



AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Monday, November 20, 2017, 6:00 P.M.

Austin City Hall, Executive Session Room 1027

301 W 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

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

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes for the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on October 16, 2017
Motion to approve the October 16, 2017 meeting minutes
Moted: Polgar Seconded: Willenzik
Approved: 9-0
Commissioner Bryan abstained, Commissioners McCain and Mok - Absent

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.

- A. Josh Green, Shady Tree Studios aka Pump Project Studios – they are losing their space, hoping to find a new space.
- B. Jenn Wilson, ICOSA Collective – an artist run gallery located at Pump Project.
- C. Lisa Schepps – Ground Floor Theatre – The City should look for ways to better support arts community, particularly helping the with permitting, a liaison for

Commissioner McCain arrived on the dais

- D. Alexandra Basset – Rude Mechs – will be hosting events in each district, the next one will be the Christmas Carol Karaoke – We need to activate underutilized City Facilities.
- E. Chris Cowden, Women & Their Work – 40th Anniversary in spring 2018. They will be losing their space. How can we all move forward together to save arts spaces?
- F. Erin Gentry – Mass Gallery – recently lost a major funder and now will have difficulty meeting their rent at their space.
- G. John Riedie – Austin Creative Alliance – Invitation to the next ACA Honors event. Will also be announcing their new organization priorities. The Austin Cultural Trust
- H. Berkley Beauchot - ATM Gallery – Rent will be increasing, and are at risk of losing their spaces.

- I. Shea Little – Big Medium – Bolm Studios will be experiencing a 40% increase in their rent which will have a huge impact on the artists in their studio. District 3 is an Arts District and it is at risk.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a. Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts – FY17 Capacity Building Award Presentation – Presented by Jamie Schue, Board President
- b. Nick Schnitzer – FY17 Capacity Building Award Presentation – presented by Nick Schnitzer, Artist
- c. Girls Rock Austin – FY17 Capacity Building Award Presentation – Presented by Jamie Bahr
- d. Austin Tejano Music Coalition – FY17 Capacity Building Award Presentation – Postponed presentation for December meeting
- e. Amy Morrow – FY17 Capacity Building Award Presentation – Presented by Amy Morrow
- f. Bruce Willenzik – Arts Commission

Paused for refreshment break – 7:02pm

Meeting back called back to order @ 7:16pm

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Cultural Arts Residency Program Update, Presented by Laura Esparza, Museums and Cultural Programs Division Manger
Update on the Arts Access Program, extended the deadline for the applications
- b. FY18 Capacity Building Applications for November
- c. Cultural Arts Division on KO-OP Radio

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Arts Commissioners will be invited to speak on KO-OP Radio to build awareness.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Action Items
 - i. Discuss and Approve of the Prospectus for Colony Park District Park Art in Public Places Project. Presented by Sue Lambe, Art in Public Places Program Administrator.
Motion to Approve the Prospectus for Colony Park District Park Art in Public Places Project.
Motioned: Barnes Seconded: Polgar
Approved: 10-0
Commissioner Mok absent
 - ii. Discuss and Approve FY18 Arts Commission meeting schedule. Presented by Anne-Marie McKaskle-Davis, Arts Commission Staff Liason
Motion to approve FY18 Arts Commission meeting schedule.
Motioned: Barnes Seconded: Polgar
Approved: 9-0

Commissioner Willenzik Abstained; Commissioner Mok Absent

- iii. Nominate commissioner to Downtown Commission
Motion to nominate Commissioner Chris Bryan to the Downtown Commission
Motioned: Barnes Seconded: Fonte
Approved: 10-0
Commissioner Mok absent
- iv. Discuss and Approve Code Next Joint Arts Music Working Group Mission and Vision
Motion to approve Code Next Joint Arts Music Working Group Mission Statement.
Motioned: Castillo Seconded: Willenzik
Approved: 10-0
Commissioner Mok Absent
- v. Discussion and possible action on request for list of city owned properties that could be used for creative space.
Motion to resubmit the existing resolution 20170417-4.a.ii with amendments.
Motioned: Willenzik Seconded: Polgar
Approved: 10-0
Commissioner Mok absent
- vi. Discuss and Approve October Community Initiative Applications
Motion to approve 18 CI 44
Motioned: Barnes Seconded: Garza
Approved: 6-4
For: Barnes, Bryan, Willenzik, Polgar, Flores, Garza
Against: Fonte, McCain, Castillo, Reeves
Commissioner Mok absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 46
Motioned: Castillo Seconded: Garza
Approved: 8-2
Approved: Barnes, Bryan, Willenzik, Polgar, Flores, Garza, McCain, Castillo
Against: Reeves, Fonte
Commissioner Mok absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 47
Motioned: Polgar Seconded: Castillo
Approved: 10-0
Commissioner Mok absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 48 SP
Motioned: Fonte Seconded: Castillo

