

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
PLANO MUNICIPAL CENTER
1520 K Avenue
Training Room A
Thursday, March 7, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**



Item NO.	EXPLANATION
	Notice is hereby given that the Cultural Affairs Commission will meet in Regular Session in compliance with Chapter 551, Government Code, V.T.C.A, the Open Meeting Act, to consider the following:
1	Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2	Approval of Minutes from the February 7, 2019 Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting
3	Comments of Public Interest – The Commission will hear comments of public interest relevant to the Cultural Affairs Commission, but any discussion shall be limited to placing the item on a future agenda if appropriate. (limit to five minutes per speaker/organization)
4	Reports from Grants Recipients (limit to 3 minutes per speaker/organization)
5	Reports from Commissioners on Events Attended
6	Report from Staff Liaison
7	Items for Future Discussion/Action
8	Adjournment

Council Liaisons: Mayor Pro Tem Ron Kelley and Council Member Rick Grady

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**CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2019**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Tom Venner, Chair
Janelle Twyford-Silvis
Courtney Hitt
Chris Downs
Liane Tsai

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Rebecca Anderson
Tara Munjee

COUNCIL & STAFF PRESENT

Jennifer Knox-Walker, Assistant City Attorney
Raini Layne, Sr. Budget Analyst & Cultural Affairs Commission Staff Liaison

The Cultural Affairs Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Venner at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 7, 2019

Chairperson Venner led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2019 Cultural Affairs Commission Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Twyford-Silvis and seconded by Commissioner Hitt. The motion passed 5-0.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: COMMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

No comments of public interest were made.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: REPORTS FROM GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Plano Balloon Festival - Jo Via reported that the artwork for the 2019 event is being finalized; there are new requirements for the FAA waiver for pilots that may affect insurance requirements.
- ArtCentre of Plano - Suzy Jones reported that the Benton & Downs exhibit closed successfully; on the upcoming Plano Art Association membership show; and on the Texas Arts Advocacy Day hosted by Texans for the Arts in Austin.
- Plano Children's Theatre - Sara Akers reported on Shrek at the Courtyard Theatre and others by the NTPA Repertory Theatre. Also in attendance in support of Plano Children's Theatre was Mike Mazur.
- Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra - Nien Hsu reporting on an upcoming March Concert; collaboration with Plano Symphony Orchestra on scholarships for Plano ISD

- students; and on their upcoming touring in Japan in 2020.
- Art & Drama Centre Theatre - Mario Aguila reported on their move back to central Plano allow for more performance space and seating.; their partnering with Stage Door Plano; upcoming shows including Trust Fund Baby, Jesus Christ Superstar, Macbeth, and the Vagina Monologues and the Penis Monologues; and on recent donations.
 - AsiaFest 2019 - Feroz Alpaiwalla reported on that the printing of brochures is in the works; on returning and new sponsors; that the kickoff at Willow Bend last year was successful yet expensive so they will be kicking on the 2019 AsiaFest event back at the Courtyard Theatre with an Asian Art Exhibit.
 - Junior League of Collin County - Katie Huntsman introduced herself as the new event chair and noted that they will be applying for a grant in the 2019-20 grant year.
 - Plano Civic Chorus - Connie Smith reported on their collaboration with the Irving Philharmonic Orchestra; practicing “La Triviata” and spiritual pieces for performances at St. Thomas Aquinas in Dallas and St Andres UMC in Plano; auditions are open for their Chamber Chorus which is comprised of 24 singers; their collaboration with the Greater Dallas Chamber Chorus; updating their strategic plan; and that their artistic committee is currently deciding on new music.
 - Chamberlain Performing Arts - Karen Davis - reported on Texas Arts Advocacy Day hosted by Texans for the Arts in Austin; upcoming travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico to participate in regional dance festival; scholarship opportunities for dancers; and father-daughter dance weekend.
 - Plano Symphony Orchestra Kaitlin Einkauff reported that Robert Reed went to the Texas Arts Advocacy Day hosted by Texans for the Arts in Austin; on school concerts; collaboration with Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra; and the upcoming black tie gala and ribbon cutting at their new offices.
 - Plano International Festival - Donna Hartman reported on sponsors and vendors; the kickoff at Courtyard Theatre; and collaborations with Plano Art Association and Plano Symphony Orchestra.
 - Children’s Chorus of Collin County - Janie Oliver reported on thirteen venues and performances; 70s themed dinner theare, and new board members who joined in January. Also in attendance in support of Children’s Chorus of Collin County was Michael DeMotte.
 - Plano Metropolitan Ballet - Jennifer Denton reported that the fairy tale ballet was successfully attended; the Junior Company will have their own performances going forwarded; and on the Plano Dance Festival.
 - Rover Dramawerks - Carol Rice reported that the 2019 season opening was successful; the second show opened that evening; auditions for their 365 Festival was in the works and would include women from history; and on free children’s workshops with theatre professionals.
 - Plano Community Band - Janice Wolff reported on their collaborative concerts with the McKinney Band and with Armstrong Middle School.
 - Brick Road Theatre - Noelle Chesney reported on their upcoming festival for women in theatre.

AGENDA ITEM 5: REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

- Commissioner Tsai reported on her attendance at North Texas Performing Arts’ Broadway in the Burbs at the Willow Bend Center for the Arts; Plano Metropolitan Ballet’s Little Mermaid at the Courtyard Theatre; and Plano Symphony Orchestra at the Eisemann Center for Performing Arts to see Ryan Silverman.
- Commissioner Hitt reported on her attendance at the Benton & Downs Exhibit at the

ArtCentre of Plano; Plano Arts Coalition Trivia night at the ArtCentre of Plano; and the Texas Arts Advocacy Day hosted by Texans for the Arts in Austin.

- Commissioner Twyford-Silvis reported on her attendance at the Texas Arts Advocacy Day hosted by Texans for the Arts in Austin.

AGENDA ITEM 6: REPORT FROM STAFF LIAISON

Staff Liaison Layne reminded organizations to email any flyers or event notifications for mass distribution to the Commission; that the applications would open the following day at noon; and Commissioner training would occur at the April meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7: DISCUSSION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FY2019-20 ARTS & EVENTS APPLICATION

Staff Liaison Layne presented the Small Arts PDF application and the Major Arts and Events online application; a motion was made to approve the applications by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Hitt. The motion passed 5-0.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. was made by Commissioner Twyford-Silvis and seconded by Commissioner Downs. The motion passed 5-0.

Cultural Affairs Chairperson