
MINUTES

Public Arts Advisory Board Work Session

5:00 pm September 9, 2020

Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janetta McCoy, Melanie Shaw, Chairman Richard Stone, Bryan Richie, Lois Duncan, and Brent Humphries

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nathan Gray

STAFF PRESENT: Jan Harris, Main Street Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE A QUORUM: Chairman Stone called the meeting to order at 5.03 pm noting that a quorum was present.

II. WORK SESSION

- a. Review/discuss and consider action regarding partnering with Communities Together to produce Holidays in Taylor – a virtual holiday experience – Lois Duncan: Lois explained the proposed project as an opportunity to fill in where the Taylor Community has had traditional gatherings for the Christmas holidays but which will not be available this year during COVID-19. She suggested bringing together Taylor-based music groups in a 60-90-minute format interspersing the music with classic Christmas stories for children and greetings/reminiscences from long-time Taylor residents in an emceed event. The goal was to make the event multi-cultural and multi-generational. The target date for the broadcast would be the first weekend in December.

Recorded files would be available on the City website and on Black Sparrow Radio and YouTube. The recorded stories could be donated to NPR's Story Corps.

Richard Stone suggested the event partner with the Taylor Press. He also suggested that another community organization could spearhead the effort

The PAAB could contribute to the event through marketing efforts and/or commissioning an author to write a Christmas story or poem which would be performed.

Lois is writing a couple of small grants to help fund the event. Expenditures might include paying the artists who participate and the emcees.

Richard asked that the September meeting agenda include discussing commissioning a piece of writing for this event.

III. ADJOURN: With no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 5.51 pm.
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Respectfully submitted,



Jan Harris, Main Street Manager