

McKINNEY ARTS COMMISSION

APRIL 18, 2019

The McKinney Arts Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 222 N. Tennessee Street, McKinney, TX on April 18, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Latisha Nance and Commissioners Greg Huckaby, Michael McEntire, Nina Ringley, Amanda Beller, and Matt Sheldon

Absent: Chairman Molly Brewer

Staff Present: Housing & Community Development Manager Janay Tieken, Administrative Assistant Judy Hawkins

Vice Chair Nance called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. after noting the presence of a quorum.

19-0314 Minutes of the McKinney Arts Commission Meeting of January 17, 2019. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Huckaby, seconded by Commissioner McEntire, to approve the minutes of the McKinney Arts Commission meeting of January 17, 2019.

19-0315 Presentation by Michael Kowski Proposing a Public Art Project at Old Settler's Recreation Center. McKinney Parks Director Michael Kowski reviewed the renovations scheduled for Old Settlers' Recreation Center. The entrance will be moved with an open plaza in the front of the building. Director Kowski hopes to install interactive artwork in the plaza area. He has a potential private funder for this public art project who is interested in sponsorship, but is interested in receiving artistic input from the Arts Commission. Consensus from the Commissioners was positive support for the project and artwork idea.

19-0316 Presentation on Offer by Artist to Paint Tunnel Under Ridge Road at Berkshire. Local artist Christiane Slag addressed the commissioners concerning her idea to paint a mural inside the bridge tunnel at Ridge and Berkshire. All labor and supplies would be complimentary. She provided sample abstract drawings to commissioners and will email additional

samples prior to the next meeting. Manager Tieken will work with the artist to determine the ownership of the tunnel.

Commissioner Beller arrived at 4:45 p.m.

- 19-0317** Update from Vice Chair Nance on Collin County Business Council for the Arts. Vice Chair Nance went to the introductory meeting of BCA Leadership Arts and has applied for the Collin/Denton County leadership training. Applications close July 21, 2019. There will be a workshop on May 4, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, "Playing the Board Game," designed as a fund-raising resource for non-profit boards.
- 19-0318** Staff Updates. -Manager Tieken reported that we have spent \$13,000 of the Outreach budget, leaving \$2,000 if all agenda items are approved today. The Public Art fund stands at \$71,695.73. If the Arts Commission approves the Butterfly Bench agenda item, we will have \$34,195.73. -Commissioner Sheldon asked about setting up a sculpture maintenance and repair fund. This can be done during the budget/funding allocation process for the next fiscal year. Maintenance of individual public art pieces would be determined in the contract. Manager Tieken noted that the city has is exploring a partnership with Starlight Entertainment to build an arts theatre and entertainment venue. Located along Hwy. 121, it will house a 2,000 seat theatre, 86,000 seat entertainment center, and will include parking.
- 19-0319** Consider/Discuss/Act on Approval of the Final Report and Reimbursement of a \$3,000 Project Grant Request for The Art Club of McKinney. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner McEntire, seconded by Commissioner Huckaby, to approve the Final Report and reimburse \$1,000 to The Art Club of McKinney. Net expenses of the project were \$832. The reduced amount was because actual expenses and participation were lower than expected and no scholarships were provided, per the original grant

request approval.

19-0320 Consider/Discuss/Act on Outreach Grant Reimbursement Request of \$3,000 from Black History of McKinney. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Ringley, seconded by Commissioner McEntire, to approve the Final Report of Black History of McKinney and reimburse the amount of \$3,000. Expenses totaled \$11,435 and there were 650 in attendance.

19-0321 Consider/Discuss/Act on Project Grant Request of \$3,000 from MPAC for Arts in Bloom. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner McEntire, seconded by Commissioner Beller, to approve a Project Grant request of \$3,000 from MPAC for Arts in Bloom. Funds were used for a tent for MISD student artists, including lighting and fencing. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Beller, seconded by Commissioner Ringley, to reimburse \$3,000 upon receipt of an approved Final Report.

19-0322 Consider/Discuss/Act on Outreach Grant Request of \$3,000 from Kupira Marimba. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Huckaby, seconded by Commissioner McEntire, to approve an Outreach Grant request of \$3,000 from Kupira Marimba. The performance is schedule for June 15, 2019.

19-0323 Consider/Discuss/Act on Authorization of Public Art Funds to Purchase a Sculpture Bench in Memory of Jeff Hull. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner McEntire, seconded by Commissioner Beller, to authorize the expenditure of \$13,500 in Public Art Funds to purchase a sculpture bench in memory of Commissioner Jeff Hull. The design under consideration, "New Wings", was originally submitted for consideration for Mitchell Park, but was not selected. Total cost of the bench under consideration would be \$27,000 with a \$1,500 installation fee. Private donations will make up the rest of the cost.

19-0324 Consider/Discuss/Act on Loan of Artwork (Paintings) to the City of McKinney. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Sheldon, seconded by Commissioner McEntire, to table Consideration/Discussion/Action on a loan of artwork (paintings) to the City of McKinney to the July Arts Commission meeting.

Vice Chair Nance announced she will be attending Serve McKinney on June 6, 2019 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Collin College Conference Center. Commissioner Ringley will also be there. Commissioner McEntire suggested developing a scrapbook of Arts Commission funded projects. Commissioner Sheldon questioned whether the Arts Commission had approached MISD to see what they need from us. Commissioner Beller stated that we can contact the Fine Arts Director to begin the process. Commissioner Huckaby inquired about getting polo shirts and/or nametags for everyone. The July Arts Commission meeting date has been changed from July 18 to July 25, 2019.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner McEntire, seconded by Commissioner Ringley, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

LATISHA NANCE
Vice Chair