



**AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting – Monday, July 16, 2018, 6:00 P.M.  
City Hall – Executive Session Room 1029  
301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, TX 78701

**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

Commissioners Bryan and Rice absent

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:36 P.M.**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approve the revised minutes for the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on May 21, 2018  
Motion to approve the revised minutes for the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on May 21, 2018  
Moved by Polgar      Seconded by Fonte  
Vote 9-0  
Commissioners Bryan and Rice absent

- b. Approve the minutes for the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on June 18, 2018  
Motion to approve with amendments  
Moved by Polgar      Seconded by Barnes  
Vote 9-0  
Commissioners Bryan and Rice absent

**2. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Capacity Building Applications for July, presented by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Arts Funding Program Associate
- b. Cultural Arts Division FY19 Budget Presentation – Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manger

**3. CHAIR’S REPORT**

- a. update on Artist Access Program Community Engagement committee

**4. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES ARTS COMMISSION LIAISON REPORT**

**5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL – 6:30 PM Time Certain**

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. Rebecca Campbell, Executive Director Austin Film Society – addressing a recent article in the Austin American Statesmen regarding their financial stewardship.

- b. John Riedie, CEO Austin Creative Alliance – appointed to the Tourism Commission and extended an invitation to commission to reach out to him regarding support of cultural arts funding through the Hotel Occupancy Tax, has been working to support ASAP Funding Program, Utility Bill Rebate, and the \$12 million dollar bond should go towards supporting existing art spaces that have the opportunity to purchase the property that is already in use.

## 6. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a. Marie Martinez, Ballet East Dance Company – Was not able to attend
- b. Red Salmon Arts, Dr. Lilia Rosas, Executive Director – working to expand via working intergenerational programming including Barrio Writers group with a focus on LatinX and indigenous artists. Finding spaces that are livable and affordable for their community is a challenge.
- c. 2018 Bond Package Presentation, Carla Steffan and Katy Zamesnik – Provided and overview of the Bond Process, and provided details regarding the Bond items relating to libraries and cultural centers.

Commissioners Fonte, Barnes and Chair Castillo left the dais

- d. CodeNEXT Infrastructure Benefits to Music, Arts and Culture by Brad Carlin, Dan Redman, and Zac Traeger – Community Members from the Joint Arts and Music Commission working group on CodeNEXT. Trying to build a broad base of support for things in CodeNEXT that can be helpful to members of the arts and cultural communities. Created an advocacy strategy for support the elements of CodeNEXT that supports the Arts and Music industries including a better definition of live performance, theatre and music venues designated as pedestrian, live music designated as a community benefit, expanding cultural use definition.

Commissioners Fonte, and Chair Castillo returned to the dais

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Action Items
  - i. Discussion and Possible action on 2018 Bond Proposal and Music/Arts/Cultural Facilities Working Group update  
Motion to create a joint working group with the Music Commission to address possible uses of the \$12 million for creative spaces bond  
Motioned: Mok                      Seconded: Flores

Commissioner Barnes returned to the dais

Substitute motion to call a special called meeting with the music commission prior to August 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the \$12 million proposed bond for creative spaces

Motioned: Fonte                      Seconded: Polgar

Vote: 8-1

For: Commissioner McCain, Mok, Barnes, Flores, Reeves, Fonte, Vice Chair Polgar and Chair Castillo

Opposed: Commissioner Garza

Commissioners Bryan and Rice absent

Amended motion to have the Chairs of the Arts and Music commission schedule the special called meeting

Motioned: Fonte Seconded: Polgar

Vote: 8-1

For: Commissioner McCain, Mok, Barnes, Flores, Reeves, Fonte, Vice Chair Polgar and Chair Castillo

Opposed: Commissioner Garza

Commissioners Bryan and Rice absent

- ii. Approve the Final Design by Laurie Frick for the TEMPO Refresh: Moments Art in Public Places Project  
Motion to approve the Final Design by Laurie Frick for the TEMPO Refresh: Moments Art in Public Places Project  
Motioned: Flores Seconded: Garza  
Vote: 9-0  
Commissioners Bryan and Rice absent
- iii. Approve the Final Design by Allyson Lipkin for the TEMPO 2018 Art in Public Places Project  
Motion to approve the Final Design by Allyson Lipkin for the TEMPO 2018 Art in Public Places Project  
Motioned: Barnes Seconded: Polgar  
Vote: 9-0  
Commissioners Bryan and Rice absent
- iv. Approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the ABIA Parking Garage and Administration Building Phase II Art in Public Places Project  
Motion to approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the ABIA Parking Garage and Administration Building Phase II Art in Public Places Project  
Motioned: Flores Seconded: Polgar  
Vote: 9-0  
Commissioners Bryan and Rice absent
- v. Approve the Prospectus for Little Stacy Neighborhood Park Art in Public Places Project  
Motion to approve the Prospectus for Little Stacy Neighborhood Park Art in Public Places Project  
Motioned: Barnes Seconded: Fonte  
Vote: 9-0  
Commissioners Bryan and Rice absent
- vi. Discussion and possible action on FY19 Community Initiatives Guidelines Revision Addendum

