

McKINNEY ARTS COMMISSION

APRIL 9, 2014

The McKinney Arts Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on April 9, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioners Present: Hamilton Doak, Linda Spina, Matthew Bado, and Sherry Tucker.

Absent: Pamela Harden, Christopher Grider, and Janet Farr.

Staff Present: City Liaison Janay Tieken; and Arts Commission Secretary Deb Hass.

Guest Present: Amy Rosenthal.

Chair Spina called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

14-352 Minutes of the McKinney Arts Commission Meeting of January 16, 2014.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice Chair Doak, to approve the minutes of the McKinney Arts Commission Meeting of January 16, 2014.

REGULAR AGENDA

14-356 Consider/Discuss/Act on an Outreach Grant Request.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Vice Chair Doak, seconded by Commissioner Bado, to approve the Outreach Grant Request from MPAC for \$1000.00 to be used for advertising for the 2014 Juried Art Show.

14-353 Consider/Discuss/Act on the Final Report of Turtle Creek Chorale.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice Chair Doak, to approve the Final Report from the Turtle Creek Chorale.

14-354 Consider/Discuss/Act on the Final Report of Teatro Dallas.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Vice Chair Doak, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, to approve the Final Report from Teatro Dallas.

- 14-355** Consider/Discuss/Act on the Final Report of the McKinney Community Concerts.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Bado, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, to approve the Final Report from the McKinney Community Concerts.

- 14-357** Discuss 2014 Public Art Mural.

Chair Spina began the discussion by inviting Staff Liaison Tieken to update the Board on the City Council work session. Ms. Tieken spoke about the City Council work session that will be held on April 14, 2014. At the work session the Council will discuss possible parking garage locations in the downtown area. One of the locations to be considered is the parking lot next to the Cadillac Pizza Restaurant building where the Arts Commission has made a recommendation for the Public Art Mural to be done. A lease agreement has been executed with the owners of the Cadillac Pizza for the wall for a ten year period which had been approved by Council. However, now with the parking lot next to the Restaurant being one of the possible locations for a parking garage the execution of the contract for the mural has been put on hold until a decision has been made by Council on the location of the parking garage. There are also some issues internally. Without the pledge money being in the account Finance will not go forward April 15, 2014 City Council meeting agenda item to approve the award of contract to Misty Oliver-Foster. Ms. Tieken will attempt to get an override by City Management with the understanding that the lease will not be executed until the pledge money has been received. Chair Spina replied that the pledges have been secured, but that the donors were not comfortable paying on those

pledges until a decision is made on the location of the parking garage. Chair Spina asked Ms. Tieken if City Council had approved the unspent grant funds from last year to be moved to this year's Public Art Fund. Ms. Tieken said that yes the funds had been approved to be moved. The amount approved to be moved was \$2763.00. The balance of the City donated portion of the Public Art Fund is \$14,013.00, and the donated balance amount is \$5600.00. The fund is short \$4027.00 from being able to execute the lease for the wall repair and the mural. Chair Spina and Ms. Tieken presented the Council with the mural design, and the artists statement regarding the mural design during the Council's last work session. Chair Spina asked Vice Chair Doak if he would explain what he has done with the mural design, and the activities planned for the mural during Arts in Bloom. Vice Chair Doak plans to do an unveiling of the mural design at 1:00 p.m. at Orison's during Arts in Bloom. At the unveiling it will be explained that the mural design has gone through a selection committee which recommended the design to the Arts Commission, and that the next step will be approval from City Council. Ms. Tieken asked the Commission if there had been any discussion with the building owner about the possible location of the parking garage and the lease agreement. Chair Spina said there had not been any discussion with the owner but she would be happy to have the conversation with the building owners. Ms. Tieken recommended that the building owners be aware that the parking lot next to their building is a possible location for the parking garage which might change the location of the Public Art Mural. Ms. Tieken stated that she had sent the example of the donation envelope to Commissioner Grider but had not heard back from him on a possible design. Ms. Tieken also stated that the artist that had withdrawn her design due to health reasons has submitted a rendering of her design.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

BOARD OR COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Spina asked Ms. Tieken to refresh the Board on the grant cycle. Ms. Tieken met with the City IT department to discuss the feedback from the last grant cycle on recommended improvements to the online grant application. A major issue with last year's application was that it was not MAC compatible. That will be corrected. Ms. Tieken briefed the Board on the improvements IT has agreed to make on the online application. The Board discussed the budget and finance part of the application. It has been discussed to change the funding fiscal year to September 1, 2014 to August 30, 2015 to address the necessity of reallocating funds. IT will have the updated application to Ms. Tieken on May 19, 2014. Ms. Tieken will have her corrections to IT on May 27, 2014. The following is the grant cycle suggested timeline:

- June 1, 2014: Grant Application Online
- June 6, 2014: Grant Training
- June 23, 2014: Grants Due
- July 9, 2014, and July 10, 2014: Group Presentations
- July 17, 2014: Arts Commission Meeting
- August 4, 2014: Arts Commission Grant Recommendations to Council.
- September 1, 2014: Grants Cycle Begins

Final decision on the funding year will be made during the City's budget workshop that is held in August. Vice Chair Doak questioned the reason why so much money is being carried over? Ms. Tieken explained that \$32,000 was carried over due to funded group's events being held later in the year, and that money was also carried over from the budgets of the Arts Business Council, Arts Outreach, and Reproduction. Chair Spina asked if a group is not funded the full amount of their grant because their expenses are less than twice their grant amount can the Commission take that excess money and apply the money to someplace in need decided by the Arts Commission? Ms. Tieken replied that she believed that was possible as long as it was done in the same fiscal year. Chair Spina reminded the Commissioners to please contact any groups wishing to apply for a grant. Ms. Tieken asked if anyone on the Commission can meet to discuss the updated application. Vice Chair Doak said he would take the financial side of the

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application, and Commissioner Tucker said she would take the creative part. Commissioner Tucker spoke next. She will be meeting with Ty Lake to discuss City employee's participation in the On My Own Time program. The cost of the program is \$450, which covers the cost of the judges to come to the City and judge the art. The program will be limited to visual art this year. After the judging, five pieces from City employees will be displayed at Northpark Mall. The deadline for the program is mid-May. Also, Community Concerts has contacted the Commission and might like to have MISD students perform an opening act before their concerts. Commissioner Tucker will get more information on their proposal. Commissioner Bado spoke with several groups during Art Sparks, and many are interested in applying for a grant. The Art Sparks event was a success. The event reached its goal in attendance which was 300. Chair Spina then spoke about the Collin College project. The professor that was in charge of the project has gone out on medical leave. Chair Spina will find out if the professor wants to continue the project, or if the project will be postponed until next semester. Chair Spina met with Mr. Ricchi, and Mr. Whitfield with the Community Concerts about their funding for this year. Community Concerts is pursuing selling individual tickets for each performance.

ADJOURN

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion to adjourn by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Bado to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

LINDA SPINA, CHAIR