## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

## OF THE

## ARTS ADVISORY BOARD

May 16, 2023

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**COUNTY OF DENTON** 

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Due to scheduling issues, the agenda was not followed in complete numerical order.

Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

(Agenda Item 1)

Chairperson Sarah Hicks called a quorum at 5:38 p.m. Attendees were Board members Jennifer Austin, Michael Gortz, Eric Bowman, Nicole Franczvai and Christi Martin. Also in attendance were Arts Center Manager Denise Helbing, Arts Administration Assistant Shannon Fernandez, and Administrative Assistant Konni Cooper.

Review and Approve Minutes of the April 11, May 9, and My 10, 2023 Meetings

(Agenda Item 2)

Board members reviewed the minutes of the April 11, May 9, and May 10, 2023 Arts Advisory Board meeting.

**MOTION:** Jennifer Austin made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2023 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Gortz and passed unanimously.

**MOTION**: Christi Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 9 and 10, 2023 board meetings. The motion was seconded by Nicole Franczvai and passed unanimously.

Review of Applications and Board Member Scores, Discussion, and Action Regarding Recommendations for Artist Support Grant Funding for FY 23/24

(Agenda Item 3)

The board members discussed the scoring of each arts funding grant application and calculated award amounts on the scoring spreadsheet according to applications overall score, ask and available budget. The board took into consideration two possibilities: that the amount of funding would be \$100,000, or that the amount could possibly be increased by City Council to \$125,000, due to a pending action step submitted with the Community Relations and Tourism budget request. The following amounts were agreed upon:

Grant Applicant Group	\$100,000	\$125,000
Lewisville Lake Symphony	\$25,000	\$28,693
Greater Lewisville	\$13,553	\$15,827
Community Theatre		
Visual Art League	\$8,065	\$8,065
LakeCities Ballet Theatre	\$14,000	\$17,425
Christian Youth Theatre	\$19,000	\$28,000
Lewisville Civic Chorale	\$4,000	\$5,000
Actors Conservatory	\$10,000	\$14,000
Theatre		,
Our Productions Theatre	\$6,382	\$7,990
Company		-
	\$100,000	\$125,000

Review Artist Microgrant Application – Samba Sey, Saucsey Thoughts' Podcast

(Agenda Item 4)

The board reviewed the grant application and Denise Helbing answered questions. The board also listened to part of one of Samba Sey's podcasts.

**MOTION**: Nicole Franczvai made a motion to accept Samba Sey's application for an artist microgrant, with the suggestion that the Black Box would more suited to his needs than the Performance Hall (and would be less expensive, as well). The motion was seconded by Eric Bowman and passed unanimously.

Discussion with Todd Bressi, Including Progress Report for Public Art Master Plan Update, Recap of Events Held in Early May, Plans for Summer Progress Through Workplan (Todd Bressi Attended the Meeting virtually, along with Kristin Brambling, from Serve Lewisville)

(Agenda Item 5)

Mr. Bressi provided a recap of the various events he attended in Lewisville in early May. At that time, he conducted a survey of residents attending these events, allowing them to give input on the types of public art projects in which they were interested. The results of all the surveys will be collated by June, and Mr. Bressi hopes to have a full analysis and draft of the Public Art Master Plan by the July board meeting.

Review We Are Lewisville Artist Call, Application Received from Last Open Call, and Discuss Next Steps to Take on Project

(Agenda Item 6)

The board reviewed the sole response to the artist call. The artist's statement was unclear, and the board felt like it needed more sample images in order to determine the way in which the artist intended to approach the subject. Mr. Bressi recommended an interview with the artist, during which he could present more detailed sketches. He also recommended that the board pay the artist for his time and skill in refining his artistic idea.

**MOTION**: Jennifer Austin made a motion to reach out to Artist #1, asking him to present more details, and paying him \$250 for his time. The motion was seconded by Michael Gortz and passed unanimously.

Member Reports on Attendance to Any Grant-Funded Programs

(Agenda Item 7)

Michael Gortz attended *The Revolutionists*, presented by Greater Lewisville Community Theatre.

Staff Report – Programming,	
Other Updates	

(Agenda Item 8)

Arts Center Manager Denise Helbing provided updates on current and pending public art projects and answered questions from board members.

## Adjournment

(Agenda Item 9)

**MOTION**: Jennifer Austin made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. The motion was seconded by Christi Martin and carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

Sarah Hicks, Chairperson

PREPARED BY:

Konni Cooper

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