

Cultural Arts Commission



November 5, 2025
Town Hall
2121 Cross Timbers Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Elizabeth Brannon called the regular meeting to order at 6:30pm.

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

Vacant, Chair
Virginia Curry, Place 1
Elizabeth Brannon, Vice Chair, Place 2
Beth Dilley, Place 3
Laverne Amsterdam, Place 4
Murthy Mantha, Place 5
Cindy Jones, Place 6
Kevin Giese, Place 7, Alternate
Rebecca Wilson, Place 8, Alternate

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

Letitia Carter, Community and Cultural Arts Manager
Travis Cunniff, Assistant Director Parks and Recreation
Samantha Stansbery, Administrative Assistant Library Services

B. ANNUAL ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

ACTION: Laverne Amsterdam moved to nominate Elizabeth Brannon for Chair. Beth Dilley seconded the motion.
AYES: Virginia Curry, Beth Dilley, Laverne Amsterdam, Elizabeth Brannon, Murthy Mantha, Cindy Jones
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
RESULT: 6 : 0

ACTION: Laverne Amsterdam moved to nominate Beth Dilley for Vice Chair. Cindy Jones seconded the motion.
AYES: Virginia Curry, 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.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements from the members

Art Party--Friday, November 7th from 5-7pm. Opportunity for Cultural Arts Commission Members to volunteer at a Library event. Those volunteering should arrive at 4:30pm. Cross Timbers Artists Guild Tour--November 14th will be the opening reception at Studio Art House and November 15th art will be displayed at Studio Art House and many other locations in the tour.

E. PRESENTATION(S)

There were no presentations made at this meeting.

F. STAFF/DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Letitia Carter, Community and Cultural Events Manager
Letitia Carter, Community and Cultural Events Manager, gave a report on behalf of Library Services with the Director out for a professional conference.

- Art Party is on Friday November 7 from 5-7pm. Thank you if you have confirmed attendance. Last year we had approximately 1500 people attend. If you are volunteering, we suggest arriving no later than 4:30 to easily find parking.

- Library Birthday Party is on Tuesday November 25 from 2-4pm. We will announce the bookmark contest winners, have giant party games and a birthday cake!
- Taste of Flower Mound is a partnership event with Town of Flower Mound Economic Development and Friends of the Flower Mound Public Library to fundraiser to expand the Library's Creation Lab and a Children's Play Patio. Proceeds from ticket sales and beer and wine sales will benefit the Friends of the Library. This is to increase partnerships and awareness of local restaurants. The event will take place on Friday, February 6 from 6-8pm. Ticket sales will go live the first week of November. (This was stated as November 6 but clarified to be February 6).

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

- Arts Walls Celebrate the artists who help make the 2025 Arts Festival a success.
 - Artist Meet and Greet on Thursday, November 13 from 6:00-7:30pm at Town Hall.
- CAC Blueberry the Dinosaur is asking the Community to decide her favorite location and where did she get her name. Voting will continue through the end of November.
- Paint a Chair!
- Do Your Part Make Some Art
 - Discover Ancient Egypt with Ray Watson
 - Economic Development Director will have replica artifacts for Egypt
 - Art activities
 - A harpist
- Chalk the Park was canceled due to projected rain
- Artist Workshop with Beth Dilley
- Fall Into Flower Mound Festival we had 750 pumpkins decorated by festival goers.
- Traffic Signal Box Art Project has \$100 artist fee
- Arts Festival at Heritage Park update in 2026
- Tish also presented a slide show to highlight all the events from the previous year, progress, and successes!

2. Travis Cunniff, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

Travis Cunniff, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, gave his staff report.

- Peter's Colony Memorial Park Public Art Project
 - details have been sent to artists. Virtual meetings should start in December. The hope is to have substantial completion in January.
 - Legacy monuments/Children's memorials—creating a landing page soon for submissions.
- Arts Center
 - Contract has been signed with Architects.

- Kick off meeting went well.
- Working on stakeholder meetings.
- Few staff and County Judge Eads to Phoenix for tours of 3 Arts Centers there.
- Events
 - Fall into Flower Mound (10/10 & 10/11) approximately 12000 people. This was a very successful event, especially being the first one we have done.
 - Diwali Festival of lights (11/1) was originally the weekend before but was rained out and rescheduled. There were many attendees.
 - Veterans Day Ceremony coming up Sunday, November 9th at the FMHS football stadium from 1-3pm. Food, ceremony, Voices of Flower Mound performance, and Medal of Honor winner speaker.
 - Working on potential of art popup gallery in the future.

There was a slight bit of discussion as to where funding comes from.

G. 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 9/25/25 - Consider approval of the minutes from September 25, 2025.

ACTION: Laverne Amsterdam moved to approve G.1. as presented in the agenda caption. Beth Dilley seconded the motion.

AYES: Virginia Curry, Beth Dilley, Laverne Amsterdam, Murthy Mantha, Cindy Jones

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESULT: 5 : 0

H. REGULAR ITEM(S)

There were no regular items at this meeting.

I. 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.

Hoping to have an update on the Peter's Colony Memorial Park Art Project and possibly the Arts Center.

J. COORDINATION OF CALENDARS

Art Party--Friday November 7th from 5-7pm at the Library
Birthday Party--Tuesday November 25th from 2-4pm at the Library.
Next meeting--Thursday January 22nd at 6:30pm at Town Hall.

1. The next Cultural Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2026.

K. ADJOURN

Elizabeth Brannon, Chair, having exhausted the agenda adjourned the regular meeting at 7:20pm