

Public Arts Advisory Board
May 8, 2019

Minutes

Richard Stone call to order at 5:08

Present-Lois Duncan, Melanie Shaw, Janetta McCoy, Brent Humphreys, Bryan Richie, Richard Stone, and Nathan Gray

Absent-None

Staff-Tom Yantis, Development Services Director and Debbie Charbonneau, Main Street Manager

Motion-Motion was made to approve minutes from April 8, 2019.
Stone/Duncan/Unanimous

Tom led review of master plans from cities of McKinney, Georgetown, Leander, and Keller.

Richard began by discussing pros and cons of each city. Creating an inventory of historic and cultural art and/or artifacts currently exist within Taylor. Janetta proposed concept of using art to define the space and create a public gathering space. Melanie encouraged community involvement. Brent discussed possible public art such as “pop up” events that would allow quick opportunities to get our vision statement into the community. Possible music component attached to this. The term “early win” was used by most everyone at the meeting. Meaning showing the community how we can invigorate this town with art. Tex Avery was listed as a possible way to create buzz within the city. Brent referenced the highly successful Tex Avery Day from several years ago. Wishes to make it an annual event. Melanie suggested using STEM to create flash and short films. This led to discussion about a possible film festival showcasing local talent. Janetta talks about bringing in artists from other areas outside of Taylor. Tom asks about budget requests and what kind of money we will need. Melanie remarks about having a short term plan and the need for a quick win that will require less money in the early stages. Tom will reach out to Eric, the Director of the Georgetown Public Library. Brent once again mentions the need for a coming out style party to showcase what we do and what we are about. Speak directly to the community. Have branding and a social media presence and eventually invite members of the arts community to attend meetings. Richard talks about the importance of having a strong public and private partnership. He then gave a homework assignment to write a vision statement for the next meeting. For the next meeting we will discuss and approve the vision statement and establish a one year plan. Brent will give a presentation on Tex Avery day and Eric from the Georgetown Library will attend to talk to the group.

Motion-Motion was made to adjourn.
Stone/Shaw/Lois/Unanimous