

BOREN PROPERTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 9, 2024

MINUTES

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Call to Order: 10:01 AM

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Charisa Boren Bentley, Chair
Barbara Black
W.L. Sanders
Tom Sale

Board Members Absent

Pete McCaskill

Staff in Attendance

Jessica Martinez, Recreation Manager
Mary Ann Spaun, Russell Farm Supervisor
Pamela O'Hearn, Customer Service Attendant/Recording Secretary

Guests

None

1. **Call to Order: 10:01 AM**
2. **Approve the minutes from the Boren Property Advisory Council Meeting**
 - A. **Consider approval of the October 13, 2023, meeting. (Staff presenter: Pamela O'Hearn, Recording Secretary)**

A motion was made by W.L. Sanders to approve the minutes as presented.
Barbara Black seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0 Absent: Pete McCaskill

3. **Citizen Appearances - None**
4. **Reports and Discussion Items**
 - A. **Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding activities of the Historical Advisory Committee. (Presenter: Barbara Black, Chair)**

The Historical Committee members along with docents and volunteers, opened the Russell Boren Home and led tours of the house and Farm on Saturday, November 11, for the Boren-Lance family reunion.

The Historical Committee hosted a luncheon December 1, after the funeral service for Louise Boren.

Members have been busy volunteering for events at the Farm in October, November and December. Gave tours of the Russell Boren home in November, December and January.

A picture of Aunt Gigi's grandparents was added to the living room in the Russell Boren home.

A discussion followed.

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

Karen Kaiser, Professor at Hill College, has agreed to teach First Saturday Art classes. Karen has also agreed to set up children's crafts for events. Tom is working with other artists to see if they also want to teach classes.

There was a Red Chair Lecture on November 11, by Morgan Gieringer, Director of Special Collections at UNT Library on the Branding Irons that are displayed in the Baker Building. The Branding Irons are on loan from UNT.

There will be a Red Chair Lecture this spring. Anabell Massey will be the presenter and showing "40 Works of Art by Big City Artists" scheduled for March 2.

First Saturday Art classes will continue until August and will be evaluated then.

A discussion followed.

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

Staff provided statistics from fall and winter 2023 programs, classes, field trips, and family camp. Volunteers were instrumental in the success of the fall and winter events.

October 20, Date Night Experience
October 21, Apple Pie Filling Canning class and Scarecrow Making class
October 28, Family Campout
November 17, Fall Fest, and Kids Farmers Market
November 18, Holiday Jam Canning class
December 9, Christmas on the Farm
December 6, 7, 8, 9 Nights of Lights

A discussion followed.

5. **Community Announcements.** None
6. **Board requests for future agenda items or reports.** None
7. **Adjourn.**

There being no further business Chairperson Louise Boen-Bentley adjourned the meeting.

Time: 11:03 AM

Pamela O'Hearn
Customer Service Attendant, Recording Secretary