NOTICE OF MEETING
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF PLANO CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION WILL MEET FOR A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020 AT 6:00 PM REMOTELY VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE OR TELECONFERENCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH VERNON'S TEXAS CODES ANNOTATED, GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 551 (OPEN MEETINGS ACT), AS FOLLOWS:

This Commission Meeting will be held via Zoom Webinar. Members of the public are entitled to participate remotely via broadcast by webinar at the following URL location (registration is required by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting):

https://plano.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_f71BOEvPRQK_Xa3WAH4U2w

Emails regarding agenda items may be submitted to rainil@plano.gov by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

ITEM AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Introduce New Commissioner – Harry Wooten
3. Approval of Minutes from the October 1, 2020 Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting
4. Comments of Public Interest – The Commission will hear comments of public interest relevant to the Cultural Affairs Commission emailed to the Staff Liaison prior to 12 pm the day of the meeting.
5. Reports from Grants Recipients (limit to 3 minutes per speaker/organization)
6. Reports from Commissioners on Events Attended
7. Report from Staff Liaison
8. Report from FY 20-21 Sub-Committee
9. Discussion of and Possible Action on FY 2020-21 Cultural Affairs Commission Liaison Assignments
10  Elect Vice Chairperson
11  Items for Future Discussion/Action
12  Adjournment

**Council Liaisons:** Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Anthony Ricciardelli and Council Member Rick Smith

Requests for sign interpreters or special services must be received forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting time by calling Raini Layne at (972) 941-5154.
The Cultural Affairs Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hitt at 6:01 p.m. Thursday, September 3, 2020.

Chairperson Hitt led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING

Pending edits, a motion to approve minutes of the September 3, 2020 Cultural Affairs Commission Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Tsai. The motion passed 7-0.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: COMMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Commissioner Anderson thanked chairperson Hitt for her work as a Commissioner and for her support of the arts in Plano/ Commissioner Hoyt presented Chairperson Hitt with two gifts from herself and other Commissioners.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: REPORTS FROM GRANTS RECIPIENTS

- Plano Community Band - Denise Guilbert reported that they have used all 19-20 funds to date; are waiting on permission to perform face-to-face and in the meantime they are performing in churches where available; are practicing new songs; updating Facebook; and allowing downloads directly from their website.
- Plano Metropolitan Ballet - Jennifer Denton thanked Chairperson Hitt for her term as Commissioner and wished her luck. Ms. Denton also noted that the Fairy Tale Ballet is still on hold but they are making changes in order to perform with limited attendance; Alice Wonderland will be performed in some capacity in January of 2021 when Courtyard Theatre fully reopens; and they are facing a challenge with rental price not being reduced, so they are looking at venue options.
• Chamberlain Performing Arts - Karen Davis noted that they have had a number of reservations through their online system; they are performing a tribute at Frisco Center where they can move chairs around for an audience of 35, crew and audience have to wear a mask; collaboration with choreography workshops the Senior Company dancers is under way, dancers can create original work with their mentor; all works and performance will be recorded, including a virtual Nutcracker Suite; and they now have an Executive Director, Trudy Hale.

• Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra - Nien Hsu noted that they are really embracing technology and establishing new processes, such as virtual rehearsals via Zoom where they can pinpoint student playing and combine audio files. Mr. Hsu also noted the start of a new speaker series that includes new and unique instruments; collaboration with Plano Symphony Orchestra to bring professionals in to speak with students on community as well as expertise in a professional setting; and they exceeded their N. TX Giving Day goal.

• Plano Symphony Orchestra – Robert Reed noted that they had a successful N. TX Giving Day and exceeded goal as well; their next season opens October 17; they are celebrating Beethoven’s 250th birthday; bringing back all previously 2020 cancelled concerts to make sure the music is available to patrons; continuing to work with audiences, performers and workers regarding social distancing (there are fewer musicians, plexiglass between them, and all protocols will be in place); and they are live streaming all subscription concerts.

• North Texas Performing Arts - Sara Akers noted that their repertory theatre is performing more mature subject matter In The Heights; they have had to turn people away due to social distancing; began an inclusion and diversity group; Ms. Akers spoke at a Business Council for the Arts event and she will begin other board involvement.

• ArtCentre of Plano - Suzy Jones thanked Chairperson Hitt for her involvement with the Commission; noted that their sculpture garden was now open and a new exhibit would open at the end of October, running through mid-November; they will have a virtual show and auction of work with videos posted online; they had a successful N. TX Giving Day and are impressed with how much people are donating this year; and they are hosting an event to honor the Mayor.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: REPORTS FROM COMMISIONERS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

• Chairperson Anderson reported on her attendance at North TX Performing Arts production of Camp Rock with her daughter.

• Commissioner Munjee reported on her attendances North TX Performing Arts production of Frozen; thanked all groups for their unique navigation of virtual technology and giving audiences and kids an attendance option; and on her viewing of an older video production of Murder on the Orient Burlesque by Rover Dramawerks.

• Commissioner Tsai reported on her viewing of the Beneath the Surface exhibit at ArtCentre of Plano.

• Commissioner Hoyt reported she would be attending Plano Comedy Festival the next evening.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: REPORT FROM STAFF LIAISON

Staff Liaison Layne noted that that award letters going out the upcoming Monday then jumping in to contracts; new commissioner and chair start next November; and reminded Commissioners to email any attendance reports.
AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Gordon. The motion passed 7-0.

Cultural Affairs Chairperson