

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**

February 2, 2021

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COUNTY OF DENTON §**

Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

(Agenda Item 1)

Chairman Traci Gardner-Petteway called a quorum at 5:32 p.m. Attendees were Board members Traci Gardner-Petteway, Sarah Hicks, Mary Hampton, Tanya Nguyen, Gene Smith, Brent Daniels, Amanda Drinkwater, and Eric Bowman. Also in attendance were Arts Center Manager Denise Helbing, and MCL Grand Administrative Assistant Konni Cooper. Scott Kirkam, Executive Producer of Our Productions Theatre Company was present, as well.

Review and Approve Minutes of the January 5, 2021 Meeting

(Agenda Item 2)

Board members reviewed the minutes of the January 5, 2021 Arts Advisory Board meeting.

MOTION: Brent Daniels made the motion to accept the minutes from the January 5, 2021 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Amanda Drinkwater and carried unanimously.

Support Grant Allocation Change Request- Our Productions Theatre Company

(Agenda Item 3)

Scott Kirkam, Executive Producer of Our Productions Theatre Company, asked the Board to approve a change in the programming funded by an Arts Support Grant. Due to Covid-19 restrictions dictated by Actors Equity, the company would like to change from their original plan of four productions to two productions. The Play Readers program is currently on hiatus. The company plans to have a completely virtual spring musical, which will be largely written by its students. The students will write their own script, based on their experiences with Covid-19, and will present parodies of popular musical theater numbers. The musical will be filmed in Lewisville, and will incorporate many Old Town points of interest, including public art pieces.

MOTION: Sarah Hicks made a motion to accept the Our Productions Theatre Company proposal to change from four productions to two productions. The motion was seconded by Eric Bowman and passed unanimously.

Public Art Committee Updates

(Agenda Item 4)

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- A. **Art Wrapped Utility Boxes** – This committee is considering several different sites for this project. One site is on FM 3040 between College Street and Railroad Park. Another is between I35 and State Highway 121. They would like to open the call to all Lewisville residents, including high school students, with no directive as far as the subject of the work is concerned. Gene Smith brought up the issue of possible accidents in more commercial areas, due to the distraction these pieces might cause. The preference is on Garden Ridge Blvd., between College Street and 407, which would be in a more residential area and away from it is away from Old Town so will start spreading the public art more widely through the city.
 - B. **Metal Cutouts** – This committee is also considering various sites for this project. Using the nature park near Thrive was originally considered, but is no longer an option, as they have restrictions based on keeping the area more of a natural space. They are considering areas in the Triangle District, which contains mostly multi-family dwellings, so the pieces would be seen by a large group of residents. The city is also in the process of planning parks in that area. The committee is also considering the McKenzie historical neighborhood area, which is just north of Old Town. Lake Park is another area under consideration. It will be undergoing a major renovation in the next three to six years, but hopefully the cutouts would

be able to be moved to new locations within the park following the re-build. There is no information available on the size or number of cutouts, both of which will depend on what can be purchase using the \$10,000 budget. If local students design the cutouts, then the city will most likely have to provide monies for the fabrication of the cutouts. If the committee opens it to an artist call, the artist will usually be responsible for the fabrication of the pieces.

Update on Timeline for FY22 Grant Cycle

(Agenda Item 5)

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the groups applying for Arts Funding Grants are unsure what their programming or budgets will be for next year. In addition, the Board is unsure what monies will be coming in from the Hotel Occupancy Tax. Therefore, the grant cycle is moving from a March/May cycle to a June/August cycle. No action is required on the part of the Board at this time.

Staff Report – Programming, Public Art, Other

(Agenda Item 6)

Arts Center Manager Denise Helbing presented the Staff Report (see attached).

Adjournment

(Agenda Item 7)

MOTION: Mary Hampton made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Amanda Drinkwater. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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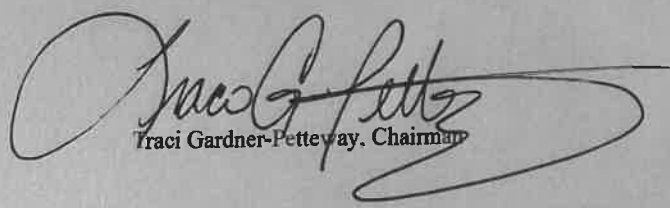
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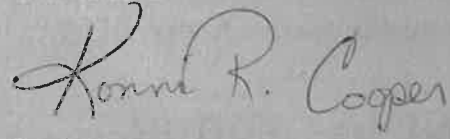
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