

Cultural Arts Commission Minutes

January 14, 2021

The Cultural Arts Commission met in the Richardson Room on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

1. Chair Catherine Burdette called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose to discuss the following agenda items:
2. Review and Discuss Arts Grant Funding Strategies in Other Communities.

Chair Catherine Burdette led a discussion on how other cities approach evaluating arts grants in their communities. Cultural Arts Commission members provided feedback on information they would like to consider in Richardson's Arts Grants Guidelines after reviewing information from the cities of Plano, Dallas, Fort Worth and DeSoto. Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish stated that she would work on preparing draft guidelines based on the Commission's feedback for the Cultural Arts Commission to review at their March 4th meeting. Chair Catherine Burdette stated that the Commission would continue to edit these ideas until the arts grant documents are released this summer.

Cultural Arts Commission member also discussed ideas for evaluating arts grant submissions, the use of community panels, the merit of funding formulas and the timing of grant applications and the distribution of funds.

Councilmember Kyle Kepner suggested that the Commission look at pre-screening applications, so only those that are seriously being considered for funds are interviewed. Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish stated that she would bring back proposed language at the March meeting for consideration.

3. Receive Update on Plans for the Spring 2021 Arts Workshop.

Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish provided an overview of the proposed April 2021 workshop focused on fundraising in a virtual environment with Kaitlin Guthrow from the Communities Foundation of Texas as the speaker. Invitations to the workshop are scheduled to go out in February.

Cultural Arts Commission members provided suggestions for the April workshop including preferring a question and answer approach to a presentation approach, the importance of seeing presenters and leaving plenty of time for questions from attendees.

4. Review and Discuss the 2021 Cultural Arts Commission Calendar. Considering canceling the February 11th meeting.

Chair Catherine Burdette suggested that due to a light agenda in February and an early March meeting due to Spring Break, the Commission cancel their February 11th meeting. The Cultural Arts Commission agreed to cancel the February 11th meeting.

The next Cultural Arts Commission meeting will be Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Richardson Room.

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

Cultural Arts Commission member discussed recent and upcoming performances of Lone Star Wind Orchestra, Texas Musicals Winds Outreach, Repertory Company Theatre and Richardson Symphony Orchestra.

Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish stated that the Small Business Administration is administering a federal program to provide financial relief for live entertainment venues that have been impacted by COVID-19 that may benefit Richardson arts organizations.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Commission, Chair Catherine Burdette adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.