



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

Leander Activity Center
11880 Hero Way West, Ste. 600



December 14, 2022

Place 1 – Stephanie Rand	Place 7 – Steve Kuwitzky
Place 2 – Keysha Bradford	Place 8 – Michael Herrera
Place 3 – George Quist	Place 9 – Naruby Schlenker
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

Commissioner Kuwitzky called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

2. Roll Call

All Commissioners were present.

3. Approval of Minutes – October 12, 2022

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

4. Citizens Communication

None

5. Welcome New Commissioners

Commissioner Kuwitzky welcomed the new commissioners; each commissioner introduced themselves.

6. City Council Liaison Update

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson commented on the need for a definition for the word “Culture” in the Public Art Ordinance. The item was not on the City Council agenda for December due to needing discussion and approval by all the LPAC members. Therefore it will need to be moved to the January City Council meeting to approve the definition.

7. Budget Update

Staff liaison Tummons shared the Draft of the Art Fund account balance to the Commission.

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

Commissioner Kuwitzky motioned to approve the following language in 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 Rand seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The following definition of Culture was motioned to approve by Commissioner Kuwitzky and Seconded by Commissioner Johnson:

“Culture is within people and is contagiously and globally spread throughout their food, their music, their language, their arts, their shared knowledge, their religion and their way of life. Culture is actively fostering growth and understanding in shared social patterns of behavior and social interactions that are learned by socialization.” Motion passed unanimously.

9. LPAC Subcommittee Discussion, Additions and Appointments

Discussion included: LPAC subcommittee assignments; Commissioner Kuwitzky presented the old chart identifying the different subcommittees and commissioners were provided a copy. Commissioners were asked what events they’d like to volunteer to participate in the upcoming year. Discussion ensued, Commissioner Kuwitzky will distribute the list of what the board members volunteered for at the next meeting.

10. Discuss the expansion to include cultural events: MLK, Juneteenth, Other cultural events:

The following events were discussed:

- a. MLK Celebration: January 16th 11am – 2pm LPAC will have a booth there.
- b. Día de Muertos Celebration November 2nd or Saturday before (October 28th) including: food, arts, coloring, a lantern parade, a dance.
- c. Diwali
- d. Fourth of July (request a booth)
- e. Possibly having a menorah by the City Christmas tree

Commissioner Panzarino will research more events and report back next meeting.

11. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. Discussed having a Call to Art be in the spring of 2023 for art at the Leander Public Library, as well as discussed painting murals inside the LAC on blank walls. Commission members want to explore having an art fest where artists can sell their art as well.
- b. MLK March and Celebration Update: Chair Haynes discussed the entertainment, contests, vendors, sponsors, marketing, t-shirts design, theme,
- c. LPAC Master Plan was discussed. The Commission is 80% finished with the Master Plan. Motion was made by Commissioner Rand to create a Master Plan subcommittee and Chair Haynes seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Subcommittee will develop a draft of the Mission Statement and will send it to Staff Liaison Tummons to distribute by December 28th.
- d. Mission Statement Review: Commissioner Rand Motioned to include “Art, Culture and Education” into the mission statement, Commissioner Kuwitzky seconded. It was unanimously approved. Commissioner’s binders with pertinent information have not yet been developed and distributed to the Commission members. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson will check into when the binders will be ready.
- e. Murals and Chamber collaboration. Commissioner Quist brought samples of Texas Humanities’ murals/art to show to the commission. Art and Public Places Subcommittee will decide on Commissioner Quist’s idea and then a motion will be made at the next meeting. Discussion ensued to move forward with the Murals project in collaboration

with the Chamber of Commerce with the wildflowers theme. Motion to conduct a Call to Art for the Mural was made by Commissioner Panzarino and it was seconded by Commissioner Rand. It was approved unanimously.

12. New Business

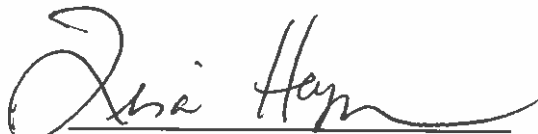
Discussion of purchasing a new booth canopy/supplies. Commissioner Kuwitzky made a motion to approve the budget of \$500 for a Canopy. Commissioner Rand seconded. The motion was passed unanimously

13. Items for next agenda

Draft of Mission Statement will be discussed next meeting January 11th

14. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Haynes at approx. 8:20pm.



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