



City of Rockwall  
*The New Horizon*

## MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ART COMMISSION  
Development Services Conference Room, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087  
August 1, 2016  
5:00 P.M.

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/WELCOME**

A quorum of members was present to call the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Present were Commission Chair, David Sweet and commission members: Betty Jean Hoaglund, Kathleen Morrow, Jane Braddock and Doug Agee. Also present, School of Rock owner, Stuart Smith and City of Rockwall Community Relations Manager, Bethany Browning.

### **2. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Discussion and possible action related to proposed downtown district murals.**

Stuart Smith shared August 14, 2016 was the 1 year anniversary of the Rockwall School of Rock facility. Stuart discussed the company's success and the future of the music school. Stuart stated School of Rock would not be able to fund the project at the 90% ratio the commission proposed, perhaps in the future. There was discussion regarding deed easements, who's responsible for maintenance if the project is paid for through a public/private partnership? Commissioner's expressed concerns over location of the mural, in relationship to the adjacent parking lot and cars obstructing the view. Commissioner's thanked Mr. Smith for his time invested in the project and stated they would like to discuss the funding side of the public/private partnership aspect of public murals further and would get back to him later in the week.

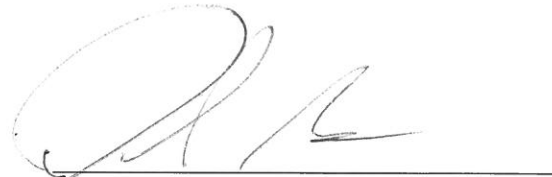
After a lengthy discussion regarding funding of public/private partnerships, Kathleen made a motion to fund art in public places initiated murals at 100%, stating that private projects would continue to be reviewed by the commission, however not paid for by the commission. Betty seconded the motion. Additional discussion was held regarding allowing private entities to contribute financially to projects, however, the commission agreed that it would be difficult in the future to determine what percentage would be fair, as well as which entity would own the mural and provide maintenance of the mural. Motion passed 4 in favor and 1 not in favor.

Commissioners asked Chairman Sweet and staff member Bethany Browning to contact Mr. Smith of School of Rock with (2) options. Option 1/Privatey Funded: Mr. Smith may submit an application for a privately funded project for the commission's review. School of Rock would be responsible for paying for the mural and would own the mural outright. Option 2/Publicly Funded: Mr. Smith can enter into a contract with the City's Art in Public Places Commission for the use/ownership of his exterior wall for an Art in Public Places project. The commission would coordinate the design/artwork and ultimately make a recommendation to council to pay for the mural and own the rights and provide maintenance for a specified number of years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ART COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS,  
this 12th day of August 2016.



David Sweet  
Art Commission Chairman

ATTEST:

D. Browning, Com. Relations  
Name Title