

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

SPECIAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 16, 2017

The Cultural Resources Commission met in Special Session on Thursday, November 16, 2017, 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Development Services Center, 622 S. Prairieville St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Beth Faulk
Virginia Reeder
Kelley Townsend
Jon Garrett
Deanne Boswell

Thanasis Kombos, Assistant City Manager
Adrianna Hinds, Community Services Coordinator

with the following members absent; Chet Patel, Brad Smiley

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Boswell, seconded by Member Townsend to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2017 Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and consideration of all matters related to the advertisement and presentation of the Fiscal Year 2018 Downtown Façade Improvement Program

Adrianna Hinds, Community Services Coordinator, updated the Commission on the timeline for the upcoming year's Downtown Façade Improvement Program.

The following feedback was received regarding improvements for the Fiscal Year 2018 Downtown Façade Improvement Program:

- more advertising
- capture the testimonials of those that have participated in 2017
- additional one on one interaction and invitation to participate in the program
- provide participants a list of contractors that specialize in their specific need

There was additional discussion regarding the Downtown Façade Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO
THE USE OF ART PROMOTION DOLLARS IN FISCAL YEAR 2018

Ms. Hinds noted that \$2,500.00 remains in the art promotion budget and is to be used on any type of art. She explained the original amount was \$5,000.00 and the Commission recommended to the City Council \$2,500.00 be awarded to the Henderson County Performing Arts Center's ART Festival via the Call for Projects 2017.

There was much discussion on this topic. Jon Garrett offered the wall of his building at 221 E. Tyler St. as another option for a mural.

Citizens Communications:

There was no discussion.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR UPDATE

Ms. Hinds informed the Commission about the Fall Foliage Trail and stated it is advertised from Nov. 17-Dec. 10 from Athens to Palestine and through the surrounding countryside.

The Commission recommended better signage for next year's trail.

Ms. Hinds announced that the Christmas Parade was set for December 2nd and the theme was "A Musical Christmas." She added that there was an increase in prize money and additional sponsors this year.

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION UPDATES REGARDING
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Member Reeder provided the following updates:

January 27th: Art Show- The Sky's the Limit.

Kyle Lang Art and Wine Walks will be limited to once a year: April 7th- block party

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION REQUEST FOR FUTURE
AGENDA ITEMS

There were no request for future agenda items.

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The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF JANUARY, 2018.

Chet Patel, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary