

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEETING
May 28, 2019

After determining that a quorum was present, the Public Art Committee of the City of Denton, Texas, convened on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 4:10 p.m. for a Special Called meeting. The meeting was held in the City Hall Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, TX 76201.

PRESENT: Jodi Ismert, Nic Bagherpour, Brian Wheeler, Ed Steele, Monet Franklin, and Terry Nobles

ABSENT: Michelle Lynn

EX-OFFICIO: Present: Georgina Ngozi

STAFF PRESENT: Jessica Rogers, Michelle Cunningham, and Michelle Coughlin

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - There were no presentations.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. PAC19-028 Receive a report, hold a discussion and give staff direction regarding the City of Denton's Cultural District program, formation of the City's first Cultural District (The Original Denton District), and the City's application to the Texas Commission on the Arts Cultural Districts Program.

Rogers presented a video, which was created in house by DTV staff. The video included local arts community members and the Mayor of Denton. Each participant gave a brief description of Denton's art scene, what makes "Denton, Denton", and why people want to come to our City and experience Denton's many festivals, creative activities, architecture, and historical offerings.

Rogers then gave a report regarding the City's Cultural District program, and conveyed information about cultural art districts in general. Rogers gave the definition of a cultural arts district as defined by the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) - "special zones that harness the power of cultural resources to stimulate economic development." Rogers gave an overview of how the Original Denton District was created. Rogers also provided a PowerPoint presentation which outlined the materials that will be included as part of the application to the (TCA) for their consideration of an officially recognized Cultural Arts District within the City of Denton. The application is due June 15, 2019, and we should hear back from the TCA by September 2019. Rogers also provided a map of the proposed district which is bordered by the following streets; Carroll, Sycamore, Prairie, Bradshaw, McKinney, Bell, and Withers Rogers also spoke about the "black box" art project. The "black box" art project was completed by random, novice, citizens/local artists over a couple of weekends at the Denton Community Market and the Arts and Jazz Festival. The boxes are currently on display in City Hall in front of the Economic Development office. Photos of the boxes will also be included in the application.

Rogers conveyed that a Cultural Arts District designation will not obligate property owners to any type of additional regulations or zoning restrictions. Rogers said that if given the designation from the TCA Denton's Cultural Arts District will be an asset as a marketing tool and would make Denton eligible for State grants.

Ismert asked if there are plans in place for affordable housing within the cultural district. Rogers said that Community Development is working on a plan which will address affordable housing.

Steele asked about State funding. Rogers said that grant funds can only be spent within the boundaries of the Cultural District.

After the presentation and discussion was complete the PAC voted on the following items:

B. PAC19-027

Consider recommending adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas, amending Chapter 22 “Parks and Recreation” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Denton, Texas by amending Section 22-6 “Public Art Committee” to provide that the Public Art Committee shall have the duty to make recommendations to the City Council related to cultural districts; amending section 22-6 to add the Director of Economic Development as an ex-officio member of the Public Art Committee; and providing an effective date.

Bagherpour made a motion to recommend to City Council adoption of an ordinance of the City Council regarding changes to the Code of Ordinances as listed in Item PAC19-022. Steele seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

C. PAC19-029

Consider recommending adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Denton designing the Original Denton District as a Cultural District; and providing an effective date.

Steele made a motion to recommend to the City Council adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Denton designing the Original Denton District as a Cultural District; and providing an effective date. Ismert seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote 6-0.

D. PAC19-030

Consider recommending adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Denton in support of designing the Original Denton District as a Cultural District; and providing an effective date.

Ismert made a motion to recommend to City Council adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Denton in support of the Original Denton District as a Cultural District; and providing an effective date. Nobles seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.