



**AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting – Monday, December 11, 2017, 6:00 P.M.  
Cultural Arts Division Training Room  
201 E 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approve the minutes for the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on November 22, 2017  
Motion to approve the minutes for the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on November 22, 2017.

Motioned: Polgar      Seconded: Fonte

Approved: 7-0

Commissioners Mok, Barnes, Bryan absent

- b. Approve the minutes for the Arts Commission Special Called Meeting on December 5, 2017

Motioned: Polgar      Seconded: Fonte

Approved: 7-0

Commissioners Mok, Barnes, Bryan 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 – Pump Project, June will likely be the last month in the facility due to code issues.

Commissioner Mok Arrived on the Dais

- b. John Riedie – Austin is going to be the host of the 2018 Association of Performing Arts Service Organization

### **3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

- a. Austin Veterans Art Festival Update – Glenn Towery, Chairman of the Austin Veterans Art Festival, and Veterans Suicide Prevention Chanel.

The Veterans Art Festival will be hosted at the 4 cultural facilities in October 18 – November 17, 2019. Upcoming on December 14 they will be presenting at the City Council. Requesting a letter of endorsement from the Arts Commission to show support of the project.

- b. Austin Belly Dance Convention – FY17 Capacity Building Award Presentation – Presented by Tatiana Smith
- c. Glass Half Full Theatre – FY17 Capacity Building Award Presentation – Presented by Caroline Reck
- d. Hispanic Alliance for the Performing Arts – FY17 Capacity Building Award Presentation – Presented by Patrick Slevin
- e. Colby Brinkman – FY17 Capacity Building Award Presentation – Presented by Colby Brinkman
- f. Matt Steinke – FY17 Capacity Building Award Presentation - No presenter present
- g. Austin Tejano Music Coalition – FY17 Capacity Building Award Presentation – Presented by Aggie Sanchez

### **4. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Mashell Smith – Supervisor of the Office of Real Estate
- b. Calder Kamin – Small Business Development Program
- c. Capacity Building Applications for December – Presented by Laura Odegaard

### **5. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Reaching out to the development community to develop ideas to support arts space opportunities. Attended the ACA Awards in November.

### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and Action Items
  - i. Discuss and Approve November Community Initiative Applications  
Motion to approve 18 CI 56 SP, 18 CI 57, 18 CI 59 SP, 18 CI 63, 18 CI 64 SP, 18 CI 66  
Motioned: Polgar                      Seconded: Garza  
Approved: 8-0  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent  
  
Motion to approve 18 CI 54 SP  
Motioned: Mok      Seconded: Polgar  
Approved: 8-0  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent  
  
Motion to approve 18 CI 58 at \$4,500 level  
Motioned: Fonte      Seconded: Mok

Approved: 1-7  
For - Fonte  
Against – Polgar, Castillo, McCain, Mok, Garza, Reeves, Flores  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 58  
Motioned: Castillo          Seconded: Garza  
Approved: 6-2-1  
For - Polgar, Castillo, McCain, Mok, Garza, Flores  
Against – Fonte, Reeves  
Abstained - McCain  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 60 SP  
Motioned: Castillo          Seconded: Mok  
Approved: 8-0  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 61  
Motioned: Fonte          Seconded: McCain  
Approved: 8-0  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 65 SP  
Motioned: Mok          Seconded: Castillo  
Approved: 8-0  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 67  
Motioned: Mok          Seconded: Polgar  
Approved: 7-1  
For: Mok, Castillo, Flores, Polgar, Reeves, Garza, McCain  
Against: Fonte  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 68 SP  
Motioned: Castillo          Seconded: Mok  
Approved: 6-2  
For: Mok, Castillo, Flores, Polgar, Reeves, McCain  
Against: Garza and Fonte  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 69 SP  
Motioned: Castillo          Seconded: Garza  
Approved: 7-0-1  
Approved: Mok, Castillo, Flores, Polgar, Reeves, Garza, McCain, Fonte

Abstained: McCain  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 70 SP  
Motioned: Polgar Seconded: Mok  
Approved: 8-0  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent

Motion to approve 18 CI 71 SP  
Motioned: Mok Seconded: Garza  
Approved: 8-0  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent

- ii. Discuss and Approve the Prospectus for TEMPO 2018 Art in Public Places Project  
Presented by Sue Lambe, Art in Public Places Program Administer  
Approve the Prospectus for TEMPO 2018 Art in Public Places Project  
Motioned: Polgar Seconded: Mok  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent

Substitute motion to approve the Prospectus for TEMPO 2018 Art in Public Places Project to increase the budget by \$10,000 to for a 10<sup>th</sup> piece to be sited in District 3  
Motioned: Fonte Approved: Garza  
Approved: 8-0  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent

- iii. Discussion and possible action on recommendation from the Community Outreach Working Group for increasing communication from the creative community and cultural contractors  
Presented by Commissioner Krissi Reeves

Motion to that all commissioners sign up for a month to invite 2 artists or arts organizations ideally from the Commissioner's district to present at the Arts Commission.  
Motioned: Castillo Seconded: Polgar  
Approved: 8-0  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent

- iv. Discussion and possible action regarding the creation of a joint arts/music working group to examine potential city real estate options for arts/music  
Presented by Vice Chair Michelle Polgar

Motion to establish a joint arts/music working group to examine potential city real estate options for arts/music which will include Commissioners Fonte, Polgar, and Castillo and members from the Music Commission

Motioned: Mok    Seconded: Castillo  
Approved: 8-0  
Commissioners Barnes, Bryan absent

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### a. Discussion and Action Items

#### i. Omnibus

1. Update on Marketing Initiative  
Commissioner Castillo presented - No Action Taken
2. Update from Joint Music/Arts Working Group  
Commissioner Polgar presented – 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.  
Commissioner Fonte presented – No Action Taken
4. Venue Funding/Assistance Program Working Group - Commissioners Polgar, Reeves, Flores  
Presented by Commissioner Polgar – No Action Taken
5. Art in Public Places Artwork Donation and Loan Policy Working Group – Commissioners Barnes, Bryan, Castillo, McCain and representatives from the AIPP Panel  
Presented by Castillo – No Action Taken
6. FY19 Core Funding Program Guidelines Working Group - Commissioners Polgar, Castillo, Flores, Reeves  
No Action Taken
7. FY19 Cultural Heritage Festivals Program Guidelines Working Group - Commissioners Fonte, Garza, McCain, Flores  
No Action Taken

## **8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Next Meeting will be on **Monday, January 22 @ 6pm at Cultural Arts Division Training Room**

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Provide a letter of support for the Austin Veterans Arts Festival to City Council.

Reschedule Matt Steinke Capacity Building Presentation

Request list of surplus properties from the Real Estate Office

Send link to the video of the real estate presentation to the Music Commission

## **ADJOURNMENT: 9:49pm**

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