

Cultural Arts Commission Minutes

July 11, 2024

The Cultural Arts Commission met on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Richardson IQ-HQ, located at 1302 E Collins Blvd., Richardson, Texas 75082.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Elizabeth Gonzalez, Vice Chair
- Brian Bentley
- Ted Kollaja
- Cynthia Roldan
- Amy Taylor
- Kevin Todora
- Curtis Dorian, Council Liaison

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

- Michaela Dollar, Assistant City Manager
- Ally Haynes Hamblen, Eisemann Center Executive Director

MINUTES:

1. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. Vice-Chair Elizabeth Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Public Art Projects Update
 - a. Meridith McKinley with VIA Partnership presented the finalists selection to the committee for the Library interior and exterior art projects. One finalist and their concept were recommended for each location.
 - b. Meridith also presented the City Hall art project overview and selection process.
3. Cultural Arts Master Plan Update
 - a. Michaela Dollar reported the discovery phase of the cultural arts master plan update is currently being completed, and the public engagement phase will kick off in August.
 - b. The consultants will also be on-site for public engagement the weekend of the fall Cottonwood festival.
4. Cultural Arts Grant FY25 Program Update
 - a. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on July 26. One submission has been received to date.
5. Commission Member Updates
 - a. Commission member Amy Taylor gave an update on Texas Winds.

- b. Vice-Chair Elizabeth Gonzalez gave an update on the Friends of the Library group and shared an email that was distributed in support of the cultural arts programming.
- 6. Council Liaison Updates
 - a. Councilmember Dorian reported on the upcoming budget considerations and that the commission should be receiving that same amount of funding next year for the grant program.
- 7. Cultural Arts Coordinator Updates
 - a. Michaela Dollar shared an invitation from the DCCC for an exhibit opening Saturday, July 13 at 11:30 a.m.
- 8. Eisemann Center Updates
 - a. Ally Haynes-Hamblen reported the run of *Late Night Catechisms* in has begun.
 - b. The end of July and beginning of August is the Eisemann's maintenance period.
 - c. Recruitment for the new Marketing Manager is underway.
- 9. CAC Calendar
 - a. The commission reviewed the calendar and noted the upcoming Lunch and Learn dates, as well as the grant interview and allocation deliberation meeting dates.
- 10. There being no further business of the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.