



AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Monday, February 23, 2015
Cultural Arts Division offices
201 E. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas

Commissioners in attendance: Brett Barnes (Chair), Scott Daigle (Vice Chair), Ernest Auerbach, Lulu Flores, Samuel Tinnon, Amy Wong Mok, Bruce Willenzik

Staff in attendance: Vicky Valdez, Meghan Wells, Lani Golstab, Jesús Pantel, Margaret Stenz

A. Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 26, 2015
- Approved.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Barnes, Commissioner Willenzik, and Commissioner Flores met to discuss next steps for the Joint Issues Working Group formed to work with the Music Commission. They would like to meet with members of the Music Commission to discuss past issues between the two Commissions, such as use of Hotel Occupancy Tax funds. Chair Barnes emailed Music Commission Chair Brad Spies to set up a meeting.

E. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Margaret Stenz, Art in Public Places – Public Art Collection Condition Assessment
2. Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places – Art in Public Places 2014 Year in Review
3. Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Programs – Update on Capacity Building and Cultural Heritage Festivals Funding Programs

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Action Items
 - a. Approve Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations
- 15 CI 12, Dart Music International
15 CI 13, BLACK FRET
15 CI 14 SP, VORTEX Repertory Co./GaybiGayGay

Motion: to approve the Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations

Made by: Flores Seconded: Wong Mok

Vote called: 7-0, unanimous

- b. Establish a Cultural Funding Guidelines Working Group

No action taken.

2. Discussion of Proposed Amendments to the Art in Public Places Ordinance

G. STAFF BRIEFINGS

Acting Cultural Arts Division Manager Vicky Valdez and Civic Arts Consultant Janet Seibert gave updates on division activities.

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Commissioner Flores gave information about the “Larry Monroe Forever” bridge artwork.
2. Vice Chair Daigle gave information about activity at the State Legislature.
3. Chair Barnes reported on the Austin Lyric Opera’s production of *Romeo and Juliet*.
4. Commissioner Auerbach proposed the idea of evaluating arts organizations that apply for/receive cultural funding and incentivizing quality.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.