



AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Monday, October 18, 2010
City Hall, Council Chambers
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas

Commissioners in attendance: Chair Brett Barnes, Vice Chair Hal Katz (left early), Allen Chen (late), Gloria Mata Pennington, Irene Roderick, Samuel Tinnon, Bruce Willenzik.

Staff in attendance: Megan Crigger, Vincent Kitch, Lani Golstab

A. Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 20, 2010
Minutes approved.

C. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS

1. Latifah Taormina, Greater Austin Creative Alliance – thank you to the Commission for its work over the past year
2. Angela Williamston, Media Arts and Literacy Institute – complaint of discrimination in the cultural funding process

D. CHAIR'S REPORT

1. Chair Barnes commented that it is wonderful to see all the various arts activities available in Austin, many of which are funded through the cultural funding program.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Action Items
 - a. Presentation and Possible Action on Barriers to City-Sponsored Art Project Report

Motion: to recommend that cultural contractors and artists receiving city funding be exempt from any applicable permit fees

Made by: Roderick Seconded by: Willenzik

Vote called: 6-0

F. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. 2010 Community Arts Awards - awards were presented to the following organizations and individuals:

Legge Lewis Legge
Eileen Schaubert, Mellow Johnny's Bike Shop & Austin Cycling
Texas Community Building with Attorney Resources
Anonymous

Certificates of recognition were presented to former Commission Chair Gloria Mata Pennington and former Vice Chair Bruce Willenzik.

G. STAFF BRIEFINGS

None.

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Commissioner Pennington reported on that National Preservation Conference to be held in Austin next week, an off-site tour during the conference will feature the history and traditions of the Mexican-American community in Austin.
2. Chair Barnes gave information about the re-opening of Arthouse at the Jones Center October 22-24.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Barnes adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:56 p.m.