

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 8, 2019

The Cultural Resources Commission met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at Athens City Hall, 508 East Tyler Street, Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Chet Patel
Tom Leathem
Beth Faulk
Kathy Means
Beverly Peek

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

with the following member absent: Kelley Townsend

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chet Patel, Chairman of the Cultural Resources Commission called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION UPDATES REGARDING
COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Commission Members provided the following updates:

- October 19th Block Party at Common Area and Come and Take It
- October 12th Fall Festival at East Texas Arboretum
- October 24th: Halloween at the Hatchery 6-8 p.m.
- October 26th: Athens Public Education Foundation Casino Night at The Texan

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Deborah Deas, provided an activities update for East Texas Arboretum and Botanical Society:

- October 12th: Fall Festival 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- October 17th: Canning Workshop at 6:30 p.m.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Faulk, seconded by Member Means to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2019 Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION, AS NECESSARY,
CONCERNING RECOMMENDING FINAL ALLOCATION IN 2020 FISCAL
YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GRANT
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX: CALL FOR
PROJECTS) APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

The Cultural Resources Commission reviewed the applications submitted for the 2020 Tourism Development Grants. After discussion a motion was made by Member Faulk, seconded by Member Means to approve the following amounts for Tourism Development Grant (formerly known as the Hotel Occupancy Tax: Call for Projects) applications:

| Organization | Amount |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Watson Team | |
| Roping | \$2,200.00 |
| ETABS | \$3,000.00 |
| HCRFPC | 14,622.00 |
| ATBA | 11,250.00 |
| Athens ISD | 2,700.00 |
| Total | \$33,772.00 |

The motion carried unanimously.

TOURISM AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COORDINATOR UPDATE

No updates were provided.

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION REQUEST FOR FUTURE
AGENDA ITEMS

Member Means requested an agenda item to discuss wayfinding signs.

Member Faulk requested an update on the 2020 Downtown Facade Grant Program dates and asked if any changes to the application packet were made. Member Leathem suggested a review of the application packet as there are new members on the Commission.

Chairman Patel requested an item to elect a Vice Chairman for the Cultural Resources Commission.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

Chet Patel, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary