

# Cultural Arts Commission

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March 27, 2025  
Town Hall  
2121 Cross Timbers Road  
Flower Mound, TX 75028

6:30 p.m.

## MINUTES

### A. CALL TO ORDER

Ron Miller, Chair, called the 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  
Beth Dilley, Place 3  
Murthy Mantha, Place 5  
Cindy Jones, Place 6  
Deb Fitzpatrick, Place 7, Alternate  
Virginia Curry, Place 8, Alternate

with the following member(s) absent:  
Laverne Amsterdam, Place 4

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.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

## **C. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements from the members

Ron Miller, Chair, had the following announcements to share:

- On April 11th, the Lewisville Lake Symphony will be doing the Dvořák 8 concert at Lewisville Grand theater at 7:30pm.
- The Voices of Flower Mound will be doing "It's a Grand Night for Singing" concert which they sing songs from Broadway productions. They will do this on Saturday, May 3rd at 7:00pm and again on Sunday, May 4th at 2:30pm located at the Lamb of God Lutheran Church.
- May 10th the Flower Mound Arts Festival.
- Flower Mound Symphony Orchestra will be having their Summer Concert on Saturday, May 10th at 7:00pm at Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church.

All events can be found on the website of each organization if you want more information or tickets.

## **D. STAFF/DIRECTOR REPORT**

1. Rachel Hadidi, Director of Flower Mound Public Library, provides her staff report. Rachel Hadidi, Director of Flower Mound Public Library, gave her report as follows:

- In February, the library had a concert with over 100 attendees on a Monday evening at 7:00pm which was coordinated by our librarian, Beth Walter.
- April 28th, there will be an interactive concert with the Community Orchestras. They will perform, then let the attendees come up and interact with some of the instruments there.
- Library received their Texas Municipal League Director's Association Award. To do receive the award the library achieved excellence in 10 different categories from community involvement, providing workforce development, and doing early literacy. There are 565 libraries in Texas. The Flower Mound Library is one of 87 that won the award.

2. Letitia Carter, Manager of Community and Cultural Events, provides her staff report.

Letitia Carter, Manager of Community and Cultural Events, gave her report as follows:

- The traffic signal box project received 30 submissions. The deadline was extended a month due to the applications being open in holiday months. This was to see if there would be more submissions and there were. This may lead to changing the dates of application next year and when it is

announced. However, next year, the project will be going into a new phase since all the traffic signal boxes should be covered at that point.

- The Flower Mound Arts Festival is coming up. Currently, the festival is about 6 weeks out. On the main stage there will be 4 groups that will be performing. The Lewisville Lake Symphony will open the event. Another group that will be on the main stage is "Brave Combo", who is from Denton and have a huge following. "Bombshell Dance Project" from Dallas will also perform. "Kirti Patel and the Dancing Divas" will round out the end of the festival. We will have a Community Stage again. "Our Productions Theatre Co." young artists will be performing at the Community Stage. There will be "Flamingo", a Mexican Folklore group that does a combination of individuals working together, a Filipino dance group, and a Kung Fu group. There will be 22 art vendors as well as many sponsors. The Lion's Club will be doing 175 kites. This year will feature 11 artists doing different projects, including: 4x4 mural project (being done by 6 artists), chair project (hopefully resulting in 20 chairs), and many more. There will be 3 food trucks. And so much more!

3. Travis Cunniff, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, provides his staff report. Travis Cunniff, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, gave his report as follows:

- Reminder that the annual Board reporting and feedback session with Town Council in May of the annual meeting of Boards and Commissions on May 15th at 6pm. Liz did a great job with the presentation last year.
- An update on the Art Center: the statement of qualification closed on March 6th. There were numerous vendors that submitted. An evaluation committee has been selected, and will rank the submittals. This is still very early in the process. There will be many opportunities for community and commission input.
- An update on Peter's Colony Memorial Park Public Art Project: we were hoping to have the call-out already but are still working on finalizing a few items in the specs with the purchasing department. Tish did a great job getting the information they needed. It's still tentative, but the call may be advertised in mid-May. We still need to firm that up before we can announce the exact date. At the May meeting, Ron will need to appoint 2 or 3 commissioners to a subcommittee to do the initial review on those submittals. The subcommittee will include 4-5 Town of Flower Mound employees as well. Once ranked, the subcommittee will bring the decision before the Town Council. Opening of the park is planned to open somewhere in November.
- An update on funds to be specifically targeted for the Arts: there are a number of options for that. There can be a line item added to the budget for that. It would likely be with the Library or Parks & Rec. It can be considered a donation to a non-profit for the person/entity donating. How donations can be marketed and handled was discussed.

**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 1/23/25. - Consider approval of the minutes from January 23, 2025.

**ACTION:** Elizabeth Brannon moved to approve E.1. as presented in the agenda caption provided correction made for spelling of artist's name. Beth Dilley seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Elizabeth Brannon, Beth Dilley, Murthy Mantha, Cindy Jones, Deb Fitzpatrick, Virginia Curry

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RESULT:** 6 : 0

**F. REGULAR ITEM(S)**

There are no regular items for this meeting.

**G. 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.

- We will need to appoint 2-3 members for the subcommittee for Peter's Colony Memorial Art Project preferably at the May meeting.
- Check with organizations who received the Community Grants to see if we can get a few to come present at a future meeting, hopefully starting in the May meeting.
- Go over options to allocate a portion of the Hotel tax for art.

**H. COORDINATION OF CALENDARS**

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:30pm.

**I. ADJOURN**

Ron Miller, Chair, having exhausted the agenda adjourned the meeting at 6:56pm