

McKINNEY ARTS COMMISSION

OCTOBER 18, 2012

The McKinney Arts Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on October 18, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Chair Linda Spina; Vice-Chair Hamilton Doak; Matthew Bado, Janet Farr, and Pamela Harden. Commissioners Absent: Sherry Tucker-David and Beth McGuire.

Staff Present: Assistant City Secretary Blanca Garcia; City Liaison Aretha Adams; and Arts Commission Secretary Mona Robinson.

Chair Linda Spina called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. after determining a quorum was present.

There were 8 guests present.

12-859 Chair Spina called for the Administration of Oaths of Office. Assistant City Secretary Blanca Garcia administered the Oaths of Office to Janet Farr and Hamilton Doak.

12-860 Chair Spina called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on Electing the Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Vice-Chair Doak, seconded by Commissioner Bado, to elect Linda Spina as Chair. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Harden, seconded by Commissioner Farr, to elect Hamilton Doak as Vice-Chair.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Bado, seconded by Commissioner Farr, to approve the following consent items:

12-861 Minutes of the McKinney Arts Commission Meeting of July 11, 2012

12-862 Minutes of the McKinney Arts Commission Meeting of July 19, 2012

12-863 Minutes of the McKinney Arts Commission Meeting of August 15, 2012

12-864 Minutes of the McKinney Arts Commission Meeting of August 16, 2012

12-865 Minutes of the McKinney Arts Commission Meeting of September 12, 2012

- 12-866** Chair Spina called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on Final Report of Junior Players. Chair Spina invited Kirsten James, Executive Director of Junior Players, to briefly discuss their Final Report which had been submitted for approval. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Vice-Chair Doak, seconded by Commissioner Harden, to approve Junior Player's Final Report and disbursement of the final 30% of their FY2011-12 grant.
- 12-867** Chair Spina called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on Final Report of McKinney Repertory Theatre. Chair Spina invited Jake Correll, Vice President of McKinney Repertory Theatre, to briefly discuss their Final Report which had been submitted for approval. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Harden, seconded by Commissioner Bado, to approve McKinney Repertory Theatre's Final Report and disbursement of the final 30% of their FY2011-12 grant.
- 12-868** Chair Spina called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on Final Report of Young Actors Guild. Chair Spina invited Jake Correll, Executive Director and Founder of Young Actors Guild, to briefly discuss their Final Report which had been submitted for approval. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Vice-Chair Doak, seconded by Commissioner Farr, to approve Young Actor Guild's Final Report and disbursement of the final 30% of their FY2011-12 grant.
- 12-870** Chair Spina called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on Final Report of North Texas Chapter of American Theatre Organ Society. Chair Spina invited Barbara Brown, Treasurer of North Texas Chapter of American Theatre Organ Society, to briefly discuss their Final Report which had been submitted for approval. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Farr, seconded by Commissioner Bado, to approve North Texas Chapter of American Theatre Organ Society's Final Report and disbursement of the final 30% of their FY2011-12 grant.

12-871 Chair Spina called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on Final Report of Drums Not Guns. Chair Spina invited Randy Harp, Community Outreach Coordinator of Drums Not Guns, to briefly discuss their Final Report which had been submitted for approval. Final expenses were \$19,817.14 and since the Arts Commission grant will only cover up to 50% of their expenses, the amount is reduced from a total of \$10,000 to \$9,908.57. Seventy percent of the original grant, or \$7,000, has already been paid, making the final amount to be paid \$2,908.57. The amount granted but not paid, due to the reduced expenses is \$91.43. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Harden, seconded by Commissioner Farr, to approve Drums Not Guns' Final Report and disbursement of their FY2011-12 grant with the final payment to be modified to reflect the decreased total expenses of Drums Not Guns.

12-872 Chair Spina called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on Establishing a Subcommittee to Prepare Document Addressing Guidelines and Other Issues. Vice-Chair Doak explained a chronological guideline as to how the Arts Commission has progressed from its inception to now could address the current goals of the Arts Commission. Chair Spina would like the document to be prepared by a subcommittee to discuss the current grant philosophy of the Arts Commission as the goals and views have changed over the years. City Liaison Adams stated the document to be prepared would be a document for future Arts Commissioners to assist in understanding the Arts Commission's purpose and intention, and she suggested it would be beneficial to meet with the original Arts Commissioners during the compilation of the final document. Chair Spina suggested the subcommittee review prior years' Minutes, but Vice-Chair Doak stated you can look at the history of the Arts Commission but that is not the future as he felt the Arts Commission has changed dramatically. The Arts Commissioners discussed the various changes which had occurred since the inception of the Arts Commission. The Arts

Commissioners discussed the recent grant application process as well as possible modifications which need to be implemented for the next grant cycle. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Vice-Chair Doak, seconded by Commissioner Farr, to approve establishing a subcommittee to establish Arts Commission Guidelines with Vice-Chair Doak, Commissioners Bado and Harden serving on the subcommittee.

12-873 Chair Spina called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on Setting a Date for a Special Meeting to discuss the Art Commission's goals for this fiscal year. City Liaison Adams requested the Commissioners send her the specific topics they would like to discuss at the Special Meeting. Vice-Chair Doak felt it would be best if the Special Meeting was held after the guidelines subcommittee had met, and he suggested November 14, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. for the Special Meeting. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Bado, seconded by Commissioner Harden, to schedule the Special Meeting to discuss a variety of issues on November 14, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

12-874 Chair Spina called for Discussion on the Status of Public Art Master Plan. Commissioner Farr asked about the formation of a 501(c)(3) and the public art trust fund, and Vice-Chair Doak stated people's perception of donating to a public art trust fund depends largely on how it is presented. City Liaison Adams stated Via Partnerships strongly encourages the creation of 501(c)(3), and she would defer to Via Partnerships for a discussion on the merits of forming a 501(c)(3). City Liaison Adams reminded the Arts Commissioners the Imagine Art Here Workshop will be held on October 27, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the McKinney Performing Arts Center. The Commissioners discussed steps which could be taken to encourage attendance and participation of McKinney citizens at the workshop.

12-875 Chair Spina called for Discussion of Arts Outreach. Commissioner Harden discussed research she had done regarding "Shakespeare in the

Park”, and she had attended an excellent production in Addison recently which had an estimated attendance of 350. Commissioner Harden feels such a production in McKinney would offer a great economic impact, and she would like to get more information on McKinney park venues. Chair Spina would like to research options on organizations to approach about performing in McKinney so an event with broad appeal could be scheduled. Chair Spina encouraged the Arts Commissioners to do personal research on what they would like to pursue related to the arts outreach.

Chair Spina called for Commissioner Comments. Commissioner Harden discussed the information she obtained while attending a Dallas Museum of Art three person panel State of the Arts presentation regarding the Dallas Arts District. The discussion was very general, but they did not delve into specifics of how they accomplished certain things. Commissioner Harden explained other information the panel provided, and it was stated their Office of Cultural Affairs was very active in assisting with the entire arts vision. Vice-Chair Doak encouraged the development of a close relationship with the City’s Park Department, and he felt it would be extremely beneficial to get that department involved with public art. Commissioner Bado discussed upcoming McKinney Performing Arts Center performances, and Commissioner Farr stated Commissioner Harden was a wonderful addition to the Arts Commission. Chair Spina wants the Arts Commissioners to think about what they are passionate about so each Arts Commissioner can make contributions to growing various arts in McKinney.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Farr, seconded by Commissioner Bado, to adjourn. Chair Spina adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

LINDA SPINA
Chair