

Cultural Arts Commission Minutes

November 12, 2020

The Cultural Arts Commission met in the Parks Room on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Quirk, Vice-Chair
Anthony Pampillonia
Kevin Todora
Amy Taylor
Sandy Palisch

MEMBERS ABSENT: Catherine Burdette, Chair
Elizabeth Gonzalez

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Shanna Sims-Bradish, Assistant City Manager
Kyle Kepner, City Council Liaison

1. Vice-Chair Kim Quirk called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose to discuss the following agenda items:
2. Discuss Thoughts/Feedback Regarding the 2020 State of the Arts Assessment Presentation.

Council Liaison Kyle Kepner shared his appreciation to the Cultural Arts Commission members for their 2020 State of the Arts presentation. He stated that the City Council members understand the importance of this commission's efforts.

Sandy Palisch expressed her appreciation for the presentation by Catherine Burdette and the video clip of arts organizations. She stated that the City Council seemed appreciative of the Cultural Arts Commission's efforts. Kevin Todora stated that he appreciated the opportunity to attend and to meet others.

3. Review/Discuss the Fall 2020 Cultural Arts Commission Webinar. Discuss Ideas for the Spring 2021 Cultural Arts Commission Workshop.

Cultural Arts Commission members stated that the webinar format worked well and were impressed with the knowledge by personnel from SMU DataArts during the workshop. Cultural Arts Commission members reviewed feedback provided by attendees. Ideas for a Spring workshop identified by Cultural Arts Commission members included fundraising strategies in a virtual environment/out of the box fundraising ideas and the art of pivoting. Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish will explore these ideas and provide a status report at the January 2021 meeting.

4. Review and Discuss Adopted Code of Ethics Ordinance and Social Media Policy.

Council Liaison Kyle Kepner and Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish provided an overview of the Ethics Ordinance and Social Media Policy that was adopted by the City Council on November 2, 2020. Council Liaison Kyle Kepner recommended that members read and become familiar with both policies.

Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish stated that the City Secretary will be asking all board and commission members to sign an acknowledgement form that they received both documents in early 2021.

5. Review and Finalize the 2021 Cultural Arts Commission Calendar.

Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish provided draft meeting dates for 2021 for review and consideration. After some discussion, the Cultural Arts Commission stated that the proposed dates will work. Cultural Arts Commission members will continue to discuss August arts grants dates and will finalize these dates in Spring 2021.

Cultural Arts Commission members expressed an interest in further discussion of how other cities evaluate arts grants requests at the January 2021 meeting.

Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish agreed to list this on the January 2021 meeting agenda.

The next Cultural Arts Commission meeting will be Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Richardson Room.

6. Review and Discuss 2020-2021 Cultural Arts Grants Recipients.

Cultural Arts Commission member discussed recent and upcoming performances of Richardson Symphony Orchestra, Repertory Company Theatre, Richardson Theatre Centre, Texas Winds Musical Outreach and Richardson Community Band.

Vice-Chair Kim Quirk shared an appreciation letter from Richardson Symphony Orchestra as well as news about Chamberlain Ballet, Texas Winds Musical Outreach and Lone Star Wind Orchestra recently receiving TACA Resiliency Grants.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Commission, Vice-Chair Kim Quirk adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.