



**AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, July 20, 2015**  
Austin City Hall, room 1029  
301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas

Commissioners in attendance: Latifah Taormina, Bruce Willenzik, Amy Wong Mok, Brett Barnes, Jaime Castillo, Jennifer Chenoweth (late)

Staff in attendance: Vicky Valdez, Meghan Wells, Lani Gonzalez, Jesús Pantel, Anne-Marie McKaskle-Davis, Anna Bradley, Sylvania Holt-Rabb, Susan Lambe

**Executive Liaison Vicky Valdez called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.**

**1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & STAFF**

Acting Cultural Arts Program Manager Vicky Valdez and Economic Development Department Assistant Director Sylvania Holt-Rabb welcomed the new Arts Commissioners and invited them to introduce themselves to the staff and vice versa.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting June 15, 2015  
Approved.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Arts Commission Bylaws and Possible Amendments

Presenter: Staff Liaison Lani Gonzalez

Motion: To approve amended bylaws as presented

Made by: Wong Mok    Seconded: Taormina

An amendment was made by Commission Willenzik, and accepted by the maker of the motion and seconded by Commissioner Taormina, to change Article 5 (C) to read, "In the absence of both the chair and vice-chair, the most senior commissioner or most recent past chair shall preside at board meetings."

Vote called: Approved 6-0, Commissioners Flores and White absent

- b. Discussion and Possible Action on Current Working Groups

Presenter: Staff Liaison Lani Gonzalez

Motion: to create a Working Group to Evaluate the Aesthetics of the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and with members to be appointed at the next regular meeting

Made by: Chenoweth    Seconded: Wong-Mok

Vote called: Approved 6-0, Commissioners Flores and White absent

- c. Discussion and Possible Action on Arts Commission Goals and Objectives for 2015

Presenter: Staff Liaison Lani Gonzalez

No action taken.

d. Discussion and Possible Action to Set a Special-Called Meeting

Presenter: Staff Liaison Lani Gonzalez

Motion: to hold a special-called meeting before the regular August meeting with date to be determined

Made by: Willenzik      Seconded: Barnes

Vote called: Approved 6-0, Commissioners Flores and White absent

e. Discussion and Action Items

i. Approve the Final Design by Amy Bunker, Travis Seeger, and Foster Talge for the Montopolis Neighborhood Center Art in Public Places Project

Presenter: Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places Program Administrator

Motion: to approve the final design by Amy Bunker, Travis Seeger, and Foster Talge for the Montopolis Neighborhood Center Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Barnes      Seconded: Mok

Vote called: Approved 6-0, Commissioners Flores and White absent

ii. Approve the Final Design by David Goujon for the TEMPO Art in Public Places Project

Presenter: Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places Program Administrator

Motion: to approve the final design by David Goujon for the TEMPO Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Barnes      Seconded: Chenoweth

Vote called: Approved 6-0, Commissioners Flores and White absent

iii. Approve the Final Design by Yareth Fernandez for the TEMPO Art in Public Places Project

Presenter: Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places Program Administrator

Motion: to approve the Final Design by Yareth Fernandez for the TEMPO Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Castillo      Seconded: Mok

Vote called: Approved 6-0, Commissioners Flores and White absent

iv. Approve the Final Design by Olivia Martin Moore for Tempo Art in Public Places Project

Presenter: Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places Program Administrator

Motion: to approve the Final Design by Olivia Martin Moore for the TEMPO Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Chenoweth      Seconded: Castillo

Vote called: Approved 6-0, Commissioners Flores and White absent

v. Approve the Final Design by Melissa Borrell and Hanna Lupico for TEMPO Art in Public Places Project

Presenter: Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places Program Administrator

Motion: to approve the Final Design by Melissa Borrell and Hanna Lupico for the TEMPO Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Barnes      Seconded: Taormina

Vote called: Approved 6-0, Commissioners Flores and White absent

vi. Approve the Final Design by Yulia Lanina for TEMPO Art in Public Places Project

Presenter: Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places Program Administrator

Motion: to approve the Final Design by Yulia Lanina for the TEMPO Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Mok      Seconded: Chenoweth

Vote called: Approved 6-0, Commissioners Flores and White absent

vii. Approve the Final Design by Annelize Machado for TEMPO Art in Public Places Project

Presenter: Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places Program Administrator

Motion: to approve the Final Design by Annelize Machado for the TEMPO Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Castillo      Seconded: Mok

Vote called: Approved 6-0, Commissioners Flores and White absent

viii. Appoint Dharmesh Patel to the Art in Public Places Panel  
Presenter: Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places Program Administrator

Motion: to appoint Dharmesh Patel to the Art in Public Places Panel

Made by: Mok                      Seconded: Taormina

Vote called: Approved 6-0, Commissioners Flores and White absent

ix. Approve Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations

Presenter: Jesús Pantel, Cultural Arts Funding Program Lead

15 CI 29 Austin International Drag Foundation, Inc

15 CI 30 SP, La Pena/Centroamericanto

15 CI 31 SP, Women and Their Work/ Project Abundant Life

15 CI 32 SP, Austin Film Society/Juanita Butler

15 CI 33 SP, Big Medium/Brian David Johnson

Motion: to approve the Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations

Made by: Mok                      Seconded: Chenoweth

Vote called: Approved 6-0, Commissioners Flores and White absent

x. Establish Funding Working Group

Presenter: Jesús Pantel

Motion: to establish a FY15-16 Funding Allocations Working Group consisting of Commissioners Willenzik and Flores with other members to be determined

Made by: Barnes                      Seconded: Mok

Vote called: Approved 6-0, Commissioners Flores and White absent

Commissioner White will be approached to participate in the working group.

xi. Nominate a representative to the Downtown Commission

Motion: to nominate Commissioner Willenzik to represent the Arts Commission at the Downtown Commission

Made by: Mok                      Seconded: Barnes

Vote called: Approved 6-0, Commissioners Flores and White absent

## **5. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

Acting Division Manager Vicky Valdez and Art in Public Places Administrator Meghan Wells gave updates on Cultural Arts Division activities.

## **6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

None.

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Appoint members to the Working Group to Evaluate the Aesthetics of the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport
- a. Establish a Working Group to evaluate the Art in Public Places Program review process
- b. Update from staff on the Seaholm District public art projects

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Executive Liaison Vicky Valdez adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.