

Cultural Arts Commission



May 28, 2026
Town Hall
2121 Cross Timbers Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028

6:30 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Brannon, Chair, called the regular meeting to order at 6:34pm and welcomed back Dr. Hadidi, Director of Library Services, who has been out on extended leave.

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

Elizabeth Brannon, Chair, Place 2

Beth Dilley, Vice Chair, Place 3

Rebecca Wilson, Place 1

Laverne Amsterdam, Place 4

Murthy Mantha, Place 5

Cindy Jones, Place 6

Kevin Geise, Place 7, Alternate

Alison Moronta, Place 8, Alternate

with no member(s) absent,

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

Dr. Rachel Hadidi, Director of Library Services

Letitia Carter, Community and Cultural Arts Manager

Travis Cunniff, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

Samantha Stansbery, Administrative Assistant of Library Services

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.

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board/Commission is restricted from discussing or acting on items not listed on the agenda.

To speak during public comment, fill out a comment form (PDF). Note:

- Limited to three (3) minutes, a tone will sound at 30 seconds left and when time has expired, and times may be adjusted by the Chair
- Direct comments to the Board/Commission
- State your name and the municipality where you reside

There were no requests to speak from the public.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements from the members

There were no announcements.

D. PRESENTATION(S)

1. Our Productions Theatre Company

Our Productions Theatre Company is a grant recipient of the Town of Flower Mound.

Mr. Scott Kirkham presented 2 short videos promoting Our Productions Theatre Company, featuring *Songs for a New World*.

Mr. Kirkham continued his presentation identifying: what the organization is about, capabilities/achievements, annual attendance, ticket costs, funding sources/amounts, and support needs.

Mr. Kirkham then opened the floor for questions/discussion of the organization, for anyone who was present.

Our Productions Theatre Company next event will be Play Readers Club at the Lewisville Grand Theater on Friday, May 29, 2026 at 3:30pm.

2. Lewisville Lake Symphony

Ms. Nancy Wright, Executive Director of Lewisville Lake Symphony, a grant recipient of the Town of Flower Mound, gave a presentation noting:

4 professional symphony orchestra concerts each year, 4 International Chamber Series concerts each year, a concert at the Library and Arts Festival each, ways they are getting kids excited about music, funding sources, other community contributions, and upcoming events of the 26-27 season.

The floor was opened for questions/discussion between Ms. Wright and board members.

E. STAFF/DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Rachel Hadidi, Director of Library Services

Dr. Hadidi provided her report:

- Summer Reading kickoff 800+ attendees
- Art Shop every Monday over the summer. This program combines an art project with financial literacy. This year is Dino themed.

2. Letitia Carter, Community and Cultural Events Manager

Ms. Carter provided her report:

- Thanks were given to all Commission members that volunteered to help with the Arts Festival.
- Tish gave a presentation illustrating:
 - How the Arts Festival aligns with the Parks & Rec strategy and mission statement
 - There were 1700 attendees, 30 art vendors, 16 sponsors, 14 featured artists, between 2 stages: 12 performance groups and 112 individual performers, a

community arts project of 75 small wooden horses, 5 community activities comprised of 500 participants, a chair project, 4 x 4 mural projects, and 2 x 2 mural projects

- o The amount spent for the festival as well as sources
- o Details of some of the returning groups

Tish also introduced Ms. Tanya Frednick, Town of Flower Mound Grants Coordinator, to the Cultural Arts Commission for future interaction.

3. Travis Cunniff, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

Mr. Cunniff gave his report:

- Thanks to Ms. Brannon for the presentation of the Commission to the Town Council.
- Thanks to commission members for volunteering with the Arts Festival but also a huge congrats to Ms. Carter on how well the Arts Festival went.
- Thursday, June 11, 6-8pm Ribbon cutting at Peters' Colony Memorial Park. Final pieces are coming together. The sculpture that is being designed by Mr. John Medwidiff is to be installed by the end of the year. This is a 3.3 acre memorial park that will honor the past, present, and future residents of the Town of Flower Mound. The ribbon cutting will include guest speakers, experiencing the new park amenities, and celebrating the dedication of the Chief Warrant Officer Douglas A. Brown Veterans' Plaza.
- Trotter Park will have pickle ball, tennis courts, a half-mile walking trail and an adjacent soft surface trail, a playground for all abilities, picnic space, public art project, and restrooms.
- Mr. Cunniff went over some more details of the status of the Cultural Arts Center.

Before moving on, Ms. Brannon thanked Mr. Cunniff for having put together the presentation she presented at the Town Council meeting.

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 3/24/26 - Consider approval of the minutes from March 24, 2026.

ACTION: Ms. Laverne Amsterdam moved to approve F.1. as presented in the agenda caption. Ms. Rebecca Wilson seconded the motion.

AYES: Rebecca Wilson, Beth Dilley, Laverne Amsterdam, Murthy Mantha, and Cindy Jones.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESULT: 5 : 0

G. REGULAR ITEM(S)

1. Traffic Signal Box Art Project Selection Committee - Review and discuss the appointment of a Cultural Arts Commission committee charged with selecting artists for the Traffic Signal Box Art Project.

The deadline for the submissions for Traffic Signal Box Art Project has passed. Now that the submissions have been collected, they will need a subcommittee to select the winners. Ms. Brannon, while keeping in mind past participation and inclusion, appointed parties for the subcommittee to select winners with this round of submissions. Those members included Ms. Brannon, Ms. Dilley, as well as appointing Ms. Amsterdam as an alternate.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT(S)

1. Committee 1 – Identifying roles and duties of Commission
Subcommittee #1 members: Ms. Cindy Jones, Mr. Kevin Geise, and Ms. Alison Moronta.

The slideshow presented covered:

- Methodology and phases for the subject matter
- Roles and responsibilities are as commission members
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- Current involvement and levels
- Comparison to other government entities' Cultural Commissions (this was covered in depth as well as including which entities)
- Strategic recommendations for roles, duties, and responsibilities as commission members
- Promotion recommendatons
- Further questions and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Slideshows will be emailed by Ms. Samantha Stansbery to the commission members.

2. Committee 2 – Benefits to and suggestions on how to increase public art, specifically outdoors, in the community
Subcommittee #2 members: Mr. Murthy Mantha, Ms. Laverne Amsterdam, and Ms. Rebecca Wilson.

The slideshow presented covered:

- Methodology of carrying out the tasks assigned
- Ideas of outdoor displays of public art
- Vision and goals
- Specific ideas
- Narrow decision
- Reason for project choices
- Determine feasibility

- Benefits for the community, individuals, and the Town of Flower Mound

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.

July Work Session:

- Questions and discussion regarding the presentations from the subcommittees
- Proposition to create awards or recognition for artists/art groups furthering the arts in the Town

July Presentations:

- Three more grant receivers to make presentations
 - The Actors Conservatory Theatre
 - The Voices of Flower Mound
 - Flower Mound Community Orchestras

J. COORDINATION OF CALENDARS

The next meeting will be July 23, 2026 at 6:30pm.

K. ADJOURN

Having exhausted the agenda, Ms. Brannon, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:54pm.