

Cultural Arts Commission Minutes

March 3, 2022

The Cultural Arts Commission met in the Richardson Room on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony Pampillonia, Chair
Ted Kollaja
Kevin Todora
Amy Taylor
Sandy Palisch, Vice-Chair
Kevin Lyons

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth Gonzalez

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Shanna Sims-Bradish, Assistant City Manager
Ken Hutchenrider, City Council Liaison

1. Chair Anthony Pampillonia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose to discuss the following agenda items:
2. Review and Discuss Second Draft for the 2022 State of the Arts Presentation to the City Council on May 16, 2022.

Cultural Arts Commission members provided feedback on the second draft of the presentation and made suggestions including adding a slide regarding the funding of public art in City facilities and minor modifications regarding the traffic control box art contest and the upcoming Cottonwood Art Festival slides.

Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish asked members to place May 16, 2022 on their calendar to attend this joint meeting with the City Council to discuss and review this presentation.

3. Review and Discuss Refinements to the 2022-2023 Arts Grants Guidelines and Evaluation of Submissions.

Cultural Art Commission members reviewed the preliminary drafts of 2022-2023 arts grants documents. Cultural Arts Commission members reviewed notes from Fall 2021 and provided recommendations including:

- Requesting arts organizations send videos in advance, instead of sharing during their interview
- Scheduling the presentation of arts grants recommendations and adoption for the same City Council meeting
- Exploring the ability to have longer interview time slots for some arts organizations

Cultural Arts Commission members provided ideas for the 2022 questionnaire. Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish agreed to bring back a first draft of the questionnaire and refined versions of arts grant materials at the April 14th meeting for review and edits by the Cultural Arts Commission.

4. Receive Updates on MLK Essay Contest, Black History Month Visual Art Contest and Traffic Control Box Art Contest.

Vice-Chair Sandy Palisch reported that the judging committee is now reading and scoring thirty essays for the MLK Essay Contest and will be selecting winners in three categories.

Kevin Todora reported that 14 submissions were received for the traffic control box art contest and five artist designs were selected. Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish stated that they will begin working with the fabricator on creating the wraps of these designs with the hope of having the wraps installed on traffic control boxes in April.

Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish stated that 28 submissions were received for the Black History Month visual art contest and judging would begin in mid-March.

5. Review and Discuss 2022 Cultural Arts Commission Calendar.

Cultural Arts Commission members confirmed their desire to start meetings at 6:00 p.m. for the remainder of 2022.

The next Cultural Arts Commission meeting will be Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Richardson Room.

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

Cultural Arts Commission members discussed recent and upcoming performances of Richardson Symphony Orchestra, Repertory Company Theatre and Richardson Reads One Book.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Commission, Chair Anthony Pampillonia adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.