



ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Monday, August 19, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
City Hall, Council Chambers Room 1001
301 W 2nd St, Austin, TX 78701

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Jaime Castillo – Chair, Michelle Polgar – Vice Chair, Brett Barnes, Lulu Flores, Bears Rebecca Fonte, Felipe Garza, Mary Ellen Latouf, Amy Mok, Megan Moten, Krissi Reeves, Celina Zisman

Commissioners Moten, Latouf, Reeves, Zisman absent

CALL TO ORDER – 6:05 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes for the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on July 15, 2019
Moted Polgar Secoded Barnes
Vote: 7-0
Commissioners Moten, Latouf, Reeves, Zisman absent

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Briefing on a recommendation to Austin City Council on the Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities and Programs, presented by Kim McKnight, Acting Assistant Director
- b. 86th Legislative Session Update, presented by Brie Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer
- c. Hotel Occupancy Tax report, presented by Sylvania Holt-Rabb, Acting Deputy Director, Economic Development
- d. Capacity Building Applications, presented by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Arts Funding Program Specialist

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Art In Public Places Arts Commission Liaison Report – Commissioner Barnes
- b. Downtown Commission Liaison Report – Commissioner Garza
- c. Quality of Life Commission Updates

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. Acia Gray – Tapestry Dance Company, appreciation for Austin Creative Alliance, and the grand opening of the new Tapestry Dance Company Studio
- b. Amy Scofield – Visual Artist, appreciation for Austin Creative Alliance
- c. Jean-Pierre Verdijo– independent artist, appreciation for Austin Creative Alliance
- d. David Santos – In support of Austin Creative Alliance

- e. Romel Sulit – \$12 million Bond should focus on the study that was generated for the Cultural Arts Division, strategies employed in affordable housing should be used when considering the building of spaces for the arts
- f. China Smith – Ballet Afrique, Support for Austin Creative Alliance
- g. Krystle Kelly – Vortex, honoring Jim Cullum who recently passed, who was the property owner of the Vortex, also supporting Austin Creative Alliance
- h. Adeena Reitberger – Supporting Austin Creative Alliance
- i. Anu Naimpally – Austin Dance India, Supporting Austin Creative Alliance

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a. Red Salmon Arts/Resistencia Books – Dr. Lilia Rosas
Not able to attend
- b. Dance Africa Fest – Tonya Pennie
- c. NowPlayingAustin.com – Austin Creative Alliance
- d. Austin Creative Alliance – John Riedie & Board of Directors

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to Austin City Council on the Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities and Programs
No action taken

- b. Approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the Little Stacy Neighborhood Park Art in Public Places Project

Motion to approve items 6.b and 6.c on consent

Motioned: Barnes Seconded: Polgar

Vote: 7-0

Commissioners Moten, Latouf, Reeves, Zisman absent

Item 6.b Approved on consent

- c. Approve the Final Designs (10 Murals) for the TEMPO 2D AIPP Exhibition

Item 6.c Approved on consent

- d. Discussion and possible action on roles and membership of Arts Commission Working Group in formulating recommendations regarding the Cultural Arts Fund

Motion to table item for future meeting

Motioned: Barnes Seconded: Flores

Vote: 7-0

Commissioners Moten, Latouf, Reeves, Zisman absent

Commissioner Garza left the dais

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Possible Action Items

i. Working Group Updates

- A. Creative Space Bond Working Group – Commissioners Reeves (Chair), Flores, LaTouf and Barnes and Music Commissioners Oren Rosenthal, Chaka Mahone and Stuart Sullivan

No action taken

- B. Joint Arts and Music Land Development and Permitting Working Group – Commissioners Polgar (Chair), Reeves and community members Zac Traeger, David Sullivan, and Music Commissioners Oren Rosenthal and Graham Reynolds

No action taken

- C. Cultural Funding Program Responsiveness Working Group – Commissioners Castillo, Polgar, Mok, and Fonte (Chair)

No action taken

- D. TEMPO Program Guidelines and Goals Working Group – Commissioners Fonte, Barnes (Chair), Zisman, Polgar, community member Jade Walker and AIPP Panel members

No action taken

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Next Regular Meeting will be on **Monday, September 16 @ 6pm at Old Quarry Branch Library (7051 Village Center Dr., Austin, TX, 78731)**

Harvest Moon Festival on Saturday, September 14, 10am – 3pm at Asian American Cultural Center

AGLIFF Film Festival Thursday – Sunday at Alamo Drafthouse South Lamar

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Invite a speaker to discuss the Palm School Planning initiatives

Item 6.d to be picked up later (can be after September)

ADJOURNMENT – 8:55pm

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