



ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Monday, September 16, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

Cultural Arts Division, Bluebonnet Training Room

5202 E Ben White, Suite 400, Austin, TX 78741

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

Commissioner Latouf absent

CALL TO ORDER – 6:14 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes for the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on August 19, 2019 as amended

Motioned Flores Seconded Fonte

Vote: 8-0

Commissioners Castillo, Barnes and Latouf absent

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. CSAP Awards, Kim McCarson, Music and Entertainment Division
- b. Hotel Occupancy Tax report, presented by Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Acting Deputy Director, Economic Development

Commissioner Castillo arrived on the dais

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

Motion to move up items 6c and 6d

Motioned: Polgar Seconded: Fonte

Vote: 9-0

Commissioners Barnes and Latouf absent

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.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a. EastLink presented by Meredith Powell, Co-Founder, Public City

- b. Save Palm School Coalition, members
Motion to move 6b up
Motioned: Polgar Seconded: Flores
Vote: 9-0
Commissioners Barnes and Latouf absent

Motion to move item 6a up in the agenda
Motioned Polgar Seconded Fonte
Vote: 9-0
Commissioners Barnes and Latouf absent

Commissioner Barnes arrived on the dais

- c. MJR Associates, Margie Reese

15 minute recess @ 7:46pm

Reconvened

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action on FY 20 Cultural Heritage Festivals awards
Motion to approve recommendation by staff to limit decreases by 11% for Cultural Heritage Festivals Program
Motioned by Flores Seconded by Polgar
Vote: 10-0
Commissioner Latouf absent

- b. Discussion and possible action on presentation of Save Palm School Coalition
Motion to make a recommendation to support the motion already approved unanimously by the City Council
Motioned: Flores Seconded: Fonte
Vote 9-0
Commissioners Barnes and Latouf absent

- c. Approve the Donation of Chicano Rock by David Santos, Ramon Maldonado and Alex Isles for median at 12th St. and Red River

Motion to approve 6c and 6d on consent
Motioned Polgar Seconded Garza
Vote 8-0-1
Approved on Consent
For: Commissioners Moten, Reeves, Garza, Mok, Zisman, Fonte, Castillo, Polgar
Abstained: Commissioner Flores
Commissioners Barnes and Latouf absent

- d. Approve the Selection process recommendation for the Ricky Guerra Pocket Park, Art in Public Places
Approved on Consent
- e. Approve FY20 Q1 Community Initiatives Applications
Motion to approve FY20 Q1 Community Initiatives recommended applications including first level alternates
Motioned by Fonte Seconded by Polgar
Vote: 10-0

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, October 21 @ 6pm at City Hall, Council Chambers Room 1001 (301 W 2nd St., Austin, TX, 78701)**

Gender unbound film festival this week

Mexic-Arte Alter exhibition on going

Cultural Appropriation Discussion and Panel on Thursday @ 7pm @ ACC Eastview

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

CSAP Presentation

EastLink Trail Activation presentation and recommendation – “Pillars of the Community” project

Convention Center presentation

Staff update on NowPlayingAustin.com

Presentation on the Cultural Tourism Plan

ADJOURNMENT – 8:37 pm

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