



AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION Minutes
Regular Meeting – Monday, July 17, 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

Absent: Chris Bryan, Felipe Garza, and Amy Mok

CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting – Arts Commission Regular Meeting on June 19, 2017

Motion to approve the minutes with the suggested changes.

Motioned: Barnes Seconded: Willenzik

Approved: 8-0

Absent: Chris Bryan, Felipe Garza, and Amy Mok

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. Alexandra Bassett with Rude Mechs – Had an open house for their new space at the Austin American Statesmen facility 305 South Congress. They have three available rehearsal spaces available for rent. The 21st season is beginning next week – Crush Austin – making art in each council district.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a. Austin Veterans Art Festival presented by Glenn Towery of the Veterans Suicide Prevention Channel
Hugh Mayfield and Glenn Towery presenting – Austin Veterans Art Festival – no one is doing a festival of the type that they are proposing. Provide an opportunity for veterans to express how they feel for serving in the military. Created the Veterans Suicide Prevention Chanel, which can be accessed with any device that can access the internet. The idea for the veterans’ art festival is new and they are in the early phases of planning. They would like to divide the show over the 6 primary museums in Austin and would like to base each exhibition on a theme. Additionally offer an Art Walk. Ask that galleries to take a reduced commission on the sale of the art work. Have live performances and integrate a book fair. They hope to build it into a national event. (Connect Mr. Towery to Alissa)

- b. Status of Omnibus Resolution presented by Frank Rodriguez, Office of the Mayor

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mayor held a press conference for downtown funding – housing the homeless, as one example – some funding presented would include the expansion on the Hotel Occupancy Tax. The Visitor Impact Task Force will be presenting to the City Council in early August. Thanks to the Cultural Arts Division staff for the CodeNEXT event and the ASAP application workshops held earlier in July. Anne-Marie will be providing the Arts commissioners a list of the funded arts groups in each of the districts as a tool for the Arts Commissioners to use to connect with the people in their districts.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Action Items

- i. Approve the Prospectus for Dove Springs Recreation Center Art in Public Places Project, presented by Sue Lambe, Art In Public Places Administrator. Motion to Approve the Prospectus for Dove Springs Recreation Center Art in Public Places Project.

Motioned: Bares Seconded: Polgar

Approved: 8-0

Absent: Chris Bryan, Felipe Garza, and Amy Mok

- ii. Appoint a Chair to the Art in Public Places Panel Nominating Committee, Presented by Sue Lambe, Art in Public Places Program Administrator Motion to appoint Jaime Castillo as the Chair to the Art in Public Places Panel Nominating Committee

Motioned: Polgar Seconded: Willenzik

Approved: 8-0

Absent: Chris Bryan, Felipe Garza, and Amy Mok

- iii. Approve Arts Commission FY17 Annual Internal Review and FY18 Goals Motion to Approve Arts Commission FY17 Annual Internal Review and FY18 Goals

Motioned: Barnes Seconded: Fonte

Approved: 8-0

Absent: Chris Bryan, Felipe Garza, and Amy Mok

- iv. Establish Arts Commission Working Groups in support of FY18 Goals Motion to establish a working group community outreach and engagement, with Commissioners Reeves, Fonte, Castillo, Mok, and Polgar

Motioned: Reeves Seconded: Fonte

Approved: 8-0

Absent: Chris Bryan, Felipe Garza, and Amy Mok

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Action Items

- i. Approve Proposed Artwork Donation by artist James Brenner of *Dragonfly* for site at Downtown Central Library, by Austin Public Library Friends Foundation

Motion to postpone this item to the August 15th meeting

Motioned: Flores Seconded: McCain

Approved: 8-0

Absent: Chris Bryan, Felipe Garza, and Amy Mok

- ii. Discuss and approve Arts Space Assistance Program Review Panelist Nominees. Presented by TJ Owens, African American Culture and Heritage Facility

Motion to Approve Arts Space Assistance Program Review Panelists

Motioned: Polgar Seconded: Castillo

Approved: 8-0

Absent: Chris Bryan, Felipe Garza, and Amy Mok

iii. Omnibus

1. Update on Marketing Initiative (Willenzik)
No Action Taken
2. Update from Joint Music/Arts Working Group
No Action Taken

iv. Working Group Updates

1. Capacity Building Guidelines Working Group - Vice Chair Polgar, and Commissioners Castillo and Mok
No Action Taken
2. FY18 Cultural Funding Matrix Working Group - Commissioners Fonte, Willenzik, Garza, Bryan, and Chair Flores
No Action Taken
3. Labor Language Working Group – Chair Flores, Vice Chair Polgar, Commissioners Bryan and Barnes
No Action Taken

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Update on current Cultural Arts Division projects and activities
Marketing workshops, ASAP Applications are due on August 1. Exploring entrepreneurship for artists is offered by small biz at the MACC.

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Next Meeting will be on **Monday, August 21 @ 6pm at City Hall, Executive Session Room 1027**

Capital View Arts had a successful Hip Hop Summit
New Music Division Manager – Erica Shamley
October 24th – Long Center is offering free information sessions – 1st will be on fundraising

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Capacity Building Guidelines
Funding Matrix
Staff Cultural Tourism Plan Update
Staff Arts Space Assistance Program Update
Presentation on Omnibus
Dragonfly Artwork Donation

ADJOURNMENT – 8:01pm

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For more information on the Austin Arts Commission please contact Anne-Marie McKaskle-Davis at 512-974-7854.