



AUSTIN MUSIC COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Monday, February 1, 2010, 6:00 P.M.
Austin City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701
Boards and Commissions Room, Room 1101

Commissioners in attendance: Brad Stein (Chair) Randy Houston (Vice Chair), Margaret Moser, Duane “Ter’ell Shahid” Hunter, Paul Oveisi, Marcia Zwilling

Commissioners absent: Rich Garza

Staff in attendance: Don Pitts, Jim Butler

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stein called the Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting of January 4, 2010 were approved on Commissioner Moser’s motion, Commissioner Houston’s second, on a 6-0 vote.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

1. Tricia Forbes, the Executive Director of the SIMS Foundation, updated the Commission. She mentioned a new contract that they have with Travis County and also provided a broad update on their activities.
2. Jeff Newman, Sarah Hickman, Lily Hickman, and Reid Nelson spoke about their concerns about the Cactus Café closing.
3. Chief Don Smith of the Austin Fire Department let the Commission know that the Department is no longer working to change the ordinance related to temporary change of use permits.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action items

The Commission discussed changing the length of time that is currently allowed for a sound amplification permit from 24 hours to 96 hours. The Commission voted 4-0 with one abstention for this change. Houston made the motion to approve and Oveisi seconded the motion. Moser abstained.

E. MEMBER UPDATES

Stein mentioned the idea of having the Small Business Development Program develop classes that would help sound engineers be better prepared for sound-related certifications. Oveisi is gathering information about parking near live music venues.

Houston mentioned activities related to the Greater Austin Creative Alliance. Moser mentioned activities related to helping younger musicians in Austin, including an event that was held at the Bullock. She is also working hard on the Music Awards.

F. STAFF BRIEFINGS

Butler mentioned that Live From the Plaza is booked for the spring. Pitts mentioned that the date of the Austin Music Memorial will be changed and a new City of Austin job will be posted soon. This new position that will be a liaison between the Music Division and the part of the City that issues sound-related permits.

G. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

None.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 8:05 p.m. with a 5-0 vote. Houston made the motion to adjourn and Moser seconded it.