

Sec. 28-20. **Cultural Arts Commission**

- (a) **Established.** There shall be and is hereby established a cultural arts commission which shall have the principal responsibility of serving as an advisory board to the city council with regard to cultivating the arts and cultural components of the community.
- (b) **Membership.** The commission shall consist of seven (7) citizens of Lafayette, who shall be appointed by the city council. A city employee appointed by the city administrator shall serve as a nonvoting staff liaison to the commission.
- (c) **Term.** All appointments to the commission shall be for a period of three (3) years. The commission may recruit and recommend nominees to city council for appointment. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled for the unexpired term by city council appointment as soon as possible. A member of the commission shall not receive a salary or other compensation for services as a member of the commission, but necessary traveling and subsistence expenses actually incurred may be paid from the general fund. City council may, upon recommendation of the commission, appoint up to two (2) alternate members, which member(s) shall be called upon to serve and vote in the absence of a regular member(s), and the commission may recommend any alternate member for appointment by council to a vacant position. Commission members serve at the pleasure of city council.
- (d) **Powers and duties.** The commission shall:
 - (1) Adopt bylaws, rules and regulations for its guidance and government.
 - (2) Prepare and submit to the city council a plan for the development and furtherance of cultural art in the community and as necessary amend the plan.
 - (3) Review the annual cultural arts budget request.
 - (4) Advise city council on the use of city funds to support and encourage cultural arts activities within the city.
 - (5) Monitor gifts of money which shall be segregated in the accounting records of the city or property or endowments as may be granted to and accepted for cultural arts purposes and to encourage grants and gifts in support of the cultural arts.
 - (6) Do all other necessary acts to assist in the orderly and efficient management of cultural arts activities as directed by the city council.
 - (7) Review the qualifications of all final candidates for key positions pertaining to the cultural arts commission. The commission shall have no authority over any decisions or policies involving city personnel.