



Public Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Agenda

**Leander Activity Center
11880 Hero Way West STE 600
May 10, 2023 @ 6:00 pm**

Naruby Bollom
Keysha Bradford
Lisa Haynes
Mike Herrera
Jessica Johnson
Steve Kuwitzky

Sammy Panzarino
George Quist
Stephanie Rand
Na'Cole Thompson – Council Liaison
Mark Tummons – Director, Staff Liaison

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Minutes – April 12, 2023
5. City Council Liaison Update
6. Staff Liaison Updates:
 - a. Juneteenth Block Party
 - b. Robin Bledsoe Park Mural RFP
7. Regular Agenda
 - a. Receive presentation from Leander Foundation on shared objectives between the Foundation and LPACC
 - b. Receive presentation on City purchasing department guidelines for reviewing and scoring Request for Proposals (RFP)
 - c. Discuss and consider action on the purchase of canopy to use at special events
 - d. Discuss May 17 special meeting
 - e. Discuss and consider recommendation of a mural of Bill Pickett
 - f. Discuss and consider action on art initiatives at Leander Public Library
 - g. Discuss and consider action on Agustina Rodriguez Phoenix Trail Sculpture Art reveal event
 - h. Discuss and consider action on allocating funds for a post Juneteenth event
8. Future Agenda Items
9. Adjournment

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Mark Tummons, Parks and Recreation Director



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

05/5/2023

AGENDA SUBJECT: Approval of minutes for April 12, 2023.

BACKGROUND: Attached are the minutes for the meeting held on April 12, 2023.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft minutes for April 12, 2023

PREPARED BY: Mark Tummons



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

Leander Activity Center
11880 Hero Way West, Ste. 600



April 12, 2023

Place 1 – Stephanie Rand	Place 7 – Steve Kuwitzky
Place 2 – Keysha Bradford	Place 8 – Michael Herrera
Place 3 – George Quist	Place 9 – Naruby Bollom
Place 4 – Lisa Haynes, Chair	Staff Liaison – Mark Tummons
Place 5 – Jessica Johnson	Council Liaison – Na’Cole Thompson
Place 6 – Sammy Panzarino	

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

All Commissioners were present.

3. Public Comments

Carlanne Bodden, Keep Leander Beautiful, commented on possible collaboration between LPACC and Keep Leander Beautiful painting Leander Public Library windows and utilizing high school graduates as volunteers.

4. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Bradford moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. City Council Liaison Update No update.

6. Staff Liaison Update included LPACC budget including Fund 10; recent donations to fund; current balance. Revised Call for Art RFP posted on April 20th and due on May 18th and will forward Texas Commission of Art Account website information.

7. Subcommittee Updates

1. Events Subcommittee update included Juneteenth Block Party vendors, layout, and swag items for participants.
2. Lakewood Sculpture Garden Donation location of the sculpture and mulch layer has been added.

8. Regular Agenda

- a. Following a discussion, Commissioner Bollom motioned to have a special session on May 17th from 6pm – 9pm, including LPACC and Parks and Recreation Staff to discuss the short-term goals, Master Plan, and calendar. Chair Haynes seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

- b. No action was taken on the agenda item: discuss and consider recommendations on New Events: SNL Live from Leander, Cooking Challenge Competition, and Paint the Town/Color Competition
- c. No action was taken on the agenda item: discuss and consider action on Master Calendar

9. Future Agenda Items:

Keep Leander Beautiful proposal of painting Library windows
Presentation by Leander Foundation on shared objectives between the Foundation and LPACC
Call to Art RFP update
Canopy purchase
Sculpture Donation update

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

CHAIR SIGNATURE

SECRETARY SIGNATURE

AGENDA ITEM #7A



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

05/5/2023

AGENDA SUBJECT: Receive presentation from Leander Foundation on shared objectives between the Foundation and LPACC

BACKGROUND: Carlos St. James with Leander Foundation will discuss potential Leander Founder objectives that may align with the LPACC's mission.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

05/5/2023

AGENDA SUBJECT: Receive presentation on City purchasing department guidelines for reviewing and scoring Request for Proposals (RFP)

BACKGROUND: Staff will discuss the City purchasing guidelines relating to reviewing, evaluating and scoring RFPs. This information will assist the Commissioners in their scoring of submittals for Solicitation 23-004B Request for Proposal Public Art Project Robin Bledsoe Park Mural closing Thursday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Guidelines will be forthcoming



