

Cultural Arts Commission Minutes

November 11, 2021

The Cultural Arts Commission met in the Richardson Room on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Catherine Burdette, Chair
Ted Kollaja
Kevin Todora
Amy Taylor
Sandy Palisch
Elizabeth Gonzalez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony Pampillonia, Vice-Chair

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Shanna Sims-Bradish, Assistant City Manager

1. Chair Catherine Burdette called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose to discuss the following agenda items:
2. Discuss Feedback from the Fall 2021 Arts Workshop. Discuss Ideas for the Spring 2022 Arts Workshop.

Chair Catherine Burdette reviewed the evaluation summary provided by workshop attendees. Cultural Arts Commission members stated that they felt the panel approach was very helpful and that the panelists provided insights that arts organizations could relate to during the workshop. Cultural Arts Commission members also discussed that having the networking social event was helpful since it allowed arts organizations to get to know each other better.

Cultural Arts Commission members discussed ideas for the Spring workshop. They stated that using a panel of TACA supported arts organizations that could share their insights on an important art topic would be helpful. Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish stated that she would research ideas for both topics and panel members and bring this to the January 13, 2022 Cultural Arts Commission meeting for review and discussion.

3. Review and Discuss an Idea for Placing Public Art on Traffic Box Cabinets.

Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish provided an overview of a proposed program to place art on traffic control boxes in Richardson as a pilot program in 2022. Cultural Arts Commission members expressed their support for this pilot program. Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish stated that this proposed program will be presented to the City Council in early 2022 for their review. Cultural Arts Commission member Kevin Todora volunteered to serve as a judge on the selection panel, if the program is approved.

4. Review and Discuss the Draft 2022 Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Dates.

Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish provided a list of 2022 draft meeting dates for review and discussion. After some discussion, the Cultural Arts Commission approved the meeting dates for 2022.

Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish stated that there would not be a meeting in December. The Boards and Commissions Banquet is being held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at the Renaissance Hotel. Invitations will be sent out in mid-November.

The next Cultural Arts Commission meeting will be Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Richardson Room.

5. Review and Discuss 2021-2022 Cultural Arts Grants Recipients.

Cultural Arts Commission member discussed recent and upcoming performances of Richardson Symphony Orchestra. Catherine Burdette welcomed two guests attending from Leadership Richardson. Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish provided information about an April 2022 Library program in which community members would be encouraged to express their creativity on quilt squares, which will then be turned into a community quilt to be displayed at the Richardson Public Library.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Commission, Chair Catherine Burdette adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.