 7:30pm.

E. STAFF/DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Rachel Hadidi, Director of Flower Mound Public Library, provides her staff report. Rachel Hadidi gave her report regarding library events. We finished out the fiscal year strong. Rachel shared that we have Art Party coming up, November 8 from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The library's numbers of attendance overall have been up. We finished up summer reading with over 3,000 participants in summer reading. The library closed out the fiscal year with over 250,000 people having visited. E-book and e-usage has also been up.
2. Letitia Carter, Manager of Community and Cultural Events, provides her staff report. Letitia Carter gave her report to include past and upcoming events for Community and Cultural Arts.
 - Had help from members of the Commission at the Artist Meet and Greet on October 15.
 - Had help at the senior center for the Art and Craft Show on October 19.
 - We have submissions for traffic boxes for 2025 coming up. In January, Tish will need judges to choose the art for the boxes.
 - Saturday, November 2, 12:00pm-3:00 pm, Flower Mound will have their annual Chalk the Walk. There are currently 100 participants enrolled. It should be a very fun event.
 - On Thursday, November 7, there will be another Artist Meet and Greet at the Senior Center between 5:00-7:30 pm.
 - We will be attending the Art Party at the Library on November 8 from 5:00-7:00pm.
 - On November 13th there will be a live painting session that Beth Dilley will be helping with and participating at the Senior Center at 1:00pm. These pieces will be 4' x 4' panels of wood that will be painted by different artists. The hope is that there will be around 5 of them. Themes were not set so that different themes/ideas could be on different pieces of wood.

- Some things that are up that you may want to take a look at before they are taken down at the end of November:
 - There is the art display and the door project.
 - Erin Newton's work at the CAC. We also have the art from the traffic boxes on display as well.
 - Tish wanted to touch base on the Arts Festival. She is hoping to have a few performance groups this year. This includes the Lewisville Lake Symphony, who will be opening the show, a dance group from Dallas and a couple of groups from Denton Music Groups that are part of the Texas Commissions roster. Tish will share more in January about the plan for Community Engagement at the Arts Festival.
 - As Peter's Colony Park begins to move forward, we are planning to put out an artists' call in January, for art to display and have material ready to be reviewed by the Commission in May. Tish will go more in depth with that at the January meeting.
 - The Town has purchased a piece of property for an Arts Center at the Riverwalk. There are still some steps going forward for this project to get underway, but she is looking forward to it.
3. Travis Cunniff, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, provides his staff report. Travis Cunniff gave his report. Travis wanted to give kudos to Tish and Rachel for helping to double the amount of art that is on display around the town. The Town Council approved an LED trailer for the Parks and Recreation Department. This will be an LED TV that will be 17' x 10' and be on a double axle trailer. You park this wherever you can park a trailer. You raise the TV around 10' in the air. This will allow them to do many things, including sponsorship activation, opportunities for digital art, and potentially advertising for upcoming events. Parks and Recreation are hoping that they will have it by the end of the year, maybe even early enough to use it for the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting event. This can also be used for some of the "Movie in the Park" 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 9/26/24 - Consider approval of the minutes from September 26, 2024.

ACTION: Elizabeth Brannon moved to approve F.1. as presented in the agenda caption with the corrections discussed in the meeting. Laverne Amsterdam seconded the motion.

AYES: Elizabeth Brannon, Beth Dilley, Laverne Amsterdam, Murthy Mantha, Cindy Jones

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESULT: 5 : 0

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.

A work session to come in the future to determine what the commission would like to see itself doing and how to go about that. This will be an upcoming work session sometime in the new year. We could plan for it to be part of the meeting, however, it could start prior to the meeting. The work session would still need to be recorded. The January meeting is a potential option for the work session, either before the meeting, or mid-meeting, or a separate meeting. Ideas were discussed on how to go about scheduling the work session with the regular meeting, while not carrying out the meeting to a late ending time. We will need some communication, likely via email, for what subject matters will need to be discussed during the work session. The deadline for such ideas would be prior to Thanksgiving, so that everyone has time to get the ideas to staff for the agenda but also not forget it in the midst of the holidays. We would need an agenda to follow, even for a work session or brainstorming, not just completely open-ended.

I. COORDINATION OF CALENDARS

The next meeting will be January 23, 2025 at at 6:30pm, pending decisions of the work session.

J. ADJOURN MEETING

Ron Miller, Chair, adjourned this meeting at 7:11 pm.