Motion to approve the FY19 Community Initiatives Guidelines Revision Addendum

Motioned: Flores Seconded: Fonte

Vote: 9-0

Commissioners Bryan and Rice absent

vii. Discussion and possible action June Community Initiative Applications

Motion to approve all CI applications including 18 CI 139, 18 CI 134 SP, 18 CI 146, 18 CI 141 SP, 18 CI 140 SP, 18 CI 135 SP, 18 CI 151, 18, CI 153 SP, 18 CI 147 SP, 18 CI 154, 18 CI 148, 18 CI 144, 18 CI 143, 18 CI 149 SP, 18 CI 152 SP and applications 18 CI 142 SP, 18 CI 149 SP, 18 CI 150 with the contingency that the applicants submit revisions requested by staff prior to entering into contract.

Motioned: Flores Seconded: Polgar

Vote: 7-0

For: Castillo, Polgar, Fonte, Reeves, Flores, Barnes, Garza, Mok

Abstained: McCain

Mok off the dais

Commissioners Bryan and Rice absent

Mok returned to the dais

Motion to approve 18 CI 136 SP for only the Community Initiatives \$2,750 award amount without the Education Modifier, and encourage the applicant to include outreach to African American Press

Motioned: Flores Seconded: Garza

Vote: 8-0

For: Castillo, Polgar, Fonte, Reeves, Flores, Barnes, Garza, Mok

Abstained: McCain

Commissioners Bryan and Rice absent

Motioned to approve 18 CI 137 SP

Motioned: Flores Seconded: Mok

Vote: 4-4-1

For: Mok, Castillo, Reeves, Flores

Against: Polgar, Fonte, Barnes, Garza

Abstained: McCain

Motion failed

Commissioners Bryan and Rice absent

Motioned to approve 18 CI 138 SP

Motioned: Mok Seconded: Barnes

Vote: 0-7-2

For: none

Against: Castillo, Polgar, Fonte, Reeves, Flores, Barnes, and Garza

Abstained: Mok and McCain

Motion failed  
Commissioners Bryan and Rice absent

- viii. Approve the FY19 Cultural Arts Funding Program Funding Matrix  
Commissioners McCain, Mok, Fonte, Barnes recused themselves from this item and left the dais.  
No Quorum available to review and approve this item.
- ix. Approve FY18 Annual Report and FY19 Arts Commission Goals  
Motion to approve the FY18 Annual Report and FY19 Commission goals  
Motioned: Flores                      Seconded: Polgar  
Vote: 9-0

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

### a. Discussion and Action Items

#### i. Omnibus

- 1. 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 – Final Presentation provided on June 18, 2018
- 2. Cultural Funding Program Responsiveness Working Group – Commissioners Mok, Vice Chair Polgar, Castillo, McCain and chaired by Commissioner Fonte.  
No Action Taken
- 3. City of Austin Artwork Donation and Loan Policy Working Group – Commissioners Barnes, Bryan, Castillo, McCain and representatives from the AIPP Panel  
No Action Taken
- 4. Community Initiative Guidelines Working Group with Commissioners Fonte, McCain, Rice, Reeves, and Flores  
No Action Taken
- 5. Capacity Building Guidelines Working Group with Commissioners Polgar, Mok, Castillo, Garza  
No Action Taken
- 6. Cultural Equity Working Group with Commissioners Flores, Rice, Fonte, and Mok along with community member Sarah Rucker  
No Action Taken

7. Arts Commission Bylaws Working Group with Commissioners Lulu Flores, Krissi Reeves, Michelle Polgar  
No Action Taken
8. Venue Crisis Action Plan Working Group - Commissioners Reeves, Polgar  
No Action Taken

## **9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Next Regular Meeting will be on **Monday, August 20 @ 6pm at City Hall, Board and Commission Room 1101, 301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, TX 78701**

## **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Capacity Building Guidelines

Community Initiatives Guidelines working group to discuss Arts Commission review process of the applications

Renee Rice – invite two artist/ arts orgs for the August Meeting

Alissa McCain – invite two artists/ arts orgs for the September Meeting

Joint Arts and Music Working Group on CodeNEXT to request that the arts commission support their recommendations (in August or September meeting)

Artwork Donation Loan Policy

AIPP items presented in consent agenda format

December – Jaime Castillo will invite artists/ arts orgs

## **ADJOURNMENT – 9:28pm**

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