



# City of Farmers Branch

## Meeting Minutes

### Art & Culture Committee

Farmers Branch Historical Park  
2540 Farmers Branch Lane  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

6:00 PM

Dodson House

In accordance with Tex. Govt. Code §551.127, notice is hereby given that (i) one or more committee members may be participating on a regular, non-emergency basis in this meeting by video conference, (ii) the location of the meeting will be at Farmers Branch Historical Park, 2540 Farmers Branch Lane, Farmers Branch, Texas, where a quorum of the Arts & Culture Committee will be physically present, which location will be open to the public, and (iii) it is the intent to have the quorum of members of the Arts & Culture Committee present at said location for this meeting.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called order by the Committee Chair, Natalie Macellaio at 6:00 PM.

**Absent:** Member Don Hodges

**Presiding:** Chair Natalie Macellaio

**Present:** Member Owen Beans, Vice Chair Amy Cave, Alternate David Moore, and Member Dawn Valentine

**Staff:** Bonnie Neumann, Historical Cultural Specialist and Hillary Kidd, Historical Park Manager

**Guest:** Jennifer Evans

#### B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

This agenda item provides an opportunity for citizens to address the Board or Committee on any matter that is not posted on the agenda. Anyone wishing to address the Board or Committee should complete a Citizen Comments Registration Form and submit it to the Board Liaison or Board Chair prior to the start of the meeting. There is a three (3) minute time limit for each citizen to speak with a reasonable limitation on speakers on one topic or item with a maximum of fifteen total minutes on the same topic item. Anyone wishing to speak shall be courteous and cordial.

The Board or Committee is not permitted to take action on any subject raised by a speaker during Citizen Comments. However, the Chair may have the item placed on a future agenda for action; refer the item to the City Administration for further study or action; briefly state existing City policy; or provide a brief statement of factual information in response to the inquiry.

There were no comments made.

#### C. AGENDA ITEMS

**24-285 Consider approval of the March 20, 2024 meeting minutes; and take appropriate action.**

Member Amy Cave moved the minutes of the March 20, 2024 meeting be approved as written. Member Owen Beans seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

**Absent** - Member Don Hodges

**Aye 4** - Member Owen Beans, Vice Chair Amy Cave, Alternate David Moore, and Member Dawn Valentine

**24-286 Receive a Committee status update.**

- Committee Chair, Natalie Macellaio
- Last year for Natalie Macellaio, Dallas College representative – apply by May 1, 2024
- Member Don Hodges will be stepping down.
- No replacement yet – Farmers Branch business

**24-287 Receive a Sub-Committees update.**

- **Artist Outreach** – Vice Chair Amy Cave and Member Owen Beans
  - Vice Chair, Amy Cave discussed the Artist Exchange
    - 20 people in attendance
    - love to have on the schedule again, possibly early fall
    - adding more people to the database
    - how many and any new additions to the database?
    - [click here to join the database](#) – direct link to database
- **Arts in Public Spaces** – Committee Chair Natalie Macellaio and Member Don Hodges
  - we have signed contracts
  - redoing behind City Hall – Arts & Culture Committee input requested, fountain or sculpture
    - [soothingcompany.com](http://soothingcompany.com)
    - pick top two
    - can also bring ideas
    - 20' x 20' pergola
    - 8' around x 8' tall
  - more wraps
  - artistic furniture
- **Grant Making and Funding** – Alternate David Moore (absent)
  - no non-profit
  - can we do our own fundraising?
  - can funds be ear-marked?
  - grant making – City hired a grant writer
    - are they doing any work on behalf of Arts & Culture?
- **Festivals and Contests** – Secretary Dawn Valentine and Vice Chair Amy Cave
  - Branch Arts Live – Sunday, October 20
    - reach out to Rachael Johnson regarding the flyer
  - traffic signal boxes

**24-288 Receive a Westside Art Trail update.**

- delivery of first piece, Foxy, tomorrow at 11 AM
  - will be stored until other two
- plaques need to be completed
- there are funds available for more art pieces
  - \$100,000 per fiscal year for everything
  - what is trending – some can be bought off the shelf or fabricated
- ongoing list of art or artists
- drive around westside
  - get bus for field trip
- Westside Art Trail branding – possibly use for an electrical box wrap

**24-289 Discuss potential content for Arts & Culture Newsletter.**

- May
  - David Moore
  - Artwork from theatre (Owen Beans)
- June
  - David Newman
  - Windmill at Brookhaven (Chair Natalie Macellaio)
- July
  - Owen Beans
  - Liberty Plaza artwork (Vice Chair Amy Cave)
- August
  - Jeffie Brewer
  - Foxy
- Spotlight art work around the City in Hello Farmers Branch.
- 15<sup>th</sup> is a good deadline to email Hello Farmers Branch submissions to Historical Park Cultural Specialist, Bonnie Neumann.

**24-290 Discuss Wishing Tree interactive.**

- Revisit – put on Plan of Work for 2025
- can add to the elementary tours
- tree in Mary's Garden at the Historical Park

**24-291 Discuss agenda items for future Arts & Culture Committee meetings.**

- fountain at City Hall
- furniture – functional art furniture
- field trip to the Westside Art Trail
  - September 18 – vote at May meeting
  - invite Natalie Macellaio and Don Hodges
- neighborhood branding
- update on Locks of Love – how many locks
- tour of Venue 1842

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Owen Beans moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Amy Cave seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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Chair

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Attest