

Cultural Arts Commission



January 23, 2025
Town Hall
2121 Cross Timbers Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Ron Miller, Chair, called the 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
Virginia Curry, Place 8, Alternate (6:52pm)

with the following member(s) absent:
Deb Fitzpatrick, Place 7, Alternate

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 and 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.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements from the members

Lewisville Lake Symphony Chamber Concert, originally scheduled for January 24 at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, will be postponed due to illness of members. This concert is still TBD.

Lewisville Lake Symphony jazz-inspired piano concerto at the Lewisville Grand Theater at 7:30pm on January 31st.

Flower Mound Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert with the Philharmonic group at 7:00pm on February 25th at the Flower Mound Public Library.

Flower Mound Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert at 7:00pm on March 8th at Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church.

Both of the Flower Mound Symphony Concerts will be free.

D. STAFF/DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Rachel Hadidi, Director of Flower Mound Public Library, provides her staff report. Rachel Hadidi, Director of Library Services, gave her report. Rachel announced that this is the 40th year for the library. The Library will have a big kick off in June for the anniversary. The Library will host a bookmark art contest in August or September then debut the winners (one from each age group) at the Art Party in November. The Creation Lab visits have doubled, potentially tripled, over the last year. The Library added a new staff member, in October, for the Creation Lab. This has brought on some new programs in the Creation Lab. All programs have been very well attended.
2. Letitia Carter, Manager of Community and Cultural Events, provides her staff report.
Letitia Carter, Manager of Community and Cultural Events, presented a slide show as her report for her department. This is a slide show presentation this time.
 - Art Walls:
 - Town Hall Art wall: "Connecting with Nature" by Murthy Mantha.
 - CAC Art wall: "Naming the Dinosaur" by Casey Cellar in CAC and "Animal Photography" by Tina Valdez. There will be a contest to name the dinosaur later. There will be 4 choices.
 - Senior Center Art wall: Jamie Jaco-Cooper, "Welcome to the Doll House". This is the first 3D display of art that has been put up.
 - Library Art walls: Photography show in the Children's section that was put up in November to be left up for December and January. Photography is done by Deb Kreimborg who has been doing photography for 20 years. The theme is winter scenes. On the

other side of the same wall is Rebecca Jones. She illustrated a book called "The Sad Tree". This is based on a tradition that Flower Mound has of decorating a tree outside after Thanksgiving. The book was written by Brooke Hoffman and her children.

- Artist Meet and Greet that started about a year and half ago. This one featured Murthy and Jamie.
- Traffic signal box art project will be judge in a few months for the 2025 winners. Pictures of 2024 winner were shown.
- Flower Mound is the winner of the 2025 Texas Recreation and Parks Society Arts and Humanities Programming Achievement Award. Travis and Letitia will be accepting the award in February at the conference.
- Public art update
 - Current-staff are completing specifications for call to artists
 - Late February-Purchasing Department will advertise call in lonwave and other locations for 2-4 weeks
 - March-CAC schedule a work session to review applicants.
- Moving forward with the Performing Arts Center
 - The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for design services is currently open.
 - The RFQ aims to shortlist qualified firms to assist the Town in selecting the right fit for the project.
 - The scope of work includes design, planning, needs evaluation, and community input assistance.
 - Important dates are as follows:
 - Advertising in the Denton Record Chronicle will be on January 25, 2025, and February 1, 2025.
 - The Bid Receipt Date is March 6, 2025, at 11:00 am.

There was some discussion about the name of the center.

3. Travis Cunniff, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, provides his staff report. Not much to report but "Happy New Year". Alot of fun things to come for Parks & Rec in 2025. Keep your eyes open for all the activities.

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. Approve minutes 10/24/24 - Consider approval of the minutes from October 24,2024.

ACTION: Elizabeth Brannon moved to approve E.1. as presented in the agenda caption. Beth Dilley seconded the motion.

AYES: Elizabeth Brannon, Beth Dilley, Laverne Amsterdam,
Murthy Mantha, Cindy Jones
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
RESULT: 5 : 0

F. RECESS REGULAR MEETING

Ron Miller, Chair, recessed the regular meeting at 6:52 pm.

G. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Ron Miller, Chair, called the Work Session to order at 6:52 pm.

H. WORK SESSION ITEM(S)

1. Strengthening Involvement and Support for the Arts

During the work session, Cultural Arts Commission members discussed with Town staff members the following matters:

- The Cultural Arts Master plan can be found on the Town website and should be known to Commission members
- Fostering community involvement in the Arts
- Insuring inclusive representation of different perspectives about the Arts
- Raising public awareness and building support of the Cultural Arts
- New member orientation for new members as they join/become new members
- If there are things the Commission wants to do but cannot, those might be clarified in a welcome manual or equivalent. If it is not something covered by those policies or manual, then it can be addressed as a Commission
- What more can the Commission members do to help promote, support, and advance the Arts?
- Are there set events decided upon in advance? If so, can we address the year of events and the definitive dates prior to the event?
- Incentive to aid with community and cultural arts programs both from the public and the commission members. Better methods of communication for said events
- When is it necessary to announce a possible quorum at community event involvement?
- Friends of the Arts possible organization that would help to fund raise

I. ADJOURN WORK SESSION

Ron Miller, Chair, adjourned the work session at 7:35 pm.

J. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Ron Miller, Chair, reconvened the regular meeting at 7:35 pm.

K. 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.

No future agenda items were mentioned, outside of those discussed during the work session.

L. COORDINATION OF CALENDARS

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

M. ADJOURN MEETING

Ron Miller, having exhausted all agenda items, adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm