



City of Farmers Branch

Meeting Minutes

Art & Culture Committee

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

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

6:00 PM

Historical Park

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Amy Cave at 6:00 PM.

Presiding: Chair Amy Cave

Present: Member Brianna Cattell, Member Jennifer Evans, Member Rita Ford, Alternate Chris McGuire, Member David Moore, Alternate Tad Perryman, Member Chris Stevenson, and Member Dawn Valentine

Staff: Bonnie Neumann, Historical Cultural Specialist and Perla Tavera, Director of Economic Development, Tourism, and Planning

Guest: Mayor Pro Tem Omar Roman

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.

No comments were made.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

24-932 Consider approval of the November 13, 2024 meeting and December 11, 2024 Special Called meeting minutes; and take appropriate action.

Member Jennifer Evans moved the minutes of the November 13, 2024 and the December 11 Special Called meeting be approved as written. Vice Chair Brianna Cattell seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Member Brianna Cattell, Member Jennifer Evans, Member Rita Ford, Member David Moore, Member Chris Stevenson, and Member Dawn Valentine

25-02 Discuss overall art concept for the City.

- dance competition – break dancing should bring in 400 people in March with 55% hotel occupancy
- Director of Economic Development, Tourism, and Planning, Perla Tavera is presenting Venue 1842 and Historical Park parking and reviewing Venue 1842 during the City Council Study Session on January 21, 2025
- electrical boxes – future contest to include location and sports theme related to location
- Sister Cities – welcome event and housing of guests
- Gateway to the Globe – sub-committee’s first meeting scheduled for January 16, 2025
- Board Chair meeting with Mayor and City Council
 - Council will meet to create goals and tasks - get back to the committee
 - pleased about Gateway to the Globe sub-committee
 - reported on Sister Cities - welcoming event and housing needs
 - reporting format for City Council has changed

24-935 Receive Sub-Committees updates; and take appropriate action.

Discussed and selected sub-committees at the November 14, 2024 meeting.

- **Artist Outreach** – Member Jennifer Evans, Member Rita Ford, and Member Chris Stevenson
 - ongoing
- **Arts in Public Spaces** – Alternate Chris McGuire, Alternate Tad Perryman, and Member Chris Stevenson
 - electrical box contest with a sports theme based on location
 - Historical Cultural Specialist, Bonnie Neumann will send out map with box locations
- **Strategic Planning** – Member Rita Ford, Member David Moore, and Alternate Tad Perryman
 - on hold, waiting on direction from City Council
- **Arts & Culture Festivals** – Chair Amy Cave, Vice Chair Brianna Cattell, and Secretary Dawn Valentine
 - Branch Arts Live

- **Sister Cities** – Chair Amy Cave and Member Jennifer Evans
- **Gateway to the Globe** – Member Jennifer Evans and Alternate Chris McGuire
 - first meeting scheduled for January 16, 2025

24-936 Receive an update on Arts and Culture and City of Farmers Branch current projects, events, and upcoming activities.

A listing of events was included in the current packet. Highlights for upcoming events include:

- **Envision Dallas** – Historical Cultural Specialist, Bonnie Neumann and Museum Educator, Lauren Prengler toured
 - <https://www.envisionus.com/dallas>
 - Interested in attending Gateway to the Globe and having an information table
- Jan 15 – end of February – 2nd Annual Tiny Art Show Exhibit, Farmers Branch Manske Library
- Jan 20 – Girl Scout Baking 101 and Using Your Voice workshops, Historical Park with 50 girls registered
- Feb 1 – Daddy Daughter Dance, Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center
- Feb 17 – Girl Scout World Thinking Day workshop, Historical Park
- Feb 22 – Boards and Commissions Banquet, 6 PM, Venue 1842
- Mar 1 – Mad Hatter Tea, Historical Park, tickets on sale now
 - volunteer signup sheet – costumed characters, selfie station, and games
- Mar 29 – Gateway to the Globe, 3 – 10 PM, Historical Park
 - Arts and Culture Committee will have an information table and giveaways
 - members to volunteer in ACC polos
 - step & repeat
- July 14 – 18 – Girls Make History Camp, Historical Park
- Dallas College Brookhaven Campus – refer to link for calendar of events
 - <https://www.dallascollege.edu/about/bhc/pages/default.aspx>
- Member David Moore reported the Firehouse Theatre and Economic Development collaborated on an event starting at Mustang Station and concluding with a performance of *Annie* at the theatre.

24-937 Discuss agenda items for future Arts & Culture Committee meetings.

- Historical Cultural Specialist, Bonnie Neumann to provide links for Arts and Culture events throughout the City. Member Jennifer Evans offered to assist.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Brianna Cattell moved to adjourn the meeting. Alternate Tad Perryman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.


Chair


Attest