

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
PLANO MUNICIPAL CENTER
1520 K Avenue
Training Room A
Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**



Item NO.	EXPLANATION
	Notice is hereby given that the Cultural Affairs Commission will meet in Special Session in compliance with Chapter 551, Government Code, V.T.C.A, the Open Meeting Act, to consider the following:
1	Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2	Approval of Minutes from the December 5, 2019 Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting
3	Comments of Public Interest – The Commission will hear comments of public interest relevant to the Cultural Affairs Commission, but any discussion shall be limited to placing the item on a future agenda if appropriate. (limit to five minutes per speaker/organization)
4	Reports from Grants Recipients (limit to 3 minutes per speaker/organization)
5	Reports from Commissioners on Events Attended
6	Discussion of and Possible Action on Items for Sub-Committee Review
7	Report from Cultural Affairs Commission Sub-Committee
8	Report from Staff Liaison
9	Items for Future Discussion/Action
10	Adjournment

Council Liaisons: Mayor Pro Tem Rick Smith and Council Member Maria Tu

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CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Courtney Hitt
Chris Downs
Rebecca Anderson
Liane Tsai
Tara Munjee
Misty Hoyt
Fabian Gordon

COUNCIL & STAFF PRESENT

Karen Rhodes-Whitley, Director of Budget & Research
Jennifer Knox-Walker, Assistant City Attorney

The Cultural Affairs Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hitt at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 5, 2019.

Chairperson Hitt led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pending edits, a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2019 Cultural Affairs Commission Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Gordon. The motion passed 7-0.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: COMMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

No comments of public interest were made.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: REPORTS FROM GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Plano Community Band – Denise Guilbert reported that they are playing at the Plano Senior Center this evening and their next concert is March 2, 2020.
- Men of Note – Lee Powell reported on two concerts in Plano; Dickens in Downtown Plano; the City of Lewisville tree lighting; and the upcoming December 17, 2019 Plano City Council meeting.
- ArtCentre of Plano – Suzy Jones reported that on November 15, 2019 the ArtCentre of Plano received the Obelisk Award for Distinguished Cultural Organization by the Business Council for the Arts; the Embracing Art exhibit will open on Wednesday, December 11, 2019; and Lunch and Learn programs were underway.
- Plano Art Association – Linda McCarley reported that they are very busy giving studio tours.

- North Texas Metroplex Children's' Choir – Ann Smith noted that a newsletter listing events was sent to Commissioners through the Staff Liaison; the choir will perform at Bucc-ees in Denton for a concert the weekend of December 7, 2019; the choir will perform at the Meyerson on February 1, 2020; and on additional upcoming events.
- Children's Chorus of Collin County – Mike DeMotte reported that he is Interim Chair at present due to a reorganization of the board; they will perform by lantern light at Heritage Farms on December 7, 2019; and have an upcoming Peace on Earth Concert.
- Chamberlain Performing Arts – Karen Davis reported that *The Nutcracker* will be performed in four shows at the Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts and will include a reception to meet the performers; they are conducting smaller performance across the City; and on December 15, 2019, they will perform at a women's outreach facility.
- Plano International Festival – Donna Hartman reported that the 2020 event will be on October 10 and a mammogram truck will be sponsored at the wellness section.
- Art & Drama Centre Theatre – Ken Schwartz reported on their new space and that an event has been hosted every four weeks, including *A Christmas Carol*.
- Plano Civic Chorus – Connie Smith reported on past concerts; on their upcoming performance at the Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts; and listed dates for a jazz concert and a food and toy collection initiative for CASA Plano.
- Plano Metropolitan Ballet – Jennifer Denton reported on the *Adventures of Tinkerbell* performance on January 3, 2020 at the Courtyard Theatre.
- Rover Dramawerks – George Phillips III reported that he is new to the board; welcomed additional assistance during his learning phase; and performed a brief operetta for the Commissioners.
- Plano Symphony Orchestra – Robert Reed reported on their sold out event at the Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts in November, which included people dancing in the isles; on the upcoming Home for the Holidays concert on December 21 and 22, 2019; and on their annual fundraiser in February 2020.
- Plano Children's Theatre – Sara Akers reported that *Scrooge* opens the following weekend; a Neiman Marcus Exhibit was scheduled; and on organizational goals.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

- Commissioner Gordon reported on his attendance at *The Nutcracker* performance by Chamberlain Performing Arts at the Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts; Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra's concert at St. Andrews UMC in Plano; and Plano Symphony Orchestra's performance of Music by Queen.
- Commissioner Hoyt reported on her attendance at the Plano Art Fair Meet Local Artists – Christmas Edition at the Celebration Event Center & Ballroom and on *The Nutcracker* performance by Chamberlain Performing Arts at the Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts.
- Commissioner Munjee reported on her attendance at Dancing with the Symphony by Plano Symphony Orchestra at Courtyard Theatre; Plano International Festival; Plano Civic Chorus' performance at St. Andrews UMC in Plano; the Rock of Ages exhibit at ArtCentre of Plano; *The Nutcracker* performance by Chamberlain Performing Arts at the Eisemann

Center for the Performing Arts; and on the Enticing Anklets event produced by Eyakkam Dance Company.

- Commissioner Tsai reported on her attendance at Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra's concert at St. Andrews UMC in Plano; Plano Community Band's concert, Life out Loud, performed at the Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts; and Plano Symphony Orchestra's performance of Music by Queen.
- Commissioner Anderson reported on her attendance at *The Nutcracker* performance by Chamberlain Performing Arts at the Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts and *Aladdin* produced by North Texas Performing Arts dba Plano Children's Theatre at the Willow Bend Center for the Arts.
- Commissioner Downs reported on her attendance at *The Nutcracker* at Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts.
- Chairperson Hitt reported on her attendance at the Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra's concert at St. Andrews UMC in Plano, which included their symphony, philharmonic, and chamber performers.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: NOMINATION OF INDIVIDUALS FOR AND ELECTION OF FY 2019-20 CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION VICE CHAIR

A nomination of Commissioner Chris Downs to the position Cultural Affairs Commission Vice-Chair for the FY 2019-20 grant year was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Hoyt. The nomination passed 7-0.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: SELECTION OF AND FY 2019-20 SUBCOMMITTEE & DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW

Newly selected Vice-Chair Downs and Commissioners Tsai and Hoyt volunteered to serve on the Cultural Affairs Commission Subcommittee for FY 2019-20; no discussion of items for subcommittee review was noted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Gordon. The motion passed 7-0.

Cultural Affairs Chairperson