



Boren Property Advisory Council Agenda

Friday, February 09, 2024
10:00 AM

Russell Farm - Baker Building -
405 W. County Road 714
Burleson, TX 76028

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE BOREN PROPERTY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

- A. Consider approval of the minutes from the October 13, 2023, meeting. (*Staff Presenter, Kerry Montgomery, Senior Administrative Secretary*)

3. **CITIZEN APPEARANCES**

Each person in attendance who desires to speak to the Advisory Council on an item NOT posted on the agenda, shall speak during this section. A speaker card must be filled out and turned in to the Recording Secretary prior to addressing the Advisory Council. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to speak.

Each person in attendance who desires to speak on an item posted on the agenda shall speak when the item is called forward for consideration.

4. **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding activities of the Historical Advisory Committee. (*Contact: Barbara Black, Historical Advisory Committee Chair*)
- B. Receive a report regarding activities of the Art Advisory Committee. (*Contact: Tom Sale, Art Advisory Committee Chair*)
- C. Receive a report regarding activities at Russell Farm Art Center. (*Staff Contact: Mary Ann Spaun, Russell Farm Supervisor*)

5. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6. **BOARD REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR REPORTS**

7. **ADJOURN**

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City Secretary

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Boren Property Advisory Council

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

FROM: Jen Basham, Director

MEETING: February 10, 2024

SUBJECT:

Consider approval of the minutes from the October 13, 2023 meeting. *(Staff Presenter, Kerry Montgomery, Senior Administrative Secretary)*

SUMMARY:

RECOMMENDATION:

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

REFERENCE:

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF CONTACT:

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Boren Property Advisory Council
October 13, 2023
MINUTES
DRAFT

Call to Order – 1:00 PM

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Charlsa Boren Bentley, Chair
Barbara Black
W.L. Sanders
Tom Sale
Pete McCaskill (arrived at 1:20 PM)

Board Members Absent

Staff in Attendance:

Jessica Martinez, Recreation Manager
Mary Ann Spaun, Russell Farm Supervisor
Kerry Montgomery, Senior Administrative Secretary/Recording Secretary

Guests

None

1. Call to order: 1:01 PM

2. General

A. Consider approval of the June 16, 2023 meeting. (Staff presenter: Kerry Montgomery, Recording Secretary)

A motion was made by W.L. Sanders to approve the minutes as presented. Tom Sale seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 with Pete McCaskill arriving after the vote.

3. Citizens Appearances: None

4. Reports and discussion items:

A. Receive a report from the Historical Committee Chair. (Presenter: Barbara Black, Chairperson)

Historical Committee members were given a tour of the Boren library prior to their meeting on September 12, 2023. Inventory of the library lists 586 books and 200 magazines. The books were published 1822-2012, and include signatures of several family members. The books are listed in a database online and on the City of Burleson website. A suggestion was made to place fragile books in a closed case. A discussion followed.

B. Receive a report regarding activities of the Art Advisory Committee. (*Presenter, Tom Sale, Art Committee Chair*)

The board was provided a recap of summer art camps and attendees report. Bettie Bailey's Red Chair lecture was very well attended. The board was briefed on upcoming events. Ross Perot museum donated eclipse watching glasses for farm patrons. A discussion followed.

C. Receive a report from the Russell Farm Supervisor. (*Staff presenter: Mary Ann Spaun, Supervisor*)

Staff provided statistics from summer programs, camps, classes and field trips. Volunteers were instrumental in the success of summer activities at the farm. A discussion followed.

5. Community Announcements:

None

6. Board requests for future agenda items or reports.

None.

Set 2024 meeting dates: February 9, 2024, June 14, 2024, and October 25, 2024

7. Adjourn:

There being no further business, Chairperson, Louise Boren-Bentley adjourned the meeting.
Time – 1:52 PM

Kerry Montgomery, Senior Administrative Secretary

Boren Property Advisory Council

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

FROM: Jen Basham, Parks and Recreation Director

MEETING: February 9, 2024

SUBJECT:

Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding activities of the Historical Advisory Committee. *(Contact: Barbara Black, Historical Advisory Committee Chair)*

SUMMARY:

The Historical Advisory Committee is a team working together to assist in efforts that help preserve the history of Russell Farm Art Center. These efforts are not limited but include assisting with community events, historical tours, and Russell Farm activities.

RECOMMENDATION:

There is no action required; this item is informational only and for general discussion.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

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**Historical Advisory Committee BPAC Report - February 9, 2024**

Submitted by Barbara Black, Historical Committee Advisory Chair

Difficult and sad information was shared by Mary Ann Spaun and Barbara Black with the members of the Historical Advisory Committee the passing of Mary Louise Rea Boren on Monday, November 24, 2023. Mrs. Boren's funeral was at Prairie Springs Cemetery, December 1, 2023. Following the funeral, the Historical Advisory Committee hosted a luncheon for family and guests. Mary Louise Boren and her husband Charlie Wade Boren gifted Russell Farm Art Center to the City of Burleson in 2012.