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

05/5/2023

AGENDA SUBJECT: Discuss and consider action on the purchase of canopy to use at special events

BACKGROUND: Discussion of different options of canopies for a new booth including pricing. Commissioners previously approved a purchase for a canopy with a budget of \$500. Commissioners need to take action on raising the budget or purchasing a canopy within the price point they have set.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Canopy Attachment 1
2. Canopy Attachment 2



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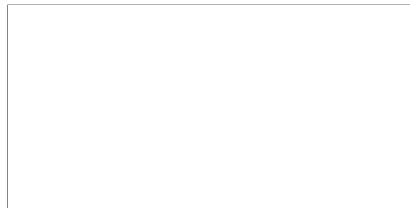
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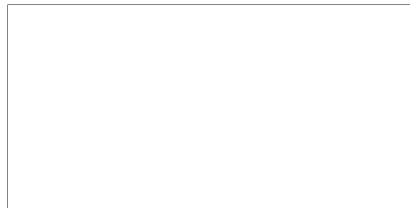
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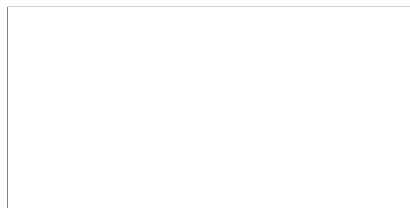
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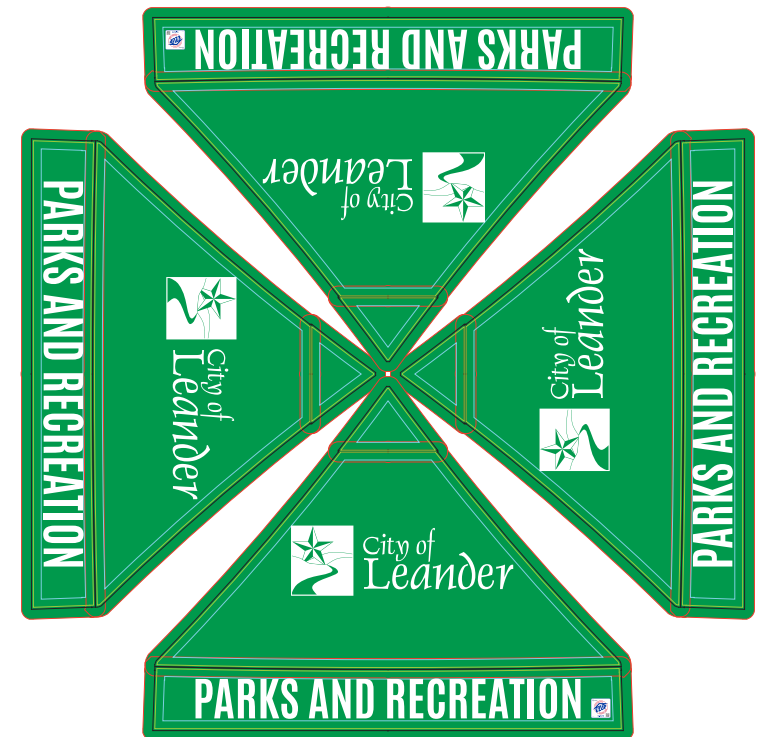
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

05/5/2023

AGENDA SUBJECT: Discuss May 17 special meeting

BACKGROUND: This item will provide the LPACC Master Plan Subcommittee an opportunity to create an outline of the discussion being held at the May 17 special meeting and determine if additional topics need to be included to the meeting agenda.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Special Session Info Document

Discuss preparation for May 17 special meeting.

Here's what I plan to present for this item - I don't believe we need to add anything more to the agenda or print any materials in advance of the May 10th meeting, but I wanted to inform you in advance.

The goals of the special session are:

#1 goal is to reach an agreement on short-term goals for 2023-2024

#2 goal is to decide by the end of the special session which events and which projects will be on our To Do list for 2023-2024

What we need from the calendar subcommittee: please come prepared to share with us the proposal for the 2023-2024 events calendar.

What we need from each commissioner and city staff member: please come prepared to pitch your project! Do you have a project you would like to see happen in the next two years? Then please come prepared with a 2-minute pitch that covers: What is your project about? Approximately how much will it cost? What resources will you need? Why should we do this project?

