

'Arts and Culture' workgroup report-June 2020

Team:

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Synopsis of items accomplished:

(1) 'We are in this together' – art project completed

We recently completed an art initiative 'We are in this together' with Austin Sister Cities International (ASCI). This initiative was kicked off to help spread the message of togetherness and sense of one world while dealing with current pandemic .

Each sister city was requested to create a poster to inline with the theme of togetherness. We received amazing response and support. This created a very good opportunity to see art/expressions from different sister cultures. Here are couple of posters from this project



You can see all posters on the Austin Sister Cities International (ASCI) facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/asci>

(2) Artist Inputs for Creative Space funding options

City of Austin is working towards a plan of potentially purchasing struggling music venues.

<https://austin.culturemap.com/news/entertainment/05-25-20-city-council-tunes-up-plan-for-potential-purchase-of-music-venues/>

We reached out to various artists in the community to share this information and seek inputs on Asian artists needs. We will reach out to more artists and work towards compiling all requests/suggestions.

(3) Arts Commission meeting

Members of art workgroup attended Arts Commission meeting on June 17th.

It was a great meeting and gave good high level understanding on City of Austin's funding plans for FY2021. It was a good meeting and raised concerns on low participation of Asian Americans and possible plans to reduce funding by 30%. We will explore more this area to see what more can be done to help our community. Here is a link to the meeting agenda

<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=342173>

(4) Hanna Huang expressed interest in joining Arts and Culture workgroup. We will be including her in future Arts and Culture workgroup meetings.