Members of the Historical Advisory Committee have been busy volunteering for events at Russell Farm during October, November, and December. They have served as greeters, docents, and assistants for Fall Fest at the Farm, Far Out Family Campout, Red Chair Event, Boren Family Reunion, Nights of Lights, and Christmas on the Farm and decorators of the historical Russell-Boren Home for Christmas.

Members distributed flyers following the November meeting throughout the community for Christmas on the Farm and Nights of Lights. Members agreed to cancel the December 12, 2023 meeting, as volunteer appreciation brunch was scheduled the same day by the Russell Farm staff. The December meeting was to be a recap of the holiday events for Christmas on the Farm and Nights of Lights. Members of the Historical Advisory Committee emailed their positive comments and suggestions to Mary Ann Spaun following these events.

Docents gave First Saturday tours of the Russell-Boren Home for November, December, and January. Guests count; November 51, December 61, January 0. Private tours were provided for the Boren Family Reunion in November and the Crowley Home School field trip. Guests have traveled from Kansas, California and Texas to visit Russell Farm.

Members of the Historical Advisory Committee would like to express appreciation to Mary Ann Spaun and her Staff for their dedication of promoting history at Russell Farm for the community.

Boren Property Advisory Council

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
FROM: Jen Basham, Parks and Recreation Director
MEETING: February 9, 2024

SUBJECT:

Receive a report regarding activities of the Art Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY:

The Art Advisory Committee is a team working together to assist in efforts that help preserve the art of Russell Farm Art Center. These efforts are not limited but include assisting with community events, programs, and art receptions.

RECOMMENDATION:

There is no action required; this item is informational only and for general discussion.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

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BPAC ART COMMITTEE REPORT – February 9, 2024

Submitted by Tom Sale, BPAC Art Committee Chair

Fall and Winter Recap:

- Nov. 4, 2023: We hosted a craft class 12:00 -1:30 with instructor Karen Kaiser who presented a Fall Collage class.
- November 17, 2023: Our Red Chair Lecture on was a presentation by UNT Special Collection Director, Morgan Geringer who drew a crowd of 30 attendees in conjunction with a display of historic branding irons from the collection. This collection has not been publicly displayed for over 30 years. We are talking to the Special Collections of extending the loan for a year (there is still art display space on the walls above the branding irons). We also had a hands-on demonstration afterwards around the campfire where we heated some irons and branded the marks on wood.
- December 2023 and January 2024 first Saturday art classes: Did not make, but our upcoming February 3, 2024, Valentine's Workshop class already has participants signed up.
- We are continuing into the spring with the first Saturday art classes ages 15 to adult from 12:00 - 1:30 pm Fee \$25 to \$30 depending on the project.
- Our Saturday sketch group continues to meet each Saturday 9:00 – 12:00 pm. It is open to the public with a theme each week.
- Hill College instructor, Karen Kaiser, has put together a great system for kid's arts and crafts at our festival events. Karen puts out at least 5 different crafts, with all the prepared materials, examples and easy to follow instructions. Families can work alongside their little ones. The farm has provided volunteers to oversee traffic flow and clean up. Karen provided materials for Fall Fest and Christmas on the Farm and plans to continue to volunteer in the future.

Upcoming art programs:

- Brad and Kay Smith with Tilt Vision Art will be hosting workshops on Saturday afternoon 1:00 to 4:00 pm on January 27th, February 24th and March 23rd 2024. Three different artists will be presenting topics of learning to find your inner peace while creating abstracts, Graffiti Grove with Travis Avila, Mural Magic with Brad Smith.
- First Saturday Art class on February 3, 2024, Valentine's Workshop; 12:00 – 1:30 pm; Fee \$25.00
- First Saturday Red Chair Lecture March 2, 2024, 4:00 pm Annabelle Massey Art Exhibit and Reception.
- First Saturday Show Me How Fair April 6, 2024, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- First Saturday Art Class May 4, 2024, 12:00 – 1:30 pm Ages 15 to Adult Fee: \$30

Boren Property Advisory Council

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

FROM: Jen Basham, Parks and Recreation Director

MEETING: February 9, 2024

SUBJECT:

Receive a report regarding activities at Russell Farm Art Center. (*Staff Contact: Mary Ann Spaun, Russell Farm Supervisor*)

SUMMARY:

Russell Farm Art Center is dedicated to the development and support of the visual arts, cultural awareness and the preservation of the historic lands. In addition, the farm offers many learning opportunities and hosts city-wide and community events.

