

# Cultural Arts Commission

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July 24, 2025  
Town Hall  
2121 Cross Timbers Road  
Flower Mound, TX 75028

6:30 p.m.

## MINUTES

### A. CALL TO ORDER

Elizabeth Brannon, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.  
The Cultural Arts Commission met in a regular meeting with the following members present:

Elizabeth Brannon, Vice Chair, Place 2  
Beth Dilley, Place 3  
Laverne Amsterdam, Place 4  
Murthy Mantha, Place 5  
Cindy, Place 6  
Deb Fitzpatrick, Place 7, Alternate

with the following member(s) absent:  
Ron Miller, Chair, Place 1  
Virginia Curry, Place 8, Alternate

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

Rachel Hadidi, Director of Library Services  
Letitia Carter, Manager of Community and Cultural Events  
Samantha Stansbery, Administrative Assistant

### 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

Fall concerts for Voices of Flower Mound October 4th and 5th.

Lewisville Lake Symphony will have concerts on September 19th and November the 11th. They will have their International Chamber Series on October 17th and December 29th.

Lewisville Lake Symphony is currently taking applications for their internship program. This is open to anyone.

The Flower Mound Community Orchestra does not currently have anything posted for the 25-26 year.

Flower Mound picture contest is coming up. Tish will have more info in her report.

The Annual Board & Commission Open House will be held on Tuesday, July 29, from 5:30-7:30pm. Ron will not be able to attend due to health concerns and surgery for such concerns. Member Brannon and Amsterdam will be at the event to represent the Cultural Arts Commission.

## D. PRESENTATION(S)

## E. STAFF/DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Rachel Hadidi, Director of Flower Mound Public Library, provides her staff report  
\*Agenda had addendum to be reflected with correct spelling with the minutes.

Rachel's Staff report included the following:

- The Library currently has teen artists painting murals in some of the study rooms. Rachel showed photos to illustrate the progress they are making. The murals will be "Piney Woods Loggers" by Gael Giovani Guardado, "Panhandle Plains: by Sonu Reddy, "Sunset Over Big Bend Country" by Abbie Sweatt, and "Gulf Coast" by Noah Kang.
- Ribbon cutting for the murals will be on August 12th at 5:30pm.
- Summer numbers--increases since last year in program attendance, checkouts, and e-checkouts.

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

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Tish provided a slide show to include images with information about how the Community Events and Cultural Arts have progressed throughout the year. The slideshow included Arts Festival, Art Walls throughout the Town buildings, Traffic Boxes, Chalk the Walk, Community Arts Project, and the Public Art Project. The

Public Art Project call for Pulic Art to display at the Peters Colony Memorial Park closet on July 22nd.

There was also some discussion on ways that could potentially improve some of the events. Coming up events include: scrape art with Beth Dilley at the CAC on September 27th from noon - 2:00pm and Do Your Part, Make Some Art on November 1st from 11:00-3:00pm.

Tish presented the Commission with some questions to keep in consideration:

1. How can we improve the accessibility and visibility of existing art programs (especially for people who are unaware of current offerings)?
2. How can we expand our audiences to reflect a wide variety of experiences and interests?
3. How can we establish regular feedback opportunities like community forums, surveys, or artist round tables, to ensure the Arts Programming continues to evolve based on local needs and interests?

**ACTION:** Murthy Mantha moved to create a sub-committee for feedback mediums and processes. Laverne Amsterdam seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Beth Dilley, Laverne Amsterdam, Murthy Mantha, Cindy Jones, Deb Fitzpatrick

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RESULT:** 5 : 0

#### **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 5/22/25 - Consider approval of the minutes from May 22, 2025.

**ACTION:** Beth Dilley moved to approve F.1. as presented in the agenda caption. Cindy Jones seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Beth Dilley, Laverne Amsterdam, Murthy Mantha, Cindy Jones, Deb Fitzpatrick

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RESULT:** 5 : 0

#### **G. REGULAR ITEM(S)**

There were no regular items at this meeting.

**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.

Members who have been appointed to the sub-committee for feedback mediums and processes will be announced at the next meeting.

**I. COORDINATION OF CALENDARS**

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 25th, 2025 at 6:30pm.

Member Mantha and Jones will be absent at this meeting.

**J. ADJOURN**

Elizabeth Brannon, Vice Chair, having exhausted the agenda adjourned the meeting at 7:31pm.