



The Austin Music Commission convened in a regular meeting on September 9, 2019 at One Texas Center – 10th Floor, Suite 1070, Conference Room 10 B, 505 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair – Rick Carney, Vice-chair Jonathan “Chaka” Mahone, Secretary - Anne-Charlotte Patterson, Parliamentarian - Oren Rosenthal, Al Duarte, Gavin Garcia, Doug Leveton, Paul Pinon, Graham Reynolds

Staff in Attendance: Kim McCarson, Simone Wilson

CALL TO ORDER – 6:41pm

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Johnny Limon representing Tejano Music Coalition and Aggie Sanchez, president of Austin Tejano Music Coalition discuss Tejano music in Austin and Tejano Idol program. Ricky Sanchez discusses need for funding to promote Tejano music.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from Regularly Scheduled Meeting on August 5, 2019. Commissioner Reynolds motions to approve and Commissioner Garcia seconds. Motion carries 8-0.

3. CHAIR’S REPORT

Commissioner Leveton honors Stephen Greer with details about his life. Commissioner Rosenthal arrives at 6:50pm.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Joint Arts and Music Commissions’ Creative Space Acquisition and Improvements plan. Drummer Tom Van Schaik addresses Commission about repurposing schools for performance space. Commissioner Leveton updates Commission on working group progress. No action taken.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action on arranging a tour of various city facilities (parks, community centers) to see how existing creative spaces are being administered. No action taken.
- c. Discussion and Possible Action on Convention Center Expansion. Tom Van Schaik, musician Nakia Reynoso, Director of Austin Texas Musicians Pat Buchta, Glen Zembowsky, Director of the Music Venue Alliance Rebecca Reynolds, and Director of the Red River Cultural District Cody Cowan speak in support of expansion. Fred Lewis, attorney for Unconventional Austin and Brian Rodgers of the Tourism Commission

speak against expansion. Commissioner Garcia motions to vote in support of Convention Center expansion. Commissioner Rosenthal seconds. Motion carries 7-2, Commissioners Mahone and Patterson against.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Palm School resolution. Commissioner Garcia motions and Commissioner Reynolds seconds to delete item. Motion carries 9-0.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action following Update from C3 Presents on what to expect from ACL including: equity, diversity, and inclusion opportunities for Austin musicians, benefits to local commercial music industry, and philosophy of booking. Commissioner Reynolds motions and Commissioner Pinon seconds to move item to November. Motion carries 9-0.
- c. Discussion and Possible Action following report from Red River Cultural District (RRCDC). Cody Cowan, Executive Director of RRCDC, speaks about safety in the District and recent meeting with Mayor Adler, APD, and RRCDC merchants. No action taken.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Erica Shamaly, Music & Entertainment Division Manager announces HAAM Benefit Day is September 24th.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on further discussion of the Red River Cultural District. Commissioner Patterson motions and Commissioner Reynolds seconds.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action on arranging a tour of various city facilities (parks, community centers) to see how existing creative spaces are being administered. Commissioner Rosenthal motions and Commissioner Garcia seconds.
- c. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Visitors Impact Task Force recommendations. Commissioner Reynolds motions and Commissioner Duarte seconds.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Reynolds motions and Commissioner Pinon seconds. Adjourn at 8:44pm.

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