*Please note that the 2-minute time limit will be enforced to keep the meeting moving and to be fair with all pitchers

The Agenda for the special session on May 17th, 6-9 p.m.:

6-6:30 Grab pizza and icebreaker

6:30 - 7 p.m. Present short-term goals and vote

7-7:15 Calendar Subcommittee Presentation on events proposal

7:15 - 7:30 Discussion on events participation

7:30 - 8 Vote on events and finalize the calendar

8 - 8:30 Participants' presentation on projects proposed

8:30 - 9 Vote and finalize the list of projects

I'll pick up the pizza and the refreshments for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #7E



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

05/5/2023

AGENDA SUBJECT: Discuss and consider recommendation of a mural of Bill Pickett

BACKGROUND: This item will provide the Commission with an opportunity to determine if they wish to add this mural to their list of art projects.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bill Pickett Attachment

Willie M. Pickett (December 5, 1870 – April 2, 1932) was an American cowboy, rodeo performer, and actor. In 1989, Pickett was inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame.

Personal life

Pickett was born in the Jenks Branch community of Williamson County, Texas, in 1870.^{[1][2][3]} (Jenks Branch, also known as the Miller Community, is in western Williamson County, five miles southeast of Liberty Hill, and near the Travis County line.^[4]) He was the second of 13 children born to Thomas Jefferson Pickett, a former enslaved person, and Mary "Janie" Gilbert. Pickett had four brothers and eight sisters. The family's ancestry was African-American and Cherokee.^[5] By 1888, the family had moved to Taylor, Texas.^[2]

In 1890, Pickett married Maggie Turner, the formerly enslaved daughter of a white southern plantation owner. The couple had nine children.^[6]

Career

Pickett left school in the fifth grade to become a ranch hand; he soon began to ride horses and watch the Texas Longhorn steers of his native Texas.

He invented the technique of bulldogging, the skill of grabbing cattle by the horns and wrestling them to the ground.^[7] It was known among cattlemen that, with the help of a trained bulldog, a stray steer could be caught. Bill Pickett had seen this happen on many occasions. He also thought that if a bulldog could do this feat, so could he. Pickett practiced his stunt by riding hard, springing from his horse, and wrestling the steer to the ground. Pickett's method for bulldogging was biting a cow on the lip and then falling backward. He also helped cowboys with bulldogging.^[6] This method eventually lost popularity as the sport morphed into the steer wrestling that is practiced in rodeos.^{[8][9]}

Pickett soon became known for his tricks and stunts at local country fairs. With his four brothers, he established The Pickett Brothers Bronco Busters and Rough Riders Association. The name Bill Pickett soon became synonymous with successful rodeos. He did his bulldogging act, traveling about in Texas, Arizona, Wyoming, and Oklahoma.^{[5][10]}

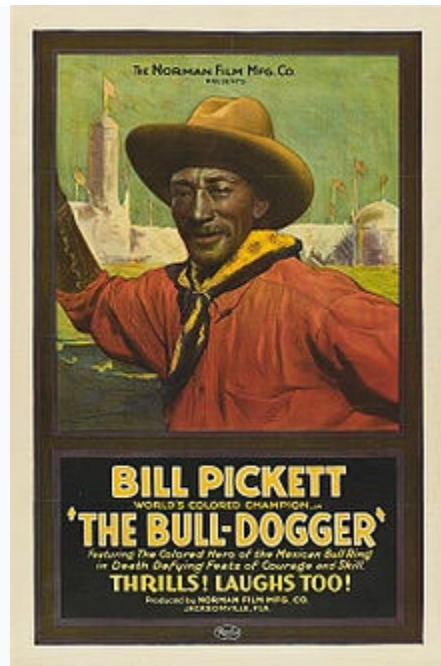
In 1905, Pickett joined the 101 Ranch Wild West Show that featured the likes of Buffalo Bill, Will Rogers, Tom Mix, Bee Ho Gray, and Zach and Lucille Mulhall; he performed under the name "The Dusky Demon."^[6] Pickett was soon a popular performer who toured around the world and appeared in early motion pictures, such as a movie created by Richard E. Norman.^[11] Pickett's ethnicity resulted in his not being able to appear at many rodeos, so he often was forced to claim that he was of Comanche heritage in order to perform.^[12] In 1921, he appeared in the films *The Bull-Dogger* and *The Crimson Skull*.

