



AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

Milwood Branch Library

12500 Amherst Dr, Austin, TX 78727

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Jaime Castillo – Chair, Michelle Polgar–Vice Chair, Brett Barnes, Lulu Flores, Bears Fonte, Felipe Garza, Amy Mok, Krissi Reeves, Megan Moten

Commissioner Garza Absent

CALL TO ORDER – 6:07 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes for the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on February 25, 2019
Motion to approve minutes for the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on February 25, 2019 as amended
Motioned: Commissioner Polgar Seconded Commissioner Mok
Passed on consent

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Capacity Building Applications for January, presented by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Arts Funding Program Specialist
- b. Recap of Faces of Austin and UNESCO SXSW Exhibition, presented by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Arts Funding Program Specialist
- c. Hotel Occupancy Tax report, presented by Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager

3. CHAIR'S REPORT – reminded commission of the established 4 pillars:

Cultivate Leadership – develop current and emerging leaders
Ensure and Encourage Equity – reflect the growing diverse population of Austin
Foster Collaboration – contribute to Austin's robust arts eco-system
Inspire Evolution – achieve advancement through innovation and resiliency

- a. Art In Public Places Arts Commission Liaison Report – no report given
- b. Downtown Commission Liaison Report – no report given

4. 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. Krystle Kelly – General Manager, Vortex Repertory Company – working on Creative Space Assistance Program (CSAP) Application. Would like to provide feedback on how the \$12 million in Bond funds should be used
- b. Mike Henry – Mosaic Sound Collective – would like more information and transparency on the bond process. Concerned about the initial \$500,000 allocation.

- c. Mary Ellen Latouf – New Arts Commissioner. Will begin service at the next meeting in April

Motion to move up item 7.a.ii.B to just after Special Presentations 5.a and 5.b.

Motioned Commissioner Reeves Seconded Commissioner Flores

Vote: 8-0, Commissioner Garza absent

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a. Ann Graham, Executive Director of Texans for the Arts
- b. Candice Digby of Austin Design Week

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action on Approval of the Final Design by artist Laura Hajar for the Austin Fire Department-Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Art in Public Places Project

Motion to approve the Final Design by artist Laura Hajar for the Austin Fire Department-Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Art in Public Places Project

Motioned: Commissioner Flores Seconded: Commissioner Polgar

Vote: 8-0, Commissioner Garza Absent

Commissioner Castillo left the dais

- b. Discussion and possible action on Approval of the Prospectus for the Ricky Guerrero Pocket Park Art in Public Places Project

Motion to approve the Prospectus for the Ricky Guerrero Pocket Park Art in Public Places Project

Motioned: Commissioner Barnes Seconded: Commissioner Flores

Vote: 7-0, Commissioner Castillo off the dais, Commissioner Garza absent

Commissioner Castillo returned to the dais, Commissioner Fonte off the dais

- c. Discussion and possible action on Approval of the Prospectus for Austin-Bergstrom International Airport Terminal Expansion Project, Phase II, Art in Public Places Project

Motion to approve item 6.c on consent

Motioned: Commissioner Barnes Seconded: Commissioner Polgar

Passed on consent 7-0, Commissioner Fonte off the dais, Commissioner Garza absent

Commissioner Fonte returned to the dais

- d. Discussion and action on Establishing Community Initiatives Guidelines Working Group

Motion to establish the Community Initiatives Guidelines Working Group with Commissioners Fonte, Polgar and Moten

Motioned: Mok Seconded: Reeves

Vote: 8-0, Commissioner Garza absent

- e. Discussion and action on Approval of Cultural Heritage Festivals Program Peer Panelist Nominees
Motion to approve the Cultural Heritage Festivals Program Peer Panelist Nominees
Moted: Commissioner Fonte Seconded: Commissioner Barnes
Vote: 8-0, Commissioner Garza absent
- f. Discussion and possible action on Appointing Downtown Commission Liaison
Motion to table appointing Downtown Commission Liaison to the April meeting
Moted: Commissioner Flores Seconded: Commissioner Polgar
Vote: 7-1, Commissioner Garza absent
For: Commissioners Castillo, Polgar, Barnes, Flores, Mok, Reeves, Moten
Against: Commissioner Fonte

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Action Items
 - i. Discussion and possible action on Arts Commission Annual Retreat
Doodle Poll will be sent with options for weekends in April to determine the date of the Arts Commission Retreat
 - ii. Working Group Updates
 - A. Update from Latino Arts Residency Program (LARP) Review Community Engagement Panel
Motion to replace Commissioner Garza with Commissioner Castillo as the Arts Commission representative on the Latino Arts Residency Program (LARP) Review Community Engagement Panel
Moted: Commissioner Fonte Seconded: Commissioner Flores
Vote: 8-0
 - B. Update from Joint Music/Arts Working Group
The Joint Music and Arts Meeting will likely be held in late April or early May. Once the joint meeting occurs the working group will reconvene to discuss the community feedback from the meeting and will then schedule a second joint meeting to occur later in the summer. After that second joint meeting the working group hopes that it will be able to make a recommendation to City Council regarding the \$12 million bond.
No action taken
 - C. Cultural Funding Program Responsiveness Working Group – Chair Castillo, Vice Chair Polgar, Commissioners Mok, McCain and chaired by Commissioner Fonte.
No action taken
 - D. Cultural Equity Working Group - Commissioners Flores, Fonte, and Mok along with community member Sarah Rucker
No action taken

E. Arts Commission Bylaws Working Group - Vice Chair Polgar,
Commissioners Flores, Reeves
No action taken

F. Joint Arts and Music land development and permitting working group
No action taken

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Next Regular Meeting will be on **Monday, April 15 @ 6pm at City Hall, Council Chambers Room 1001, 301 W 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701**

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Elect new Chair and Vice Chair

Establish Funding Matrix Working Group

Establish Capacity Building Guidelines Working Group

Establish 4th Quarter Community Initiatives Application Review Panel

Appoint new Downtown Commission Liaison

Special Presentations by Boss Babes and Creatives Meet Business

ADJOURNMENT – 8:25pm

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