

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CITY OF LAKEWAY ARTS COMMITTEE

- December 20, 1999: Arts Committee established by Resolution No. 99-12-20-4, signed by Mayor Charles Edwards.
- January 2000: Committee members (9) were appointed by the Mayor, with George Blume as Chairman.
- May 21, 2000: First concert: A Gershwin program with a singer and pianist. No cost. Based upon this favorable experience, the series of evening and Sunday afternoon concerts began.
- 2000: Requested funding for Boston Baby Grand Piano by Steinway; granted by Lakeway Civic Corporation
- May 2000: George Blume was elected to the City Council; Fred Newton was appointed Chairman.
- January & February 2001: Brown Bag Luncheon Concerts began.
- 2001: Lakeway Activity Center stage extension funded
- April 2002: First City Purchase Award, acquiring Janet Campbell's "Lake Travis Marina" watercolor at the Lake Travis Arts League's Bluebonnet Bash. Note that during the first years of the Arts Committee, our role re: art shows was in support of the nonprofit Lake Travis Arts League of which its chair was Janet Wright and Fred Newton was on the board and of TexARTS of which Janet was on the executive board. Annual Purchase Awards continued through 2008. Program established the City of Lakeway's Permanent Art Collection that includes paintings, silk screens, pottery and sculptures as well as a few classical artist's prints.
- September 2002: Annual Lakeway Photo Festival initiated. Festival continued annually through 2012. Featured photographs of Lakeway by local citizens. Event included educational programs in camera use, elements of photography, digital photography and cataloguing as well as exhibitions by professional photographers. 2013: Photo exhibit at the Lake Travis Community Library celebrating the 50th anniversary of Lakeway.
- 2003: First theater production introduced – *Train to Nibroc*
- 2004: Art in Public Places Program (master plan by Janet Wright) – "Billy, Boy with Butterfly Net". Program continues to date (includes bronze sculptures on Lakeway Blvd, City Hall, Justice Center, stainless steel sculpture inside City Hall, and kinetic sculptures along Lakeway Blvd and Lohman's Crossing Blvd.)
- May 2005: Fred Newton resigned (to be a caregiver for his wife) and Janet Wright was appointed Chair. Shortly after this, the Lakeway Beautification Committee was merged with the Arts committee, resulting in an Arts & Beautification Committee with added responsibilities regarding visual aesthetics to the landscaping and signage at City limits, entry ways, parklands and municipal facilities. Resulted in two City limits Gateway Identification Sculptures, 5 parkland kiosks & maps, dinosaur tracks display, landscape & retaining wall between LAC & City Hall, Walking Trail at City Hall, landscape advisement to parkland entrances as well as main road entrances and intersections on Lakeway Blvd and Lohman's Crossing.
- 2005: Summer Concerts in the Park introduced; not pursued.
- Nov 2005: Veteran's Tribute – 1940's USO-style event with the Lucky Strikes and Lindy Hop Dancers initiated in collaboration with Operation Interdependence, a Civilian-to-Military Delivery System
- March 2006: Texas Independence Day Celebration initiated with 2-time Grammy Winner Floyd Domino
- August 2006: Annual one-hour multimedia theater productions begin. 2009: *Riders on the Orphan Train* with Novelist and Humanities Scholar Alison Moore and singer/songwriter Phil Lancaster made possible through mini-grant by Humanities Texas. Annual theater programs continued through 2011.
- 2009: Fred Newton rejoins the committee.
- September 2009: Lakeway's Big Band Bash begins.
- 2013: Janet Wright resigns to focus on her architectural & landscape design business. Fred Newton is appointed Chairman. The "Beautification" element is dropped—back to visual and performing arts functions only.
- August 2014: First "Cool Arts Party".
- 2014: "Lakeway in Motion" program began, acquiring kinetic sculptures for street displays. The program was concluded in 2017.
- April 2015: Portfolio of Lakeway's Fine Art Collection distributed to Mayor and City Council and placed on display at the Activity Center and City Hall.

CITY OF LAKEWAY * RESOLUTION NO. 99-12-20-4
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN

ARTS COMMITTEE

Whereas, the City of Lakeway's 1999 Comprehensive Plan establishes a Cultural and Artistic Enrichment goal to "encourage, develop, and promote the presentation, performance, creation, and exhibition of the visual and performing arts"; and

Whereas, this Comprehensive Plan's first objective toward this goal is to appoint an Arts Committee to help achieve the cultural and artistic goal and objectives set forth in the plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWAY, TEXAS:

Section 1. Establishment of an Arts Committee
The City Council hereby creates an Arts Committee.

Section 2. Cultural and Artistic Enrichment Objectives of the newly created Arts Committee.
In accordance with the City of Lakeway Comprehensive Plan the newly created Arts Committee is assigned the following objectives:


- Support Arts programs and education for citizens of all ages.
- Establish and maintain links with the arts community.
- Through the Arts Committee, initiate and implement plans for visual and performing arts events within the Greater Lakeway Community.
- Coordinate arts activities with related community functions.
- Explore the feasibility of an outdoor forum for the presentation of arts programs and other community events.

Section 3. Appointments to the newly created Arts Committee
Mayor Edwards to select committee members for appointment at January, 2000 Regular Council Meeting.

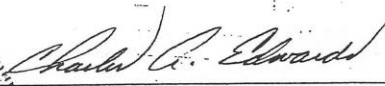
Section 4. Oaths and Affidavits
None are required for this committee.

Passed and Approved this the
20th day of December, 1999.

Attest:


Cynthia A. Evans, City Secretary/
Assistant City Manager




Mayor Charles A. Edwards

Attachment: Comprehensive Plan Section 8
Cultural and Artistic Enrichment (pages 8-1 & 8-2)