



**AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES**  
Special Called Meeting – Sunday, May 6, 2018, 12:30 P.M.  
Mosaic Sound Collective Auditorium  
6400 FM 969, Austin, TX 78724

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

Jaime Castillo – Chair, Michelle Polgar–Vice Chair, Brett Barnes, Chris Bryan, Lulu Flores, Bears Fonte, Felipe Garza, Alissa McCain, Amy Mok, Krissi Reeves, Renee Rice

**CALL TO ORDER – 12:45 P.M.**

**1. LUNCH DISCUSSION WITH ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PANEL**

- a. Discuss the Artwork Donation and Loan policy  
No Action Taken
- b. Discuss ideas for increasing space for visual artists
  - i. If the City creates a new space it should be located in central location
  - ii. Dougherty Arts Center’s new location for potential artist studios
  - iii. An Art in Public Places Panel member should come along with an Arts Commissioner to visit City Council members.
  - iv. Share/report how many hours are spent reviewing proposed projects coming up through the Art in Public Places Panel and the Arts Commission
  - v. Consider city property, not just facilities, even those properties that are used by non-profits like the Long Center or the ZACH
  - vi. SXSW, Facebook artist in residence, and Maker Faire – ask that they come to the table to help us find more opportunities for Austin artists
  - vii. Consider moving the AIPP funds into an annual pooled pot that is not necessarily tied to the capital improvement project location, but shared throughout the City of AustinNo Action Taken
- c. Tour Mosaic Sound Collective (1:15pm)  
Commission recessed to tour Mosaic Sound Collective – 1:30pm  
Commission reconvened at 2:10pm

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 16, 2018  
Motion to approve minutes as amended  
Motioned: Flores      Seconded: Polgar  
Approved: 8-0-1  
Commissioner Barnes abstained

### **3. 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.

**None**

### **4. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Introduced himself. He is a listener and likes to consider everyone's thoughts before speaking. Looking to the full commission for leadership, and would like to thank long standing commissioners who have institutional memory and would like to invite them to be mentors to the newer commission members, in particular with helping them with navigating communications with City Council members. Appreciate each commissioner for speaking up for their constituents, bringing in new thoughts, questions, and concerns.

### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Review and discuss current Arts Commission goals and objectives established in the FY17 Annual Internal Review (20 min)  
Revisions needed for Goal C for the 2019 Goals, which will be taken up in July 2018  
Goal 5 - Attend or monitor outside commission meetings, or request to present or sign up for Citizen Communications at their meetings to share updates regarding Arts Commission actions  
Goal 6 – Revision to seeing a monthly cultural funded events  
No Action Taken
- b. Discuss progress on FY17 Arts Commission Retreat Agenda items (20 min)  
No Action Taken

### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discuss role of the Arts Commission (30 min)  
No Action Taken
- b. Discuss Cultural Funding Responsiveness Working Group (30 minutes)  
Complete Focus Groups before the survey  
No Action Taken  
  
Break at 3:38 – returned at 3:44
- c. Discuss the Community and Outreach Plan (30 min)  
Community Initiatives review takes time – what are strategies to alleviate this? The working group will work on tightening up the guidelines and the arts commission review process  
Consistent meeting locations for the Arts Commission in the future meetings  
No Action Taken

- d. Discuss equity outreach strategies (40 min)  
Develop an equity mission and vision for the Arts Commission to be added to the bylaws  
No Action Taken

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

May Meeting – updating Arts Commission Bylaws – establish a working group to revise the bylaws

July Meeting – Approve 2019 Arts Commission Goals

Resend commissioners the list of cultural contractors in their district and their monthly assignment – Renee will invite artists for July

First time applicant cohorts – what would a program like that look like?

Send out CI WG Doodle

**8. ADJOURNMENT – 5:00pm**