



# City of Farmers Branch

Community Rec Ctr  
14050 Heartside Pl  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

## Meeting Minutes

### Arts & Culture Committee

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Wednesday, September 15, 2021

6:00 PM

Recreation Center

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Guest: Robert Castillo

**Absent** 1 - Alternate Amy Cave

**Present** 7 - Member Don Hodges, Chair Michael Tatum, Member Dawn Valentine, Vice Chair Natalie Macellaio, Member Marsha Valenti, Member Gail Cope, and Alternate Robert Barsamian

**Staff** 1 - Maria Minter

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

One citizen was in attendance to observe but did not make any comments.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

**C.1 Consider approval of the August 18, 2021 minutes; and take appropriate action.**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Macellaio, seconded by Member Valenti, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried with the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Member Hodges, Chair Tatum, Member Valentine, Vice Chair Macellaio, Member Valenti, Member Cope and Alternate Barsamian

**C.2 Consider excusing the absence of Member Peters and Alternate Cave from the August 18, 2021 meeting; and take appropriate action.**

A motion was made by Member Valenti, seconded by Member Cope, that the absence of Member Peters and Alternate Cave be approved. The motion carried with the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Member Hodges, Chair Tatum, Member Valentine, Vice Chair Macellaio, Member Valenti, Member Cope and Alternate Barsamian

**C.3 Provide update on status of Artist Interchange event.**

Postponing event until Dallas County's COVID-19 risk level is below 'High Risk of Transmission'.

**C.4                      Discuss proposed titles for Mustang Station sculpture; and take appropriate action.**

Reviewed all names. Top three were selected and will go back to Dallas College student artists for final selection.

**This Report was presented.**

**C.5                      Finalize Call for Public Art form.**

Form was reviewed and discussed. The form has not been finalized.

**C.6                      Discuss path to obtaining Arts District designation.**

Reviewed potential boundaries and discussed. Outlined map of proposed boundaries to be presented at next meeting.

**C.7                      Discuss preparations for public art acquisition.**

Discussed cost of concrete pads and other considerations (i.e. electrical, easement, public lighting). Plan to visit site next meeting.

**C.8                      Workshop a definition of Arts & Culture.**

What do we want to include?

- Material arts
- Performing arts
- Culinary arts

Culture- related to programming

Anything that enhances life for better or worse

**C.9                      Receive updates from subcommittees.**

- **Artist Outreach**
- **Grant Making and Funding**
- **Funding Authority and Oversight**
- **Festivals and Contests**
- **Arts in Public Spaces**

Artist Outreach

- No update- discussed previously

Grant Making and Funding

- No update- discussed previously

Funding Authority and Oversight

- No update- discussed previously

Festivals and Contests

- Discussed Scavenger Hunt winners and possible events in the future

• Arts in Public Spaces

- No update- discussed previously

**C.10                    Receive update from Farmers Branch Endowment for the Arts.**

No update

**C.11                    Discuss potential agenda items for future meetings.**

Visit potential site for public art on west side  
Review approved FY22 funding for public art  
Confirm final approval of Firehouse Theatre mural  
Finalize proposed Arts District boundaries- Chair Tatum to present proposed boundaries map  
Call for Public Art Form review- Alternate Barsamian to provide example(s)  
Develop plan of work and goals  
Review/finalize definition of Arts and Culture

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Member Valentine, seconded by Member Hodges, that this meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM. The motion carried with the following vote:**

**Aye:**    7 -    Member Hodges, Chair Tatum, Member Valentine, Vice Chair Macellaio, Member Valenti, Member Cope and Alternate Barsamian