

## **McKINNEY ARTS COMMISSION**

**JANUARY 15, 2015**

The McKinney Arts Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on January 15, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioners Present: Pamela Harden, Linda Spina, Matthew Bado, Chad Huggins, Jeff Hackett, Tricia Conover

Absent: Aretha Adams

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

Chair Spina called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and noted the presence of a quorum.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

**15-040** Minutes of the McKinney Arts Commission Meeting of October 16, 2014

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Tricia Conover, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Hackett, to adopt the minutes of the McKinney Arts Commission Meeting of October 16, 2014, as amended.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**15-041** Discuss Voluntary Developer Contribution to Public Art and Review Developer Guide from Suwanee, GA

Chair Spina led the discussion of the Suwanee, GA Developer Guide which suggests voluntary contributions from local developers. Commissioners suggested the possibility of a functional piece of art at the new McKinney aquatic center. For developers, public art funding as a sliding scale percentage of the project amount and the inclusion of 'bonus points' in RFP's for public art were discussed. Also mentioned was the possibility of allotting a small percentage of PROS budget to public art.

**15-042** Discuss Goals and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Ms. Tieken reported on the FY 2015 McKinney Arts Commission grant

funding. The total amount of City funding allocated to the McKinney Arts Commission for FY15 is \$185,000. In addition, \$3,220 was reallocated from the previous fiscal year for a total of \$188,220. The amount available to nonprofit arts organizations is \$178,500. Grantees receive 70% of their funding once their signed contract is returned. Thirty days after their final performance, their report is due, and upon approval by the Arts Commission, the remaining 30% is paid, up to 50% of total expenses.

Chair Spina presented a draft PowerPoint on the annual State of the Arts that will be presented to City Council on February 16, 2015, and invited other Commissioners to attend the meeting, if possible. Commissioner Conover suggested a plan to present art awareness curriculum for schools. Commissioner Huggins encouraged more new organizations to apply for grant funding and the Arts Commission to coordinate efforts with other city organizations. Chair Spina suggested an Artist in Residence program. Commissioner Hackett suggested consideration of a term limit for grant awardees as a way to wean entities off city funding.

**15-043** Subcommittee Report and Discussion on Arts District Designation

Commissioner Hackett gave an update from the subcommittee on Arts District Designation. The committee recommended not moving forward with a Cultural Arts District Designation for McKinney at this time.

**15-044** Subcommittee Report and Discussion on Public Art Mural

Chair Spina presented a report on the status of the Public Art Mural. The mural is on hold pending a decision on the location of the downtown parking garage. The Cadillac Pizza building was to be the site of the mural, but it is now one of the potential locations for the parking garage. Other potential sites include, the Old Avenues Counseling building, Antique Mall Company building, Ambrosia building, and Heritage Hardwoods. Once City Council makes a decision on the parking garage, the planning for the mural can proceed. Private funding of \$7,500 needs

to be collected and there is currently \$5,950 in the privately funded portion of the Public Arts Fund. The remaining \$1,550 will need to be collected from private donors. The total balance in the fund, after paying expenses last year, is \$19,213.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

**15-045** Consider/Discuss/Act on 2015 Final Report of Southwest Bluegrass

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Pamela Harden, seconded by Commissioner Matthew Bado, to approve the Final Report of Southwest Bluegrass and disburse the remaining funds.

**15-046** Consider/Discuss/Act on 2015 Final Report of Turtle Creek Chorale

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Tricia Conover, seconded by Commissioner Chad Huggins, to approve with the Final Report of Turtle Creek Chorale and disburse \$2,563.97 in funds, pending the online submission and additional information for the Final Report.

#### BOARD OR COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harden noted the "Big Ideas Built Big D" festival on February 27 and 28, and that she will be directing "Motherhood Out Loud" in May at Heard-Craig and "The Sound of Music" in April at Lucas Christian Academy. Commissioner Bado announced that Les Miserables will be performed at McKinney Boyd High School and Collin College. Chair Spina announced that Heard-Craig Hall is being sold, but will continue to be an arts venue.

#### ADJOURN

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Chad Huggins, seconded by Commissioner Tricia Conover, to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

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LINDA SPINA  
Chair