RECOMMENDATION:

There is no action required; this item is informational only and for general discussion.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

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BPAC Supervisor Report - Meeting February 9, 2024
Submitted by Mary Ann Spaun, Russell Farm Supervisor

Fall and Winter 2023 Recap:

- October 20, 2023: Date Night Experience – Couples enjoyed a barbeque meal, making smores around a fire pit and kicking up their heels in the Hay Barn while taking country western dance lessons.
- October 21, 2023: Canning Class – Students made Apple Pie Filling and left with a quart size jar of their own to make an apple pie for the holidays. These classes are designed to give students confidence in the canning process, teach safe canning practices, and make new friends.
- October 21, 2023: Scarecrow Making Class – Families made a large scarecrow to display at home. Each one had its own unique style. This was held in the Chesapeake building with stations set up for families to rotate. All supplies were provided except the hat.
- October 27, 2023: Crowley Homeschool Field trip students had stations they could rotate divided into 4 groups. Due to the grounds being wet we were not able to offer a hayride to the back nature trails. Instead we offered a scavenger hunt that was educational on historical items on the farm and identification of trees and plants. The Russell Boren home was open for students to tour in the rotation along with the donkey station.
- October 28, 2023: Far Out Family Camp Out at the farm – This event was so much fun for all who attend. Corn hole, archery, fishing, fire pit, games, movie inside, dinner, instructional line dancing and much more filled the evening.
- November 11, 2023: Red Chair Lecture with Morgan Gieringer, Director of Special Collections at UNT Library, spoke on the historical branding irons on display in the Baker Building art gallery. Those who attended were able to have a hands-on demonstration of branding on a piece of wood. These brandings from Texas Ranches are on loan to Russell Farm and are on display in the Baker building art gallery.
- November 17, 2023: Fall Fest and Kids Farmers Market – Hayrides, arts and crafts, games, corn maze and lots of unique merchandise to purchase from the Children's

- November 18, 2023: Canning Class – Students made Holiday Jam. This class had a waitlist and maxed out with 16 in the class. Everyone took their personal jar of holiday jam. These classes are to encourage students to be confident in the canning process, teach safe practice while canning and make friends.
- December 2, 2023: Breakfast with Santa was a great success with up to 960 attendees. The theme this year was the Grinch. Green pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice were served. Families enjoyed free cocoa and a picture with Santa and the Reindonkey. The Grinch had his house in the Baker Building where children could go in and visit.
- December 6,7,8, 9, 2023: Nights of Lights is an after our event offered for four evenings where families can stop by and see the entire farm decorated with Christmas lights. We also partnered with BISD Gaming Academy for a light show to music. Visitors enjoyed hot cocoa to spread holiday cheer.
- December 9, 2023: Christmas on the Farm had over 800 visitors that experienced an old fashion Christmas event. Activities included visits from Santa, free arts and crafts, Children’s Entrepreneur market with 58 vendors, hayrides, and live music for guest to enjoy while visiting the farm.

Upcoming Programs and Activities for Spring 2024:

- February 10, 2024: Sweets for your Sweetie - This class will teach the methods of working with chocolate and dipping strawberries, pretzels and marshmallows. Students will take home a platter full of sweets wrapped and ready to give as a gift to your sweetheart!
- February 16, 2024: Date Night Experience – Event will include a catered Italian meal from local restaurant Sammy’s Italian Bistro, smore’s by the fire pit, and instructional country western dancing for couples.
- March 16, 2024: Canning Class Pickled Three Bean Salad - This class is designed to give confidence to our students in the canning process and practice safety as well as meet new friends.
- March 23, 2024: Donuts with the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt – This event will include a donut breakfast for \$5.00. The Easter Egg hunt is free to all children ages 4 and under.
- March – May 2024 Homeschool Enrichment classes:
 - Wood Shop - Ages 12 to 18

- Art Classes - Ages 12 to 18
 - Farm School - Ages 6 to 12
 - Spanish Class - Ages 6-12
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- April 6, 2024: Show Me How Fair- Vendors will be demonstrating their craft and selling goods. This is our second time to offer this event. Vendors will consist of pottery, basket weaving, t-shirt screening, wood carving, outdoor cooking, wool felting, Native American beading, and spinning and weaving. Time: 10:00 to 2:00 pm This is a free event.
 - April 20, 2024: Balsamic Onion Jam Canning Class - This class is designed to give confidence to our students in the canning process and practice safety as well as meet new friends.
 - May 17, 2024: Texas Heritage Music Night – Free live music to kick off Texas Heritage Festival
 - May 18, 2024: Texas Heritage Festival – This is an event to celebrate our Texas Heritage. Activities include pioneer dressed docents, chuck wagons demonstrating outdoor cooking, Native American, hayrides, crafting and more! This is a free event.