

SPECIAL SESSION

JUNE 15, 2017

The Cultural Resources Commission met in Special Session on Thursday, June 15, 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:

Chet Patel
Beth Faulk
Deanne Boswell
Virginia Reeder
Kelly Townsend

Thanasis Kombos, Managing Director of Community Services
Adrianna Hinds, Cultural Resources Coordinator

others present: Janicia Evans, Deborah Deas, Mary Eggleston, Bob Miars, Gary Bonner, Chris Tinsley and David Hill;

with the following member absent; Brad Smiley

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

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2017 REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Townsend, seconded by Member Faulk to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO RECOMMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2018 HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX PROJECTS

Thanasis Kombos, Managing Director of Community Services, stated nine (9) requests by (7) different organizations were received for Fiscal Year 2018 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding. Mr. Kombos stated the requests total \$169,130.00. He further stated the City Council allocated \$30,025 to be distributed.

Mr. Kombos stated that most of the organizations that applied for HOT Funds had a representative present. He stated the representative would present their request for funding.

1. Chris Tinsley, Athens Teenage Baseball Association (ATBA), stated the ATBA is requesting \$15,000 to host the Dixie State Tournament

2. Deborah Deas, East Texas Arboretum, requested funds for the following:
 - Wofford House maintenance - \$35,080
 - Woman's Building maintenance and updates - \$12,000
 - Radio advertisement - \$14,300
3. Bob Miars, Henderson County Regional Fair Park, requested \$13,250 for North Side – Restrooms and Concessions Renovation
4. Gary Bonner, United States Equestrian Drill Championship, requested \$15,000 for the Super Ride 2018
5. David Hill, Henderson County Performing Arts Center, requested \$4,500 for the ART (Athens Regenerates Theater) Festival
6. A request from Watson Productions LLC., in the amount of \$30,000 for team roping productions in Texas and Oklahoma
7. Athens Area Wineries & Brewery, requested \$30,000 for advertisement

The Cultural Resources Commission and Staff discussed all applications submitted for Hotel Occupancy Projects funding in Fiscal Year 2018.

It was the consensus of the Commission to recommend tabling the Henderson County Performing Arts Center, Super Ride and the Athens Area Wineries & Brewery's request for funding for Fiscal Year 2018 HOT Occupancy Projects.

After discussion a motion was made by Member Reeder, seconded by Member Townsend to approve partial funding to the following three applicants for Fiscal Year 2018 HOT Occupancy Projects:

- Athens Teenage Baseball Association - \$12,000
- Henderson County Regional Fair Park – 10,600
- East Texas Arboretum Wofford House maintenance - \$7,425

The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

There was no discussion.

CULTURAL RESOURCES COORDINATOR UPDATE

Ms. Hinds informed the Cultural Resources Commission of the vacancy on the Commission and asked for recommendations.

After discussion the Commission recommended Kathy Means and Jon Garrett to fill the vacancy.

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEMBER UPDATES INVOLVING
COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Member Reeder stated Deep in the Art of Texas has opened and the next in-house show is August 19th. She stated on October 29th a block party involving the wineries will take place
- Ms. Hinds provided an update on the “Texan Summer Concert Series”

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION REQUEST FOR FUTURE
AGENDA ITEMS

- Member Faulk asked that applications not recommended for funding in FY 2018 appear on the next agenda for consideration of the use of Hotel Occupancy Tax funds.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 2017.