Death

In 1932, after having retired from Wild West shows, Bill Pickett was kicked in the head by a bronco.^[13] After a multi-day coma he died on April 2, 1932; he was buried on the 101 Ranch.^{[5][6][10] [12]} He is buried near a 15-foot stone monument to the friendship of

Ponca Tribal Chief White Eagle and the Miller Brothers on Monument Hill, also known as the White Eagle Monument to the locals, less than a quarter of a mile to the northeast of Marland, Oklahoma.^[14]

Legacy



Bill Pickett, c.1922

In 1971, Pickett was inducted into the Rodeo Hall of Fame of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.^[15] In 1989, Pickett was inducted into the ProRodeo Hall of Fame.^[16]

Concert promoter Lu Vason founded the Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo in 1984. The touring rodeo celebrates Black cowboys.^[17]

In 1987, a statue of Pickett performing his signature "bulldogging" maneuver, made by artist Lisa Perry, was presented to the city of Fort Worth, Texas by the North Fort Worth Historical Society. The statue is installed in the Fort Worth Stockyards Historic District.^{[18][19][20]}

The United States Postal Service chose to include Bill Pickett in the Legends of the West commemorative sheet unveiled in December 1993.^[21] One month later, the Pickett family informed the Postal Service that the likeness was incorrect. Its source material was a misidentified photograph of Bill Pickett's brother and fellow cowboy star, Ben Pickett. In October 1994, the USPS released corrected stamps based on the poster for *The Bull-Dogger*.^[22] In *They Die by Dawn* (2013), Bill Pickett is portrayed by Bokeem Woodbine.

In March 2015, the Taylor City Council announced that a street that leads to the rodeo arena will be renamed to honor Bill Pickett.^[23]

On June 2, 2017, a new statue of Bill Pickett was unveiled in his hometown of Taylor, Texas. It is prominently displayed at the intersection of 2nd and Main Streets in the downtown.^{[24][25]}

On August 6, 2018, Bill Pickett was inducted into the Jim Thorpe Association's Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame.

Jenks Branch, also known as the **Miller Community**, was a freedom colony located between the modern towns of Leander and Liberty Hill in Williamson County, Texas. The community began when Milas Miller, a formerly enslaved man, purchased 400 acres (160 ha) of land in 1870 near the Jenks Branch Creek on the south side of the San Gabriel River.^[1]

History

The community traces its roots to the purchase of 400 acres (160 ha) of land by Milas Miller near Jenks Branch Creek. The creek is named for two early land owners John W. Jenks and John W. Branch.^[2] Milas was born enslaved in South Carolina in York County between 1824 and 1827 and was brought to Texas by his owners when they moved to Williamson County in the 1850s.^[1] Other black people purchased land nearby Miller and the community began to build. In total black families owned more than 1100 acres.^[1] Some also rented land from the black land owners. Other family names associated with the community include McLain, Johnson, Mason, Barton, Faubion, Schooley, Huddleston, Hollingsworth, Pickett, Gant, and Inman.^[1]

Milas Miller built a brush arbor to use for school and church. Later the Liberty Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church was built just west of the arbor.^[3] Two cemeteries were created near the church on land given by Joe McClain and William David Miller.^[4] The Independent American Knights of Liberty established and built a lodge about a half mile east of the church. It was torn down in 1913.^{[3][4]}

During the late 1930s a school, two churches, and a few scattered houses marked the community on county highway maps. The Miller school was consolidated with the Liberty Hill district in 1949. By the late 1980s only a cemetery and a shotgun house marked the community site. The land, which had remained in the Miller family, was sold for taxes in 1989.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

05/5/2023

AGENDA SUBJECT: Discuss and consider action on art initiatives at Leander Public Library

BACKGROUND: From 2014 to 2019, Leander Public Library hosted rotating public art displays on-loan from local and regional artists. The library also currently hosts artwork created by Leander ISD students as part of prior LPACC Earth Day Art Contests. At this time, neither of these events are active.

City staff would be interested in discussion on similar types of Library art displays or activities in coordination with LPACC.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

05/5/2023

AGENDA SUBJECT: Discuss and consider action on Agustina Rodriguez Phoenix Trail Sculpture Art reveal event

BACKGROUND: Commissioners will discuss and decide how they would like to move forward with the sculpture reveal event including date and type of event.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

05/5/2023

AGENDA SUBJECT: Discuss and consider action on allocating funds for a post Juneteenth event

BACKGROUND: Commissioners will discuss and consider action for a post Juneteenth event to take place on the Sunday following the Juneteenth event in Robin Bledsoe park. Juneteenth subcommittee has been approached with sponsoring a family exercise class followed by a picnic for all participants.