

# Kyle Board of Arts and Cultural Commission

Minutes of Meeting held on December 15, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Kyle Boards of Arts and Cultural Commission was held on the third Thursday, December 15, 2022 in the Library Conference Meeting Room at 550 Scott Street, Kyle, TX

**Board Members Present:** Vanessa Westbrook, Stephanie Murray, Melanie Atkins, Brooke Pillifant, Liz Chavez, Colleen Tierney, and Michael Kaufmann-Lynch.

**Public Comments:** No guests were present at this meeting.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vanessa Westbrook at 7:05 pm.

**Consent items:** Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Liz Chavez. Minutes of the November 17, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.

## **New Business:**

Jim LePaso spoke to the commission in regards to selling his artwork to the City of Kyle. He discussed his art background and the types of projects he has been a part of. The sculpture he is offering is located at the intersection of Veterans Dr and W Center St. The sculpture is 14 feet tall and is selling for \$20,000. The piece will likely stay in the same spot regardless of the city purchasing the item, but the artist wishes for the City of Kyle to own the sculpture. If the City of Kyle purchases the sculpture they would be given permission to move the piece, but it is designed for its specific location. This proposal will be added to the January agenda for further discussion.

The commission welcomed Colleen Tierney as the new Library Director for the City of Kyle.

Vanessa Westbrook discussed the Arts and Cultural Commission's new role in cultural events in the City of Kyle. The Peace and Progress Dialogue, introduced by former councilman Dex Ellison, will now be the Arts and Cultural Commission's responsibility. Vanessa Westbrook will be moderating the Black History Month and Juneteenth Peace and Progress Dialogue and Liz Chavez will moderate the Hispanic Heritage Month Peace and Progress Dialogue. The MLK celebration in January will also fall under the commission's responsibility.

## **Continued Business**

Vanessa Westbrook gave her chair report. The proposed name change from Art Commission to Arts and Cultural Commission wasn't unanimous since two council member spots were still out for election. The name change proposal will be discussed at the next City Council meeting in the new year when all City Council member spots are full. However, the commission may refer to themselves at the Arts and Cultural Commission.

Brooke Pillifant discussed the community theater project. She spoke with a potential director who suggested finding a venue smaller than the PAC Center since this is the first time the commission is taking on such a project. Vanessa Westbrook suggested considering the Krug Activity Center among other empty buildings owned by the city for a pop up theater. A pop up theater would allow for more show dates.

Brooke Pillifant discussed Tera Monroe's plans for the proposed Art Festival project. Tera will schedule a meeting with the Parks Department to get more details.

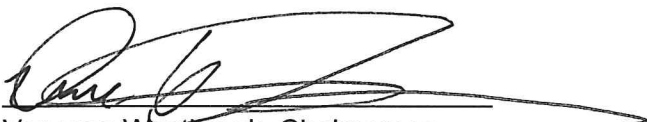
Brooke Pillifant discussed the art reception scheduled for March 4, 2023. Brooke will have flyers for everyone to distribute. A written proposal for the City Council will be ready for the next City Council meeting in January 2023. Brooke will continue looking into caterers and the only items that will be rented are tall tables.

Liz Chavez had an outline of the webpage prepared for all members to review. The outline will be sent to the City of Kyle's web designer Zander Baker and Liz will continue to provide insight on the web page as it is being developed.

Vanessa Westbrook made several announcements about events going on in Kyle/Hays County.

Motion to adjourn made by Liz Chavez and was seconded by Brooke Pillifant. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next meeting will be held on January 19, 2022.



Vanessa Westbrook, Chairperson



Stephanie Murray, Secretary