

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF THE

ARTS ADVISORY BOARD

March 19, 2024

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COUNTY OF DENTON §

Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

(Agenda Item 1)

Chairperson Sarah Hicks called a quorum at 5:36 p.m. Attendees were Board members Jennifer Austin, Jennifer Linde, Michael Gortz, Christi Martin, and Amy Farrelly. Also in attendance were Arts Center Manager Denise Helbing, Administrative Assistant Konni Cooper, and Arts Administration Assistant Shannon Fernandez. Lewisville Public Library Director Carolyn Booker attended the first part of the meeting, along with Library Board member Jennifer Marvel.

Review and Approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2024 Meeting

(Agenda Item 2)

Board members reviewed the minutes of the February 20, 2024 Arts Advisory Board meeting.

MOTION: Christi Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Gortz and passed unanimously.

Committee Artist Proposal Update Review

(Agenda Item 3)

**a. Library Artist Michele Gutlove
Presentation Via Zoom**

**i. Consideration of a
Recommendation to Move
Forward with Updated
Proposal as Presented or With
Future Direction Given,
Present to City Council to
Then Move to
Contracting**

Artist Michele Gutlove attended the meeting via Zoom. She reviewed the Library Public Art Project and presented updated ideas. These included utilizing colors of grasses, prairie, flowers, etc. in addition to the blues of the glass representing water. She also presented ideas for satellite installations in other parts of the library. Board members asked questions and provided input.

MOTION: Michael Gortz made a motion to accept the proposal updates as suggested. The motion was seconded by Amy Farrelly and passed unanimously.

**Project Grant Application Review and
Determination**

**a. High Arts Foundation, F.A.M. Fest in
Wayne Ferguson Plaza, Saturday, April
20, Kirk Nobles**

(Agenda Item 4)

Kirk and NaGuanda Nobles, from High Arts Foundation, presented their grant application. They informed the board members of the purpose of their group and of the event itself, which includes food trucks, arts vendors, and musicians. Some musicians will be amateurs from various schools and studios, and some will be professionals. The group raises money for music and arts scholarships and encourages community participation in the arts.

MOTION: Michale Gortz made a motion to award the grant to High Arts Foundation. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Austin and passed unanimously.

**Support Grant Content and Reviewer
Training**

(Agenda Item 5)

Arts Center Manager Denise Helbing presented her training materials for board members. Members asked questions to clarify various points, particularly in section One, question Number Eight (regarding diversity of grant applicant board members). Board members also discussed ways in which grant groups can promote other grant groups in the area (for example, in their programs). All board members will receive a handbook on scoring grant applications.

**Initial Conversation About Public Art
Workplan for FY25**

(Agenda Item 6)

See attached list of possible public art projects for FY25 and beyond.

The board discussed art benches in various locations, some sort of art installation for the new Glory Park, the possibility of an art piece commissioned for Lewisville's Centennial celebration, a project to highlight the Hispanic/Latin community (possibly in conjunction with the Glory Park project), a new mural program, and a rotating outdoor sculpture installation in the Lewisville Grand Theater courtyard, following its remodeling and updating. Other ideas put forth included some sort of temporary light projection associated with the Centennial Celebration, a temporary art installation during the Centennial, something at the entrance to the Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area (LLELA), a new art piece at Lake Park, following its renovation, and an art piece to feature at our practice fields if they end up being used during the 2026 World Cup Soccer Competition. The board also discussed the possibility of soliciting sponsorships for art pieces.

**Staff Report-Programming,
Public Art Master Plan, Other
Updates**

(Agenda Item 7)

Arts Center Manager Denise Helbing presented her report to the board and answered questions.

(Agenda Item 8)

**Member Reports on Attendance
to Any Grant-Funded Programs**

Christi Martin attended a Visual Art League watercolor workshop, as well as a conductor's dinner given by the Lewisville Lake Symphony.

Adjournment

(Agenda Item 9)

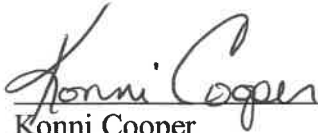
MOTION: Michael Gortz made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Austin and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Sarah Hicks, Chairperson

PREPARED BY:



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