



**MINUTES
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS**

Leander Activity Center
11880 Hero Way West, Ste. 600



November 9, 2022

Place 1 – Stephanie Rand
Place 2 – Keysha Bradford
Place 3 – George Quist
Place 4 – Lisa Haynes, Chair
Place 5 – Jessica Alonzo

Place 6 – Sammy Panzarino
Place 7 – Steve Kuwitzky
Staff Liaison – Kelsey Heiden
Council Liaison – Na’Cole Thompson

1. Call to Order

Chair Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

2. Roll Call

All Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Alonzo and Commissioner Rand.

3. Approval of Minutes – October 12, 2022

Commissioner Kuwitzky made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 12, 2022; Chair Haynes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Citizens Communication

None

5. Welcome New Commissioners

Chair Haynes welcomed the new commissioners; each commissioner introduce themselves.

6. City Council Liaison Update

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson commented on the unanimous vote of City Council at the October 20th meeting to postpone the ordinance revision, providing time for LPAC to review; any recommendations from tonight’s meeting would be considered at the December 3rd City Council meeting.

7. Election of officers: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Commissioner Kuwitzky made a motion to name Commissioner Haynes as Chair and himself as Secretary. Commissioner Panzarino seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kuwitzky made a motion to name Commissioner Alonzo as Vice Chair. Motion failed unanimously.

Commissioner Quist nominated himself as Vice Chair Commissioner Haynes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Budget Update

Staff liaison Heiden shared the approved fiscal year 2023 budget; Staff will provide the Art Fund account balance to the Commission at the next meeting.

9. Discuss and consider recommendations amending Code of Ordinances, Article 1.14, Division 2, Public Art Commission.

Discussion included: amendments to the Code of Ordinances; defining culture within the document; Commissioner Kuwitzky made a motion to recommend the following changes to amending Code of Ordinance, Article 1.14, Division 2, Public Art Commission. Commissioner Quist seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Leander Public Arts and Culture Commission hereby referred to as LPAC in the remainder of this document.

Section 1.14.034 Powers and Duties, item 17 to read “To actively plan and participate with the parks and recreation department in all matters pertaining to arts and culture.”

Commissioner Quist and Commissioner Panzarino will gather information and send forward a recommendation on a definition of culture.

10. LPAC Subcommittee Discussion, Additions and Appointments

Discussion included: LPAC subcommittee information; new committee members to review and volunteer for various roles; Commissioner Kuwitzky will update for the next meeting.

11. New Business

a. Discuss and consider action on an update to the LPAC Mission Statement.

Discussion included updating the mission statement after the ordinance revisions were approved.

b. Discuss cultural events:

i. MLK

Chair Haynes updated the commission on planning efforts with the Parks and Recreation Department thus far. Commissioner Bradford volunteered to be on the planning subcommittee; they will attend the next planning meeting on December 7th at 3:30pm.

ii. Juneteenth

Chair Haynes updated the commission on planning efforts with the Parks and Recreation Department thus far.

iii. Other cultural events:

Commissioner Kuwitzky made a motion to expand the public art commission to include all cultural and diverse events, exhibits, art displays including MLK, Juneteenth, Diwali, Cinco de Mayo, et cetera; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Discuss and consider action on mural art in Leander.

Discussion included: the pool and restroom facilities located in Robin Bledsoe Park are approved locations; possible partnership with the Leander Chamber of Commerce;

subcommittee appointment of Chair Haynes and Commissioner Panzarino; the subcommittee will bring back discussion items to the next meeting.

d. Discuss and consider action on art displays at the Leander Public Library and Leander Activity Center.

Discussion included: locations to display artwork; subcommittee for Art in Public Spaces includes Commissioner Kuwitzky and Commissioner Quist.

Chair made a motion for the Art in Public Spaces subcommittee to prepare a call to art for review and other options from Humanities Texas at the next meeting. Commissioner Panzarino seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Discuss and consider action on LPAC hosted art programs at Leander Activity Center.

Discussion included: ideas for art activities; current capacity to host additional activities; the commission will look at the existing calendar and continue discussion at the next meeting.

12. Subcommittee Updates

a. LPAC Master Plan

Update included the Subcommittee has been working diligently; a draft will be forthcoming.

13. Items for next agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson asked for an updated list of LPAC events for the 2023 calendar year.

14. Adjournment

Chair Haynes adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary