



AUSTIN MUSIC COMMISSION MINUTES
Special Called Meeting – Tuesday, August 9, 2011, 6:00 P.M.
Austin City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Commissioners in attendance: Paul Oveisi (Vice-Chair), Joah Spearman, Rich Garza, Brad Spies, Eve McArthur

Staff in attendance: Don Pitts, David Murray, Ashley Buchanan

A. CALL TO ORDER

Oveisi called the Commission meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting of June 6, 2011 were approved on Spearman's motion, Garza's second, on a unanimous vote.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

1. Sergio Lozano spoke on behalf of Robert Lippincott and Guerro's annual outdoor music venue permit. The renewed permit decreased the permitted hours of amplified sound from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Clara Hilling mentioned that when the new sound ordinance was passed in February, all venues in this area (South Congress) would have the reduced amplified sound curfew from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays and 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The music office has not received any complaints about Guerro's and notes that there are some areas in the new sound ordinance for the board to review.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 20110210-029 (Sound Amplification and Temporary Events)

WHEREAS, it is recognized that Chapter 9-2 of the City Code needs to be modified in order to provide uniformity and to address issues related to safety and compatibility.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Music Commission recommends the City Council to approve and implement the following additions and changes to Chapter 9-2:

- Forty-five (45) day deadline for application submittal for multi-day permits

- Twenty-one (21) day deadline for application submittal for 24-hour permits
- Spring Festival Season is defined as the 10 days of the University of Texas at Austin's spring break
- Allow busking in the Central Business District until midnight
- Expand the 6th Street Entertainment District to include Red River

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Music Commission recommends the City Council to consider the following additional modifications to Chapter 9-2 of the City Code in connection with permits for amplified sound:

- 9-2-3 (1) Remove
- 9-2-3 (3) Change "make noise or play a musical instrument" to "use amplified sound"
- 9-2-14 (C) Remove
- 9-2-36 Strike multi-day appeal from the table
- 9-2-38 (C) Remove
- 9-2-38 (D) Change to; No more than 16 days per calendar year, no more than 4 consecutive. Only one multi-day permit may be issued for any site or property during Spring Festival Season
- 9-2-51 (B5) Add insurance minimum when alcohol is being served at an event
- 9-2-54 (D) Add recommendations and information from the Temporary Event Impact Plan; must include whether there is alcohol at the event, and more specifics on parameters including size and anticipated attendance
- 9-2-56 (A) Remove multi-day appeal process "Section 9-2-38 (*Multi-Day Special Event Permit*)"
- 9-2-65 Add a section (C) which states: A multi-day special event permit may be revoked if the permit has violated two or more parts of the Temporary Event Impact Plan, if the issues are not corrected within 24 hours

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Music Commission recommends the City Council direct the City Manager to add one (1) FTE to the Music Division so they may assist with their responsibilities in the sound permitting process, as well as maintaining and implementing new music programs that are designed for further development of the Austin music industry.

2. 2011 Austin Music Memorial Inductees

The 2011 inductees into the Austin Music Memorial were approved on Garza's motion, Spearman's second, on a unanimous vote.

E. MEMBER UPDATES

1. Garza praised about the Creative Media Center opening.
2. McArthur welcomed into the board.

F. STAFF BRIEFINGS

New programs to be implemented: Saltillo Plaza monthly concert series, town hall meeting with guest speaker David Kusek, proclamation for 20th anniversary of being Live Music Capital of the World, Austin Songwriters workshop.

G. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Next meeting is October 3, 2011.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 9:10 pm.