



City of San Marcos

Regular Meeting Arts Commission

June 19, 2019 5:30 p.m.

Grant Harris, Jr. Building Conference Room
401 E. Hopkins
San Marcos, Texas

- I. **Call to Order** - Lela Holt called the meeting to order at 5:35 on June 19, 2019.

- II. **Roll Call** – Members present were – Lela Holt, Stephanie Symmes, Amy Lou Cox, Jamey Poole, Russell Clark, Dawn Steinecker, Priscilla Leader. Staff present were – Charlotte Wattigny, Trey Hatt, and Sandy McKenzie. Others present were – Joe Ptak, and Khalil Vinson.

- III. **30 Minute Citizen Comment Period:** *Each speaker signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will be called in the order in which they signed-up. Each speaker will be provided up to three minutes to speak.* Joe Ptak mentioned that at the last City Council meeting that the council dissolved the Discovery Center Committee and moved the Arts Mural Committee under the guidance of the Arts Commission. He mentioned that the new Arts Mural Committee would have to have three arts commissioners on it. He is suggesting that the Arts Commission change the Ad Hock rules to include only one arts commissioner.

MINUTES

1. Consider approval, by motion, of the March 20, 2019; April 17, 2019; and May 15, 2019 meeting minutes. The commission had read the three sets of minutes and Lela Holt made the motion to approve all three sets as written, no corrections. Amy Lou Cox seconded the motion and all members were in favor, motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Receive presentation on proposed Discovery Center permanent art project. Joe Ptak gave the commission a detailed history of the Discovery Center Arts Committee and how it evolved. He mentioned that since it is no longer a viable committee, he would like for the Arts Commission to take on three projects that the DCAC wanted to see done at the center totaling about \$35,000.00. The commission will discuss this at a later meeting as it was not an action item.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Consider approval of a resolution recommending the City Council amend the San Marcos Code of Ordinances to broaden the list of public art forms covered in the Arts Commission's "50 percent" rule. The commission discussed the wording of the document regarding the amount of funding to Permanent art. In the end it was decided to accept the document as it was written, with the types of permanent art, and to have it listed as public art. Dawn Steinecker suggested that the commission wait until the Arts Master Plan is being reviewed to make any decisions. After the discussion Lela Holt made the motion to approve the resolution as written. Amy Lou Cox seconded the motion. A vote was taken, motion passed 6-1, Dawn Steinecker was not in favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Hold discussion regarding the categories to be set forth in the 2019 SMArt Awards. Lela began the discussion regarding the awards with giving her ideas for categories. She had mentioned the following categories: Spark, Individual, Business/Org./Posthumous. Jamey Poole suggested using the categories in the nomination process, however, when it comes time to choose the finalists that the categories not be a priority. There may be three great individuals and no businesses. The categories are not as important as the quality of the nominations. The other item discussed was the number of awards to give out should not be more than 5, the majority agreed with at least 3 per year. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

REPORTS

5. Receive staff report on Arts Master Plan. Lela Holt tabled this item until next month.
6. Receive staff report on City Event & Donation Policy. Melissa Neal was present to discuss the new policy on events in the city and the amount of funding that will be available to organizations. Council approved the document and in the next few months the committee members that were involved in this process will get together to finalize the document. A few changes will be that anyone asking for funding will only get 30% of the total project. There will be a few grandfathered in programs as the 180 day window to request will not work for this years project. When the policy is finalized the commission will be notified.
7. Receive staff report on recent City Council direction to place the Mural Arts program under the Arts Commission. Trey Hatt mentioned that with the Arts Mural Committee being under the Arts Commission there will now be 3 arts commission members along with Amy Kirwin, Charlotte Wattigny and Trey Hatt on the committee. The four projects that are in process with go on as scheduled.
8. Receive staff report regarding transfer of Arts program from Parks and Recreation to the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Charlotte Wattigny mentioned that since the City Council moved the Arts Commission to the CVB that the meetings will now be at the

City Hall large conference room. As of July 1, Trey Hatt will office out of the CVB building.

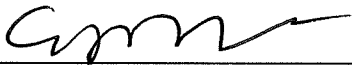
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. Commission Members may provide requests for discussion items for a future agenda in accordance with the board's approved bylaws. *No further discussion will be held related to topics proposed until they are posted on a future agenda in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act*
- *SMArt Awards, Mobility Hub report, Grant Application Process, Arts Mural Program, Traffic Box Murals, Arts Master Plan.*

IV. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public – Khalil Vinson was present throughout the meeting and was curious about what the commission looked for in a new project proposal. He is interested in doing multi-year festivals to generate proceeds for a Performing Arts Center in San Marcos.

V. Adjournment – Stephanie Symmes made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Lela Holt seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The minutes from the June 19, 2019 meeting of the City of San Marcos, Art Commission are respectfully submitted on July 17, 2019 by



Trey Hatt, Arts Coordinator

Approved by:



Lela Holt, Arts Commission Chair