



JOINT ARTS COMMISSION & MUSIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Joint Meeting – Thursday, March 30, 2017, 6:30 P.M.

Austin School of Film

2200 Tillery St, Austin, TX 78723

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Arts Commission: Lulu Flores – Chair, Michelle Polgar–Vice Chair, Brett Barnes, Chris Bryan, Jaime Castillo, Bears Fonte, Felipe Garza, Alissa McCain, Amy Mok, Krissi Reeves, Bruce Willenzik

Music Commission: Gavin Garcia - Chair, Marshall Escamilla – Vice Chair, Rick Carney, Al Duarte, Elizabeth McQueen, Graham Reynolds, Barbara Rappaport, Toby Baker, Liz Land, Revlynn Lawson, Oren Rosenthal

Commissioners not in attendance

Arts Commission: Chris Bryan, Bears Fonte, Felipe Garza

Music Commission: Marshall Escamilla, Barbara Rappaport, Toby Baker, Revlynn Lawson

CALL TO ORDER 6:42pm

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 15 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 posted or not posted on the agenda.

1. Debbie Russell – Pecan Street Festival Association. Provided brief history of the Pecan Street Festival (largest arts and music festival in the state) - \$43 million economic impact in 2008, 30% of the attendees are from out of town.
2. Julie Mech – Austin Creative Alliance. Presentation of draft letter sharing the budgetary priorities of the Austin Creative Alliance.
3. Speaking on Agenda item 4.b. Zach Treager – Founder and Director of MoHA. Highlight of lack of focus in CodeNEXT on creative space. Proposes the creation of a Joint Music and Arts Sub Commission on land use code.
4. Speaking on Agenda item 4.b. Brad Carlin, Managing Director of Fuse Box Austin. Concern on the window of time available to address the code updates and feedback. Continue to ask for support and help and feedback from the arts community. Where do the arts community need to show up and provide support, what are the holes that aren't being covered
5. Speaking on Agenda item 4.b. Dave Sullivan on CodeNEXT Advisory Group – Looking at the first draft. Remember there will be two more drafts – it will May or June of 2018 when the final draft will be ready. Sections 23.2 & 23.3 are important to areas to focus on the code.
6. Speaking on Agenda item 4.b. Madge Darlington – Co-Producing Artistic Director Rude Mechs. The Off Center is closing in 45 days. What is the process to access potential under-utilized city facilities that could be used? Theatre in the code is referring to Movie Theatres, there should be a specific definition of theatrical live performance venues.

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Gavin Garcia, Music Commission – Thanked the Austin School of Film for use of the space for the joint commission meeting.
- b. Lulu Flores, Arts Commission – Welcome to the Joint Commission meeting

3. STAFF PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation by Economic Development Department Staff on Staff Response to City Council's Music and Creative Ecosystem Omnibus Resolution No. 20160303-019 Presented by Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager and Kim McC Carson, Music Division
- b. Presentation on Code NEXT - Christine Freundl presented on behalf of the Economic Development Department

4. DISCUSSION

- a. Discussion and Possible Action to Support Staff Response to City Council's Music and Creative Ecosystem Omnibus Resolution No. 20160303-019

No Action Taken

- b. Discussion and Possible Action on Code NEXT

Motion to expand the scope of the existing working of the Joint Arts and Music Omnibus Working Group to include CodeNEXT and adding Commissioners Marshall Escamilla, and Jaime Castillo, and keep the original Commissioners Bruce Willenzik, Michelle Polgar, Graham Reynolds and Barbara Rappaport, with up to four citizen community members.

Motioned by Reynolds, Seconded by Mok
Passed Unanimously Arts Commission 8-0; Music Commission 7-0

- c. Discussion and Possible Action on Visitor's Impact Task Force

Motion to bring forward a request from the Arts and Music Commissions to the Visitor Impact Task Force hold a town hall meeting outside of their regular meeting time to accommodate for additional community input.

Motioned Barnes, seconded McQueen
Passed Unanimously Arts Commission 8-0; Music Commission 7-0

Motion to send a letter of recommendation to the appropriate CodeNEXT body to encourage them to add an additional element Music, Culture and Arts in Section 23.3 of the Code.

Motioned by McQueen, Seconded by Castillo
Passed Unanimously Arts Commission 8-0; Music Commission 7-0

ADJOURNMENT – 9:07

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