



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Garland Cultural Arts Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, in the Meeting Room of the Granville Arts Center, 300 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members:

- Present:** DeAnne Driver, Chair
Blanca Sanchez, Vice-Chair
Mitch Carr, Commissioner
Beena Varnan, Commissioner
Reuben Griffin, Commissioner
Reta Day, Commissioner
Lupita Torres, Commissioner
- Absent:** Chip Van Pelt, Treasurer
Felicia Fuller, Commissioner
- Staff Present:** Amy Rosenthal, Cultural Arts Director
Theresa Clapper, Cultural Arts Business Manager
Dominique Stansberry, Cultural Arts Supervisor
Mahider Moges, COG Summer Intern
- Attendees:** Patty Granville, Garland Summer Musicals Representative
Cheryl Pellett, Garland Civic Theatre Representative
Noemi Guerra, COG Intern

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider approval of the minutes from the May 14, 2024, meeting

Motion was made by Vice-Chair Blanca Sanchez, and seconded by Commissioner Mitch Carr to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2024, GCAC meeting as submitted.

Vote: 7 - 0

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak. Testimony may be held until the item is considered or given at the beginning of any committee meeting. Invited testimony may also occur at any time, subject to a request of the Member of the Committee and with the approval of the Committee Chairperson.

No announcements at this time.

3. ITEM(S) FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- a. **Monthly Reports for The Granville Arts Center, The Plaza Theatre, and The Atrium**

Commissioners will review attendance figures for March - June 2024 for the aforementioned spaces.

Commissioners reviewed the attendance numbers for March - June 2024.

- b. **Directors Update**

The Cultural Arts Director, Amy Rosenthal, will update the Commissioners regarding Mural Projects and the Calendar of Upcoming Events.

Amy Rosenthal, Cultural Arts Director, made the following introductions and reports:

- Summer intern, Mahider Moges shared her experiences and observations with the Commissioners.
- Summer intern Noemi Guerra shared some information on the community storytelling projects that she had been working on.
- Commissioners were given an update on the Mural projects throughout the City.

Upcoming Events:

- GSM Crazy for You, GSM Fundraiser just announced at the Plaza Theatre, and La Mafia.
- Patty Granville made a request of GCAC to help finance a Mural outside the Garland Civic Theatre offices at 517 W Walnut, visible to the passengers of the Dart Rail Station. Discussions about this are to be had later during the GCAC Inc. meeting.

c. Texans for the Arts Update

There will be a discussion about the recent Texas Arts Advocacy Summit on June 27, 2024, in Waco, TX.

Chair DeAnn Driver reported to the Commissioners about the Texas Arts Advocacy Summit, where she and Amy Rosenthal attended.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items were mentioned.

5. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Mitch Carr, and seconded by Vice-Chair Blanca Sanchez to adjourn the meeting at 5:37pm.

Vote: 7 - 0

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

/s/ DeAnne Driver, Chair

/s/ Theresa Clapper, Secretary