



**AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION Minutes**  
Regular Meeting – Monday, January 23, 2017, 6:00 P.M.  
Cultural Arts Division Training Room  
201 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

Lulu Flores – Chair, Michelle Polgar–Vice Chair, Brett Barnes, Chris Bryan, Jaime Castillo, Alissa McCain, Amy Wong Mok, and Bruce Willenzik  
Absent: Matt Stillwell, and Felipe Garza

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:07 P.M.**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting – Arts Commission Retreat on January 15, 2017  
Motion to approve: Polgar    Seconded: Castillo

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Calder Kamin – Artist Liaison at the Small Biz Depart. - Artist Inc. apps open thru March 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Zac Traeger – Artistic Director @ Museum of Human Achievement – update on code issues with the venue.

**3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

- a. John Riedie, CEO – Austin Creative Alliance and Rebecca Reynolds – Music Venues Association – Introduction of the Music Venues Alliance
- b. Alexandra Bassett, Managing Director – Rude Mechs – Presented a draft proposal to manage a City owned property as a creative hub for the community.

**4. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Actively participating in the Visitor Impact Task Force. The last meeting the Cultural Arts Division Staff presented how the Hotel Occupancy Tax funds are used through the Cultural funding Programs. Next Meeting is on January 31<sup>st</sup> @ the Convention Center. Community members are welcome to come and sign up for Citizens Communication.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and Action Items

- i. Approve the Proposed Donation for the Leslie Memorial sculpture – Presenter Frank Wick, Collection Manager – Art in Public Places Program, Donor Spencer Nutting and Artist Bob Coffee  
Motion to Approve the Proposed Donation for the Leslie Memorial sculpture pending approval by the by Art in Public Places Panel.  
Motioned: Castillo      Seconded: Mok, Approved 7-0
  
- ii. Approve the Prospectus for TEMPO 2017 Art in Public Places Project. Presented by Sue Lambe – Art In Public Places Administrator  
Motion to Approve the Prospectus for TEMPO 2017 Art in Public Places Project.  
Motioned: Mok      Seconded: Polgar, approved 7-0
  
- iii. Approve Final Design for the Deep Eddy/Eilers Park Art in Public Places Project. Presented by Sue Lambe – Art In Public Places Administrator  
Motion to Approve Final Design for the Deep Eddy/Eilers Park Art in Public Places.  
Motioned: Polgar      Seconded: Mok, Approved 7-0
  
- iv. Approve Final Design for the Sabine Street Promenade Art in Public Places Project. Presented by Sue Lambe – Art In Public Places Administrator  
Motion to Approve Final Design for the Sabine Street Promenade Art in Public Places  
Motioned: Mok      Seconded: Castillo, Approved 7-0
  
- v. Discuss and Approve Capacity Building Guidelines. Presented by Commissioner Castillo.  
No Action taken.
  
- vi. Discuss and Approve Funds for Community Initiatives. Presented by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Program Senior.  
Motion to reduce funding of the remaining CI applications to the 75% of the request amount, Approved 6 – 1 abstention; Commissioner Bryan abstained.  
Motioned: Mok      Seconded: McCain  
  
Motion to take \$20,000 from Adjustments and New Programs, and \$8,000 from Omnibus and if not all are funded the balance will go back into Omnibus.  
Motioned: Willenzik      Seconded: Mok, 6-1 – abstention, Commissioner Bryan abstained.
  
- vii. Discuss and Approve Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations  
Motion to pull for individual consideration 17 CI 64, 17 CI 66, & 17 CI 71  
Motioned: Polgar      Seconded: Castillo, 6-1 abstention, Commissioner McCain abstained.

Motion to pull for individual consideration 57, 58, 60, 63  
Motioned: Willenzik                      Seconded: Mok, Approved 7-0

Motion to approve the remaining 55, 56, 59, 61, 62, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70  
Motioned: Willenzik Seconded Polgar, Approved - 7-0

Motion to approve of 64, 66, 71  
Motioned: Willenzik    Seconded: Mok, approved 6-1 abstention, Commissioner McCain Abstained.

Motion to approve 57, pending updates satisfying the budget updates relating to paying the artists.  
Motioned: McCain    Seconded: Willenzik, approved 7-0

Motion to approve 58, 60, 63  
Motioned: McCain                      Seconded: Willenzik, approved 7-0

- viii. Establish the Community Initiatives Guidelines Working Group  
Motion to establish the Community Initiatives Guidelines Working Group with  
Commissioners Castillo, McCain, Polgar, Bryan  
Motioned: Mok    Seconded: Castillo – Approved 7-0
- ix. Six-Month Staff update on the Omnibus  
No Action Taken.
- x. Discuss and Possible Action on a Joint Music Commission and Arts Commission meeting  
No Action Taken.

Commissioner Willenzik left the dais

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and Action Items
  - i. Omnibus
    - 1. Update on Mayor's Resolution - (Polgar)  
Motion to support Plan A the repurposing of City owned property for a creative hub (like the former Home Depot on 183 and St. Johns) and Plan B – Emergency Fund and Lease Subsidies.  
Motioned: Polgar    Seconded: Mok, Approved – 6-0
    - 2. Update on Marketing Initiative (Willenzik) – No update
    - 3. Update from Joint Music/Arts Working Group (Affordability - Castillo and Polgar)

ii. Working Group Updates

1. Capacity Building Guidelines Working Group - Vice Chair Polgar, and Commissioners Castillo and Mok
2. Core Guidelines Working Group – Chair Flores, Vice Chair Polgar, Commissioners Castillo and Garza
3. Cultural Heritage Festivals Program Guidelines Working Group - Chair Flores and Commissioners Garza and McCain
4. Cultural Expansion Guidelines Working Group – Commissioners Barnes, Bryan and Castillo
5. Fiscal Sponsorship Working Group – Vice Chair Polgar, & Commissioners Barnes, Castillo, and McCain  
Recommend to make Fiscal Sponsor Eligibility, organizations with an annual budget of \$50,000 if they are a year old or \$35,000 annual budget if they are 5 years old. Will continue meeting.
6. Policy Working Group – Commissioners Barnes, Bryan & McCain
7. Labor Language Working Group – Chair Flores, Vice Chair Polgar, Commissioners Bryan and Barnes

**7. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Update on current Cultural Arts Division projects and activities

**8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Lunar New Year celebration at the Asian American Cultural Center this weekend, January 28<sup>th</sup>

[Lital.yaacob@balletaustin.com](mailto:Lital.yaacob@balletaustin.com) – to join the ACCC

Art of Taxes presented by TALA – Feb 6 @ the Long Center

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

CI Report on Districts of contractors

Note on ineligible expenses in CI – No expenses can be re-granted.

CodeNEXT discussion – presentation?

Update on Busking code of ethics proposal

Add - Joint Music Art Working Group – Willenzik and Polgar

Add - Joint Music Art Affordability working Group – Polgar and Castillo

**ADJOURNMENT – 9:41pm**

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