

Cultural Commission April 23, 2012

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The Cultural Affairs Commission of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in regular session at 6:30 pm at the Bedford Public Library, 2424 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, TX on the 23rd day of April, 2012 with the following members present:

Alicia McGlinchey, Chair
Thomas Jacobsen
Dr. Paul Davis
Barbara Speares
Lee Koch

Constituting a quorum

Others present included:
Mirena McQuagge-Walden, Staff Liaison
Amanda Jacobs
Guests from the Trinity Arts Guild: Anita Hale and Marilyn Good

Absentee:
David Medina

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Alicia McGlinchey called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Consider approval of the following Cultural Commission minutes:**
 - a. March 26th, 2012 regular meeting.**

Paul Davis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 26th, 2012; the motion was seconded by Alicia McGlinchey. The motion passed 5 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2. Report from Chairperson Alicia McGlinchey regarding recent meetings with representatives from the Trinity Arts Guild and HEBISD.**

Two guests from the Trinity Arts Guild were visiting the 4/23 meeting as observers - Anita Hale and Marilyn Good as guest of Lee Koch. Together they provided introductions and a brief history of the guild. The guild was formed in 1961. They have approximately 200 members in the DFW community. The Commission discussed the need for publicity and sharing resources and contacts.

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Ms. McGlinchey Alicia provided an overview of her meeting with Mark Chandler, Director of Performing Arts with HEB schools:

- Music and arts are alive and well in the HEBISD
- Fully funded, no cuts anticipated
- Demand for the arts will continue to go up
- Dance is less visible
- Music – lots of instruments
- Try to keep money locally
- Music supplies are sufficient – point made not anticipating cuts
- Arts Vendors – Big issue is training for art teachers – possible sources
- Texas pottery in Saginaw
- Grapevine pottery
- Mr. Chandler has an e-mail distribution list available and willing to share with the Commission
- ArtisanTheatre in Hurst has a relationship with the schools – provides programs for the schools
- Old Bedford School – hosts an annual arts show for the youth
- Great diversity and multicultural events in the area
- Senior Citizens – need to cultivate a relationship with professional artists in the senior group – great jobs connecting HEB – but room for integration with the community at large

3. Discussion regarding the Friday, April 6, 2012 tour.

Tom Jacobsen provided an overview of the field trip on 4/6/2012.

- Levitt Pavilion in Arlington – (Mr. Jacobsen will send out formal notes)
 - i. National performance center
 - ii. Foundation out of Memphis
 - iii. 50 free concerts a year
 - iv. Footprint 2 – 3 acres – grassy area, outdoors, VIP section
 - v. Vendors service
 - vi. Not that pricey
- Creative Arts Center in Dallas
 - i. Classrooms and classes – instructional mainly geared towards adults but also classes for children
 - ii. Funded primarily by tuition and grants
 - iii. Located in a repurposed school
 - iv. Teachers are paid
 - v. Memberships are available at the Creative Arts Center
 - vi. In Service for ISD
 - vii. Private and nonprofit activities

4. Discussion regarding the next steps for the cultural assessment process.

The Commission generally discussed following up on their given assignments.

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NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action on moving the meeting dates in May.

The Commission discussed possible meeting dates in May and was in agreement that the meeting dates would be the Monday's before Council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a suggestion to adjourn early to attend League of Women Voters candidate forum in the Library. Tom Jacobsen made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Paul Davis. Motion passed 5 – 0. Ms. McGlinchey adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45.