

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

SPECIAL SESSION

MAY 8, 2018

The Cultural Resources Commission met in Special Session on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 4:00 p.m. at "The Texan", 209 E. Tyler St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Beth Faulk
Virginia Reeder
Kelley Townsend
Kathy Means
Jon Garrett
Deanne Boswell

Thanasis Kombos, Assistant City Manager
Adrianna Hinds, Community Services Coordinator
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Deborah Deas;

with the following members absent; Chet Patel

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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2018 SPECIAL SESSION

A motion was made by Member Faulk, seconded by Member Townsend to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 Special Session. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Deborah Deas, East Texas Arboretum, provided the Commission with an update on 2018 Hotel Occupancy Funds for the East Texas Arboretum.

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION UPDATES REGARDING
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Member Reeder provided the following updates:

- May 10, 2018 – May 12, 2018 the Art Gallery will host a sidewalk sale
- May 19, 2018 the Art Gallery will host a Youth Art Show

Member Means provided the following update:

- Chamber of Commerce is hosting “Taste of Athens” on June 30, 2018
- East Texas Arboretum and Botanical Society’s “Spring Fling” was a success

Member Townsend provided the following update:

- Trinity Valley Community College Graduation Service is on Friday, May 11, 2018

Member Reeder stated Athens High School graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 25, 2018 and on Thursday, May 11, 2018 the Henderson County Performing Arts will be opening its play “Animal Farm”.

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION REQUEST FOR FUTURE
AGENDA ITEMS

Member Means requested a future agenda item to discuss a Community Calendar.

Member Reeder requested a future agenda item to discuss state highway banners as promotional opportunities for community events.

FISCAL YEAR 2018 DOWNTOWN FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Adrianna Hinds, Community Services Coordinator, provided a status update for organizations who were recipients of the Fiscal Year 2018 Downtown Façade Improvement Program. She reviewed the following organizations status with the original event funding amount and remaining funds to be allocated:

- Athens Screen Printing
- Mack & Sharon McCain
- Kathy’s Boutique
- Fred & Marsha Head

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- Athens Investment Center
- Cain- Warehouse Building
- Come & Take It
- Coleman Building/Bancorp South Building
- Carlton Lindsey Building
- Brewery

	Project Cost	80% Match	Qualifying Expenses	Ranking	Funding Distributed
Athens Screen Printing	\$ 13,637.25	\$ 10,909.80	\$ 12,000.00	10	N/A
Mark & Sharon McCain	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,500.00	6	\$ 1,500.00
Kathy's Boutique	\$ 15,843.82	\$ 12,675.06	\$ 5,000.00	7	\$ 2,032.00
Fred & Marsha Head	\$ 6,237.25	\$ 4,989.80	\$ 7,500.00	3	\$ 4,989.80
Athens Investment Center	\$ 4,808.35	\$ 3,846.68	\$ 25,000.00	12	\$ -
Come and Take It	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 25,000.00	9	AEDC
Cain- Bancorp South	\$ 4,221.75	\$ 3,377.40	\$ 5,000.00	4	N/A
Cain- Coleman Bldg.	\$ 33,346.41	\$ 26,677.13	\$ 25,000.00	1	\$ 26,677.13
Cain-Warehouse	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 25,000.00	5	\$ -
Cain- Carlton Lindsey	\$ 9,742.50	\$ 7,794.00	\$ 18,000.00	2	\$ 7,794.00
Cain- Law Office	\$ 750.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 23,000.00	11	\$ -
Brewery	\$ 21,510.00	\$ 16,564.76	\$ 25,000.00	8	\$ 16,564.76
	\$ 119,697.33	\$ 95,114.62	\$ 198,000.00		\$ 59,557.69
					CONTINGENCY:
					\$442.31

Discussion occurred.

PINEYWOODS AUTUMN TRAIL SCENIC DRIVING ROUTE UPDATE

Ms. Hinds stated that last fall the City of Athens partnered with the City of Palestine to help revise a map for the Pineywoods Trail. She stated they also revised a map that will give direction on how to get from Athens to Palestine and vice versa. She stated that Athens and Palestine worked together to create a print ad and a travel magazine providing information about the main attractions in the surrounding areas.

FISCAL YEAR 2018 HOTEL OCCUPANCY FUNDS CALL FOR PROJECTS UPDATE

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Ms. Hinds provided an update on funds allocated for the 2018 Hot Funds.

Ms. Hinds informed the Commission that the Fiscal Year 2019 Hot Funds release for call for projects will occur June 1, 2018 with an application deadline of July 2, 2018.

Ms. Hinds informed the Commission that the Regular Session for July 3, 2018 would be canceled due to the upcoming Fourth of July Holiday. She stated a Special Session will be scheduled for July 10, 2018.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR UPDATE

Ms. Hinds provided the following updates:

- HOT Fund Revenues as of May, are tracking and on target to finish the fiscal year well
- “The Texan” is nearing completion
- May 15, 2018 formal public open house for “The Texan” 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- May 25, 2018 “The Texan” soft opening with doors opening at 6:00 p.m.
- June 16, 2018 “Art on the Bricks.” All of the bricks were claimed. There is a Trinity Valley Community College Jazz ensemble. Come and go - 5:00-8:00pm
- June 23, 2018: First show of The Texan Summer Concert Series: Texan Benefit Concert. All proceeds from ticket prices will go directly to “The Texan”. Local and area bands, The Tanner Sparks Band, Kadie Lynn and South of Disorder will perform. Food will be donated by Atmos Energy. BYOB. Doors open at 6:00pm. Ticket information coming soon
- July 3, 2018: “The Texan Grand Opening, Darryl Worley, outdoor show. Free to the public
- July 21, 2018: Hayes Carll concert
- Release date for FY2019 HOT Funds Call for Projects Applications: June 1, 2018, Submission deadline: July 2, 2018, Cultural Resources Commission meeting to consider: July 10, 2018, Council consideration: end of July

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF JUNE 2018.

Chet Patel, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary