

Cultural Commission June 25, 2012

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The Cultural Affairs Commission of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in regular session at 6:30 pm at the Bedford Public Library, 2424 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, TX on the 25th day of June, 2012 with the following members present:

Alicia McGlinchey, Chair
Lee Koch
Tom Jacobsen
David Medina

Constituting a quorum

Others present included:
Beverly Griffith, Staff Liaison
Patricia Nolan, Council Liaison
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden

Guest, Anita Hale, President of Trinity Arts Guild

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Alicia McGlinchey called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Consider approval of the following Cultural Commission minutes:**
 - **May 21st 2012 regular meeting.**

Mr. Jacobsen a made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 21, 2012; the motion was seconded by Mr. Medina. The motion passed 4 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. **Report from Chairperson Alicia McGlinchey regarding progress of the cultural assessment process.**

The Commission discussed the next steps in the cultural assessment process.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **Interview Anita Hale with the Trinity Arts Guild.**

The Commission members introduced themselves to Ms. Hale.

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Ms. Hale provided a brief history of the Trinity Arts Guild (TAG), which began in 1961 as a small group of artists who realized this would be a prime area for art and culture. In 1974, the Trinity Arts Foundation started and in 1975, the relationship with the City of Bedford began and they became located in the Boys Ranch Park. In 1978, administrative staff were added and in 1990, the Trinity Arts Foundation became known as the Arts Council Northeast. In 1991 TAG celebrated their 30th year as an organization and in 1992 they renovated the gallery area

TAG is dedicated to advancing the cultural level and outlook particularly in the fine and applied arts in the general location where they are. They want to be involved in the Cultural District and help with the strategic planning process.

Ms. Hale described TAG's targets:

- Assist the Cultural Commission
- Encourage more recognition and awareness of the organization
- Work with HEB ISD to assist with art education

Ms. Hale described TAG's activities:

- Offer eight classes a week
- Provide teachers at the Senior Center and BRAC
- Monthly demonstrations
- Two workshops a year with speakers
- Provide a \$500 scholarship
- Encourage more recognition and awareness of the organization
- Work with HEB ISD to assist with art education

Ms. Hale described some of TAG's challenges. They are very limited in general space as well as storage areas. They would like to increase awareness about their organization.

4. Discussion regarding individual artist questionnaire.

The Commission brainstormed the following questions:

- Where do you work?
- What is your medium?
- Is your art the primary source of your income?
- Do you sell your art? If so, where?
- Do you teach art classes? If so, where?
- If you have a studio, where is it located?
- Do you need studio space?
- Where do you display your art?
- Do you need display locations?
- Describe your background as it pertains to education and training as an artist.
- Do you collaborate with other artists?
- What local associations are you involved with?
- Are you interested in local workshops and trainings?
- Would you be interested in a central location to display art and are you willing to pay to use this space?

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- Where do you buy your art supplies?
- How do you market?
- Are you willing to assist with the development of a strategic plan for the Cultural District?
- Who else should we speak with?

5. Discussion and action on setting the next Commission meeting dates.

The next two meetings will be July 9 and July 23.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Medina motioned to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. and was seconded by Ms. Koch The motion passed unanimously.

Approved:

Alicia McGlinchey, Chair