



**AUSTIN MUSIC COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, November 5, 2012, 6:00 P.M.**  
Austin City Hall, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701  
Board and Commission Room 1101

Commissioners in attendance: Brad Spies, Joah Spearman, Rich Garza, Eve McArthur, Joe Stallone

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

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Spearman called the Commission meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from Special Called Meeting of October 8, 2012 were approved on Spearman's motion, Stallone's second, and a unanimous 6-0 vote.

**C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

1. Matthew Gutierrez – presents video in support of the midnight curfew at Cheer Up Charlies.
2. Jennifer Houlihan, AMP – on behalf of the musician's advocacy group, asks commission to review busking and to consider calling multiple Special Called Meetings in 2013 for more musicians to be able to attend.
3. Carla Black, Musicians for Equal Opportunities for Women – promotes an event sponsored by Soundcheck and Fender that will feature a keynote speaker from Guitar center, who will discuss initiatives for women musicians.

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Updates from Austin Music Foundation – see attached presentation
2. Discussion of Musicians Initiative Working Group proposal from Rich Garza and Joe Stallone
  - i. Garza reads letter to commission outlining a Musicians Working Group Proposal, see attached.
  - ii. Spearman states there needs to be a recommendation on the proposal for who would serve on the group.
  - iii. Spies states they need to use the various resources already available: musicians, Live Music Task Force, AMF, AMP, technology (survey), Conspire ATX, etc.
  - iv. Spearman asks if the commission can determine criteria by the December meeting to receive submissions and review candidates by a certain deadline.
  - v. Garza states to use time until the January meeting to receive submissions and proposes to have a Special Called Meeting in December.
  - vi. Pitts asks commission to come to December meeting with 4-5 main leaders for the working group in mind.
  - vii. Garza proposes to ask people to submit letters on why they should be on the working group and see how many they receive. Suggests creating a

launch campaign to get the word out about a working group via social media.

- viii. Spies asks to send out a RFP and review interested parties at December meeting.
3. Update on winning Waller Creek Team from Stephanie McDonald
  - i. Stephanie McDonald, Waller Creek Conservancy – see attached presentation. Describes Waller Creek and its history to the commission. Flood control tunnel is 65% complete. Envisions well-designed and well-programmed public spaces. Describes design concept submittal for competition. Independent jury made the decision of who won. Discusses the final four. Selected team: Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates Inc. and Thomas Phifer & Partners.
4. Discussion of downtown music affecting north Austin neighborhoods
  - i. Staff requests to postpone discussion until NUNA can attend a future meeting.
5. Discussion and possible action of venue programs: Bad Actor Program, Good Neighbor Program, Venue Education, Music Venue Assistance Program
  - i. Spies discusses programs; venues rewarded for being good neighbors, venues that act bullishly have consequences.
  - ii. Spies states PDR and music staff should look at what the programs could look like and bring back to the commission.
  - iii. Garza states there are no incentives for venues to be good or bad.
  - iv. Spies states the fair trade for musicians could be a part of the good neighbor program.
  - v. Spearman motions for Spies to draft a resolution that instructs Council to direct City staff to draft recommendations for benefits of being a good actor (longer hours, etc.), consequences and a process for chronic sound impact plan violations, and full funding of Music Venue Assistance Program. Garza seconds, unanimous 4-0 vote.
6. Presentation of special events permitting process from music staff
  - i. Staff postpones.

**E. MEMBER UPDATES**

1. Spearman updates commission on a meeting with the arts commission; asks to add item to December agenda.

**F. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Spearman motions, Garza seconds, unanimous 4-0 vote (Stallone left meeting early).