

# ARTS COMMISSION MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020 – 2:30pm-4:30pm VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING

### **CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

Jaime Castillo – Chair, Michelle Polgar – Vice Chair, Brett Barnes, Lulu Flores, Bears Rebecca Fonte, Felipe Garza, kYmberly Keeton, Amy Mok, Celina Zisman, Rick Van Dyke

Absent: Keeton, Mok

## **MINUTES**

### CALL TO ORDER – 2:35 PM

#### CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

No speakers.

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approve the minutes for the regular Arts Commission meetings on October 19, 2020 and November 16, 2020

Move to approve November minutes.

Motioned: Flores Seconded: Polgar

Motion passed 7-1-0, Commissioner van Dyke abstaining and Commissioners Keeton and Mok absent.

Move to approve October minutes with amendments.

Motioned: Polgar Seconded: Flores

Motion passed 7-1-0, Commissioner van Dyke abstaining and Commissioners Keeton and Mok absent.

### 2. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Mental Health Check
- b. Art in Public Places liaison report
- c. Boards & Commissions liaisons

## 3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Hotel Occupancy Tax update Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Acting Economic Development Department Director
- b. Cultural Funding Review Process update Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager
- c. Update on Creative Space Bond Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Action Items
  - i. Approve Final Design by Damon Moseley for the St. John Pocket Park Art in Public Places Project

Move to approve Final Design by Damon Moseley for the St. John Pocket Park Art in Public Places Project.

Motioned: Barnes Seconded: Flores

Motion passed 8-0, Commissioners Keeton and Mok absent.

ii. Approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the Georgian Acres Neighborhood Park Art in Public Places Project

Move to approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the Georgian Acres Neighborhood Park Art in Public Places Project.

Motioned: Barnes Seconded: Polgar

Motion passed 8-0-1, Commissioner Mok abstaining, Commissioner Keeton absent.

iii. Approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the Pharr Tennis Center Art in Public Places Project

Move to approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the Pharr Tennis Center Art in Public Places Project.

Motioned: Flores Seconded: Barnes Motion passed 9-0, Commissioner Keeton absent.

 iv. Approve the Selection Process Recommendations for six Austin Fire Department-Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services Art in Public Places Projects

Move to approve the Selection Process Recommendations for six Austin Fire Department-Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services Art in Public Places Projects.

Motioned: Polgar Seconded: Flores Motion passed 9-0, Commissioner Keeton absent.

v. Cultural Funding Review Process update

No action taken.

vi. Arts Commission Retreat in early 2021

Meet in January? Possible discussion items: Relationship to AIPP; Strengthen engagement with community; How to best message and support staff with the new CFRP Guidelines; highest level 2-3 things so there's time for deep discussion and not being rushed; consistent message to community on equity from staff, Arts Commission, and Council; life after the pandemic – what

will the arts community look like if people still don't want to be in big crowds; share examples of successful online events; the retreat was helpful for a new Commissioner; AIPP panel in attendance, so possibly late January or early February.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and action
  - i. Austin Economic Development Corporation Nomination process

Move to combine items 5.a.i. and 5.b.i.v.

Motioned: Flores Seconded: Polgar Motion passed 9-0, Commissioner Keeton absent.

- b. Working Group updates
  - i. Creative Space Assistance Program joint Arts & Music Working Group Commissioners Fonte, Polgar and Zisman

Sunsetted.

- ii. Equity Resource Working Group with Commissioners Polgar, Castillo, and Keeton
- iii. "Imagine-Austin Town Center" Joint Working Group with Economic Prosperity, Veteran's, and Music Commissions with Arts Commissioners Van Dyke and Garza
- iv. Austin Economic Development Corporation Board Nomination Working Group – Commissioners Flores, Keeton, and Polgar

#### 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

### **ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:19 PM**

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