



**The Austin Music Commission convened in a special called meeting on April 8, 2020 via videoconference.**

**Board Members in Attendance: Chair – Rick Carney, Vice-chair – Jonathan “Chaka” Mahone, Secretary - Anne-Charlotte Patterson, Al Duarte, Gavin Garcia, Doug Leveton, Patrice Pike, Graham Reynolds**

**Staff in Attendance: Kim McCarson, Stephanie Bergara**

**CALL TO ORDER – 3:12pm**

The Music Commission meeting was held with social distancing modifications due to Corona virus restrictions. Public comment was allowed on specific item numbers via telephone. The following speakers called in to speak on New Business item 2: Nakia Reynoso representing Austin Texas Musicians stated he is not in support of Council item 86 as currently written. He does not want to take money from other hospitality industry; he is in support of more stakeholder input to understand immediate needs. Reenie Collins representing Health Alliance for Austin Musicians (HAAM) asks that input from stakeholders and other organizations such as HAAM be considered. She explains that some musicians are having to face choosing between eating and paying rent or healthcare.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes from Regularly Scheduled Meeting on March 2, 2020. No action taken.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion of and Possible Action on the impact of the Corona virus on the music community, including but not limited to a resolution requesting that the City Council create a Music Disaster Relief Fund to assist Musicians and related service professionals and workers affected by the Corona virus. Commissioner Garcia motions and Commissioner Reynolds seconds to approve the Austin Music Disaster Relief Fund recommendation. Motion carries 8-0. Chair Carney motions and Commissioner Reynolds seconds to approve recommendation that the Music Commission supports City Council’s efforts to fund disaster relief, especially Council Member Flannigan’s item 91 (March 26, 2020 agenda) and Council Member Tovo’s item 86 (April 9, 2020 agenda) with the following addendums:

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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

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1. That additional funds are searched for before using the Live Music Fund. If the Live Music Fund is used, Music Commission support is contingent on replenishing the Live Music Fund.
2. The Music Commission recommends an advisory group be formed to guide the distribution of the disaster relief funds.
3. The Music Commission supports that Chair Rick Carney serve as Chair of the advisory group.
4. The Music Commission recommends that a third party be used to distribute the funds.
5. The Music Commission recommends that further stakeholder input be collected.

Motion carries 8-0. The following are recommended to serve on the advisory group to guide the distribution of funds depending on their availability: Rick Carney, Catlin Whittington, Celeste Quesada, Amy Lombardi, Cody Cowan, Chas Moore, Raul Alvarez, Denise Hernandez, Erika Schultz.

Commissioner Garcia motions and Commissioner Reynolds seconds to schedule a second special called meeting. Stephanie Hall from the Clerk's Office confirms that limits on the number of special called meetings are currently lifted. Motion passes 8-0.

**3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No action taken.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Carney motions and Commissioner Duarte seconds to adjourn. Meeting adjourns at 4:53pm.

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