



AUSTIN MUSIC COMMISSION MINUTES
Special Called Meeting – Thursday, October 27, 2011, 6:00 P.M.
Austin City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701
Room 1029

Commissioners in attendance: Joah Spearman, Rich Garza, Brad Spies, Eve McArthur, Michael Feferman, Heather Wagner Reed

Staff in attendance: Don Pitts, Ashley Buchanan

A. CALL TO ORDER

Feferman called the Commission meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Garza nominated Feferman to lead the meeting, on a unanimous vote.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the special called meeting of August 9, 2011 were approved on Garza's motion, Spies' second, and a unanimous vote. Note in the minutes that the regular meeting on October 3, 2011 was postponed to special called meeting on October 27, 2011 via email.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No citizen communication.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Officer elections

Before the officer elections began, Feferman introduced Heather Wagner Reed to the Austin Music Commission. Reed discussed her background to the commissioners.

Spearman requested a quick description of the positions. Pitts stated the roles of chair and vice chair. Spearman discussed his interest in chair and vice chair. Garza mentioned his interest if needed to step up. Spies discussed his interest in chair. Garza retracted his interest.

Spearman nominated Spies for chair. Garza seconded the nomination with a unanimous vote. Feferman nominated Spearman for vice chair. Garza seconded the nomination with a unanimous vote.

E. MEMBER UPDATES

1. Garza invited the commission to attend the SIMS Foundation Benefit Bash on November 12, 2011. He also mentioned that he is working on a new conjunto concert series that will be held at Plaza Saltillo on Sunday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
2. Spies wanted to know the results of Red River becoming an entertainment district. Pitts said he expected a draft the following day on October 28, 2011. Commissioners requested this be an agenda item for next meeting.

F. STAFF BRIEFINGS

Pitts discussed new planning for next year: Music in the Parks, Leadership Music Austin, Music Business Accelerator, Artist Career Accelerator, Export Handbook; will bring strategic plan to next meeting for commission review.

G. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Feferman mentioned the issue of residential buildings and downtown noise, and asked whether or not the commission could recommend standards for future residential building development. Spearman mentioned the idea of developing a cultural impact plan in relation to music. Garza proposed the commission invite Dave Sullivan, who serves on the planning commission, to attend a meeting and brief the commissioners on the status quo of current new development procedures.

Next meeting: November 7, 2011.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on McArthur's motion, Spies' second, and a unanimous vote.