

McKINNEY ARTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2011

The McKinney Arts Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in a special session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on November 2, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Chair Linda Spina, Vice Chair Hamilton Doak, Matthew Bado, Sherry Tucker-David, Beth McGuire, Tameika Miller, and Janet Farr

Staff Present: City Liaison Aretha Harvey and Arts Commission Secretary Mona Robinson

Chair Linda Spina called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. after determining a quorum present.

11-525 Chair Spina called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on the Final Report for the North Texas Chapter of American Theatre Organ Society Barbara Brown, Treasurer of the North Texas Chapter of American Theatre Organ Society (NTCATOS), was asked to come forward and answer Arts Commissioners' questions regarding their submitted Final Report. The Arts Commissioners asked Ms. Brown about specific and substantial increases to in-kind services disclosed in an updated Final Report that NTCATOS had submitted following communication from Arts Commission Secretary Robinson. Commissioners also asked Ms. Brown about the inclusion of the detailed in-kind services on NTCATOS's IRS Form 990, and Ms. Brown responded that NTCATOS did not meet the criteria to file an IRS Form 990. Arts Commissioners strongly stressed to Ms. Brown the fact that accurate and complete records must be maintained concerning all in-kind services utilized by NTCATOS. Commissioners approved the motion by Commissioner Farr, seconded by Commissioner Bado, to accept the revised Final Report submitted by North Texas Chapter of American Theatre Organ Society, and provide the final 20% funding with the understanding that next year the final payment will not be made if the numbers are not documented, with a vote of 6 - 1 - 0, with Vice Chair Hamilton Doak voting against.

11-500 Chair Spina called for Discussion on the Timeline and FY2012-13

Application Process. City Liaison Harvey informed the Arts Commissioners the changes discussed at the October 20, 2011 meeting had been incorporated into the Timeline, Application, and Guidelines, and she also stated it was being proposed that the informational workshop to explain the revised grant application process be held during the second week of January 2012. City Liaison Harvey reminded the Arts Commissioners that organizations currently receiving grant funds from the City of McKinney would be required to attend one of two scheduled workshops. However, the informational meetings will be publicized to notify any other organizations that may wish to apply for a FY2012-13 grant. Chair Spina asked if groups would be restricted from applying for a grant if they did not attend an informational workshop, and City Liaison Harvey explained such groups would be able to apply for a grant. City Liaison Harvey asked for the Arts Commissioners' consensus to hold the informational workshops during the second week of January 2012.

11-501 Chair Spina called for Discussion on the Public Arts Program and State of the Arts. Chair Spina began the discussion of the Public Arts Program, and she explained in detail the PowerPoint presentation she and City Liaison Harvey had prepared in anticipation of appearing before the City Council at their work session on November 15, 2011. The funding aspect of the Public Art Program was discussed, and specifically the use of a portion of art grant funding for public art was explored as well as the development of a city public art trust fund. Commissioner Farr was interested in the possibility of Baylor Medical Center receiving City tax abatements if public art was a part of the new medical center, and City Liaison Harvey explained art at that site would be privately placed public art. Discussion on the use of art grant money for public art was discussed further following Commissioner Tucker-David's statement she would like to strike that funding source from the PowerPoint presentation. Additional fund raising ideas and possibilities were discussed by the Arts

Commissioners. Chair Spina updated the other Arts Commissioners about matters which were discussed at a recent meeting she and City Liaison Harvey had with Rob Daake, Executive Director of City of McKinney's Development Services Department. During that meeting, Mr. Daake stated he would be glad to discuss public art with developers with the goal of promoting public art in McKinney. The Arts Commissioners reviewed the PowerPoint presentation slide by slide with modifications being discussed in detail. The Commissioners decided to strike the proposal to use art grant funds for public art. Chair Spina stated the term "public art" is broad, and she further discussed the definition of public art as a city capital asset. Following further discussion, Commissioners agreed the Arts Commission should recommend the City Council: (1) Approve the Public Art Program; (2) Proceed with development of a public art master plan; and (3) Work to create a public art trust fund. Chair Spina stated the State of the Arts presentation will not be made to the City Council at this time, and she requested the Arts Commissioners begin thinking about goals for the Arts Commission. Commissioner Tucker-David stated she would like the Arts Commission to make quarterly presentations to the City Council, and the other Commissioners agreed with this suggestion.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Doak, seconded by Commissioner Farr, to adjourn the meeting. Chair Spina adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

LINDA SPINA
Chair