

MINUTES OF THE ARTS & HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

1. Call Meeting to order and establishment of a Quorum

Meeting called at 10:09 AM

2. Roll Call

Present: Chair Branum, BM Finklea, BM Surinder and BM Everling

Staff: ACS Nellie De La Fuente, Assistant City Attorney Mehran Jadidi, and SAA Martha Alvarez
Ex Officio CM Alex Porretto; Arts and Cultural Coordinator Antoinette Lynch

Absent: Vice Chair Corlie, BM Cawthon, and BM Elliott

3. Approval of Minutes from August 28, 2024

Motion to approve minutes by BM Finklea

Second by BM Surinder

Motion carried

4. Public Comment

N/A

5. Review and Discuss the Rubric/Table

BM Everling stated that the Ordinance outlines how many points have to be allocated to everything and we made some changes on the application and what she would like for the board to do is to simplify it a bit and make sure everything aligns and then we need to actually talk about how we want to use it if the board plans to use it for scoring and for allocations.

Chair Branum recommended that we bring this item back to the October 2024 meeting.

BM Finklea asked the question: "What is the difference between what BM Everling is saying and what BM Surinder has brought to the board for us to look at?". BM Surinder stated that what BM Everling has developed is primarily related to Arts funding which is what we have done historically. Our current Ordinances do not have the criteria for historic preservation and that is what is in front of you for review.

6. Review and Discuss Updating the Current Code

Chair Branum said that this item is for discussion only for now she also stated that this is going to take time to simplify it. Chair Branum went on to say that she did not know where we stand with Historic Preservation meaning, it is in the Ordinance and in the Code and we have never had anything to do with Historic Preservation. Chair Branum said its out there but has never been addressed. Several years ago there was an Ordinance that the City passed for Historic Preservation Funds for City owned properties; there's never been a dollar amount, not a distribution regardless of where it is, there is no definition, there is no procedures, there is no protocol, and it's just there. BM Everling we should make it very clear as to what do we mean by "Art" and what do we mean by "Historic Preservation" and then where do we go from there. Chair Branum threw out the idea of maybe even carving out from our distribution a portion that would go to the Historic Preservation such as the Oleanders and the Turtles.

Antoinette Lynch mentioned to the board that "Art" is defined in the Code. Antoinette also read to the board how Texas State Law defines the Arts.

7. Review and Discuss the Current and Future Dispositions of Surplus Funds

Thus item was moved to the next meeting.

8. Review and Discuss the funding for the Cultural Arts

Chair Branum stated that \$250,000 is set for the Cultural Arts funding. Chair Branum stated that at one of the Cultural Arts meetings they discussed that they go to a percentage reason being that in a good year they could get more funding. There was discussion on a Maintenance Fund for the Cultural Arts.

9. Propose Future Agenda Items

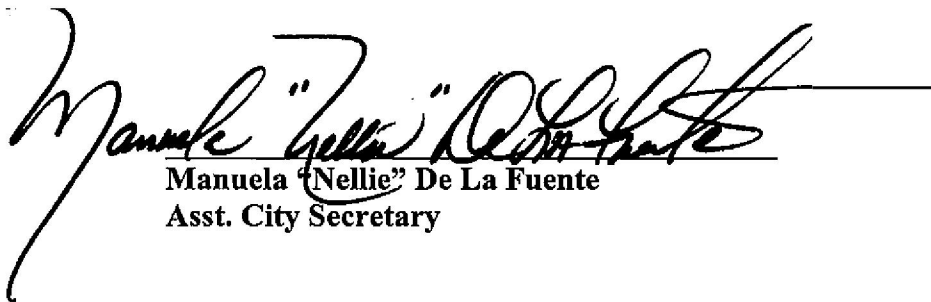
No future items were proposed
Board will continue on current items

10. Propose Future Meeting Dates

October 1, 2024

11. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 11:33 am



Manuela "Nellie" De La Fuente
Asst. City Secretary