Approved: 9-0
Commissioner McCain Abstained
Commissioner Mok absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 49 SP,
Motioned: Fonte Seconded: Polgar
Approved: 10-0
Commissioner Mok absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 50,
Motioned: Fonte Seconded: Polgar
Approved 10-0
Commissioner Mok absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 51
Motioned: Barnes Seconded: Fonte
Approved: 10-0
Commissioner Mok absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 52 SP
Motioned: Polgar Seconded: Castillo
Approved: 9-0
Commissioner Bryan Abstained
Commissioner Mok absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 53 SP at \$3,250, declining to award the Funding
Priority for the Education component.
Motioned: Fonte Seconded: McCain
Approved 9-1
For: Barnes, Bryan, Willenzik, Polgar, Flores, Fonte, McCain, Castillo,
Reeves
Against: Garza
Commissioner Mok absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 54 SP
Motioned: Fonte Seconded: Castillo
Vote: 1-6-2
For: Castillo
Against: Fonte, Reeves, McCain, Polgar, Willenzik, Barnes
Abstained: Flores, Bryan
Commissioner Mok absent
Motion failed

Motion to approve 18 CI 55
Motioned: Castillo Seconded: Polgar
Approved: 10-0

Commissioner Mok absent

- vii. Establish FY19 Core Funding Program Guidelines Working Group
Motion to establish FY19 Core Funding Program Guidelines Working Group
with Commissioners Polgar, Castillo, Flores, Reeves
Motioned: Barnes Seconded: Bryan
Approved: 9-0
Commissioner Willenzik off the dais; Commissioner Mok absent
- viii. Establish FY19 Cultural Heritage Festivals Program Guidelines Working
Group
Motion to approve FY19 Cultural Heritage Festivals Program Guidelines
Working Group with Commissioners Fonte, Garza, McCain, Flores
Approved: Barnes Seconded: Polgar
Approved: 9-0
Commissioner Willenzik off the dais; Commissioner Mok absent

Commissioner Willenzik returned to the Dais

- ix. Discuss Joint Arts and Music Commission Meeting
No action taken
- x. Discuss Arts Commission Retreat
No action taken

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Action Items
 - i. Omnibus
 - 1. Update on Marketing Initiative (Willenzik)
No action taken.
 - 2. Update from Joint Music/Arts Working Group
No action taken
 - ii. Working Group Updates
 - 1. Labor Language Working Group – Chair Flores, Vice Chair Polgar,
Commissioners Bryan and Barnes
No Action Taken
 - 2. Community Outreach and Engagement – Vice Chair Polgar and
Commissioners Castillo, Fonte, Mok and Reeves
No Action Taken
 - 3. Cultural Funding Program Responsiveness Working Group –
Commissioners Willenzik (Mok will be his backup), Vice Chair
Polgar, Castillo, McCain and chaired by Commissioner Fonte.

No Action Taken

4. Venue Funding/Assistance Program Working Group - Commissioners Polgar, Reeves, Flores
No Action Taken
5. City of Austin Artwork Donation and Loan Policy Working Group – Commissioners Barnes, Bryan, Castillo, McCain and representatives from the AIPP Panel
No Action Taken

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Next Meeting will be on **Monday, December 11 @ 6pm at Cultural Arts Division Training Room**

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Austin Tejano Music Coalition – Capacity Building Contract Presentation (rescheduled to December)

John Riedie – Austin Creative Alliance – Austin Cultural Trust Presentation

Discussion Responsiveness Funding Group Survey – discussion regarding funding policy if lots of groups at a lower amount across the board vs funding fewer groups with more funding.

Community Outreach Plan

Glenn Towery Update

ADJOURNMENT – 9:49

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