

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
PLANO MUNICIPAL CENTER  
1520 K Avenue  
Training Room A  
Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 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 September 5, 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 Items for Future Discussion/Action
- 7 Adjournment

**Council Liaisons:** Mayor Pro Tem Rick Smith and Council Member Maria Tu

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**CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
September 5, 2019

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Tom Venner, Chair  
Janelle Twyford-Silvis, Vice Chair  
Courtney Hitt  
Chris Downs  
Rebecca Anderson - arrived at approximately 6:06 p.m.  
Liane Tsai  
Tara Munjee

**COUNCIL & STAFF PRESENT**

Raini M. 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, September 5, 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 July 25, 2019 Cultural Affairs Commission Special Session was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion passed 6-0.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: COMMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

Staff Liaison Layne mentioned that certificates were available to sign for the Commission's outgoing Chairperson and Vice Chairperson as well as buntini cakes for refreshments.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: REPORTS FROM GRANT RECIPIENTS**

- ArtCentre of Plano - Suzy Jones reported on recent exhibitions; upcoming exhibitions; and collaborations with the symphony and ballet.
- Plano Balloon Festival - Jo Via reported on marketing initiatives; vendor lineup; interactive balloon displays at Legacy West; and on their attendance at the national event organizers conference.
- North Texas Performing Arts - Sara Akers reported on their performance of *Freaky Friday*, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, and their collaborative event with other arts organizations at Celebration Station.
- Plano Children's Chorus - Connie Smith reported on upcoming events and distributed handouts to Commissioners.
- Rover Dramawerks - Carol Rice reported on their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary season lineup. Also in attendance in support of Rover Dramawerks was Glynda Welch.
- Plano Symphony Orchestra - Robert Reed reported on concerts and collaborations,

- including educational and performance-based, and that their next concert is sold out.
- Plano Community Band - Janice Wolff reported on upcoming shows and noted how Commissioners can reserve tickets.
  - Plano International Festival - Graciela Katzer reported on their upcoming event, which includes a stamping passport, and collaboration with Plano ISD.
  - Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra - Nien Hsu reported on past performances and August engagements and rehearsals.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS ON EVENTS ATTENDED**

- Commissioner Munjee reported on her attendance at Rove Dramawerks' 10-minute Play Festival and North Texas Performing Arts' *West Side Story*.
- Commissioner Tsai reported on her attendance at the Art Centre of Plano's Reception and exhibit opening of Flow: Dedication to Women and North Texas Performing Arts' *West Side Story*.
- Commissioner Anderson reported on her attendance at ArtFest; AsiaFest; Plano Community Band's Summer Concert Series; North Texas Performing Arts' *Beauty and the Beast*; and Plano International Festival's Multi Cultural Outreach Roundtable.
- Commissioner Downs reported on her attendance at the Art Centre of Plano's Modern Muses Exhibit.
- Commissioner Hitt reported on her attendance at the Art Centre of Plano's Reception and exhibit opening of Flow: Dedication to Women and Local Community Art Meet, and Plano Art Associations' 125 Art Show Awards & Reception.
- Commissioner Venner reported on his attendance at the ArtCentre of Plan's Modern Muse: Inspiring Creativity Exhibit and and Plano Art Associations' 125 Art Show Awards & Reception.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: REPORT FROM STAFF LIAISON**

Staff Liaison Layne noted that Commissioner training would be scheduled for mid-October and the Collin County Diversity Council had withdrawn their small arts application for FY 2019-20 due to unexpected budgetary and planning issues.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: REVIEW OF FY 2019-20 CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION CALENDAR**

Commissioners reviewed the FY 2019-20 Calendar Draft and agreed on the second Thursday in January instead of the first Thursday which is the day after New Year's Day. All other dates were agreed upon and Staff Liaison Layne noted she would post prior to the October regular meeting.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: SELECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE & DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW**

Chairperson Venner asked for no more than three Commissioner volunteers for the FY 2019-20 subcommittee; Staff Liaison Layne noted that a draft of Commissioner training was being solidified by the current, 2018-19 Subcommittee and the small arts application revision would be the primary goal of the 2019-20 Subcommittee. Commissioners Hitt, and Downs volunteered. Staff Liaison Layne further noted that in the event a Subcommittee volunteer was chosen as Chairperson for FY 2019-20, the item would be readdressed at the November meeting when new Commissioner Appointments begin.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION**

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Hitt. The motion passed 7-0.

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Cultural Affairs Chairperson