



ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

September 20, 2021 AT 5:30PM

Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 1001

301 W 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

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CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Michelle Polgar – Chair, Celina Zisman – Vice Chair, Brett Barnes, Jaime Castillo, Lulu Flores, Acia Gray, kYmberly Keeton, Amy Mok, Heidi Schmalbach, Rick Van Dyke

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER - 6:06pm

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.

Dewy Brooks, Austin Creative Alliance Board Chair – request a 90 day pause in the implementation of new cultural funding programs, and the establishment of a cultural equity committee to provide recommendations for the new cultural funding programs

Ivory Newsome, Artist – concerns about the cultural funding programs and requests a 90 day pause in implementation of new cultural funding programs and form a committee to review equity within the funding programs

Sally Jacques, Artistic Director of Blue Lapis Light – requesting a 90 pause in implementation of new cultural funding programs and form a committee to review equity, legacy, artistic merit

Cindy McDonald, Artist – Wants to move forward with proposed cultural funding programs, and not pause, keeping the equity lens

Sylvia Orozco, Director of Mexic-Arte Museum – Concern about the proposed Cultural Funding Programs, would like to pause the implementation of the proposed funding programs

Hector Ordaz, Proyecto Teatro – Concern that the proposed funding programs will just be a band aid on the problem. Would like to see more outreach to his community.

K. Stellar, artist – Would like the Arts Commission to move forward with the proposed programs

Priscilla Hale, Executive Director ALLGO – Support the proposed cultural funding programs

Tomas Pierro, runs an Austin arts collective – Introduction, and applicant for Commission seat

Tonya Pennie, Founder and Director of Dance Africa Fest and Artistic Director of Lannya Drum and Dance – Would like to see the proposed funding programs move forward

Clifford Gillard, Executive Director of Capitol View Arts - Would like to see the funding programs move forward

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes for the regular Arts Commission meetings on:
 - i. August 16, 2021
- Motion to approve August 16, 2021 regular Arts Commission meeting minutes
Moved by Commissioner Castillo Seconded by Commissioner Flores
Passed on consent

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Updates, Agreements and Special Announcements
- b. Art in Public Places liaison report
- c. AEDC/Cultural Trust Advisory Committee Report – Carl Settles
- d. Downtown Commission Report – Commissioner Keeton

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Hotel Occupancy Tax Update – Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Economic Development Department
- b. Cultural Funding Update – Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Working Group Updates
 - i. Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Barnes, Flores, Schmalbach, Van Dyke, and Zisman (chair)

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working group

Moved: Flores Seconded: Gray

10-0

- ii. Equity Resource Working Group with Commissioners Polgar, Castillo, and Keeton (chair)

Final Presentation Made - No action taken

- iii. Quarterly Arts Community Commission Meet-ups Working Group with Commissioners Barnes, Castillo, Gray and Garza

No action taken

- iv. Art Neighborhoods Working Group with Commissioners Mok, Zisman, Gray, and Van Dyke (chair)

No action taken

- v. Joint Working Group for Joint Cultural Committee with Commissioners Vice Chair Polgar, Chair Castillo (chair) and working group members from the Quality of Life Commissions

No action taken

- vi. Joint Art & Music Land Development Working Group with Commissioners Vice Chair Polgar (chair), Chair Castillo and working group members from the Music Commission

No action taken

- b. Discussion and possible action on Arts Commission Goals, Section 1: Equity
Motion to adopt the draft FY 22 Arts Commission goals as amended
Moved: Castillo Seconded: Zisman
10-0

Motion to Establish an Equity Working Group with Community Arts leaders of the BIPOC/LGBTQIA/Disabilities Community/Women to create a communications pipeline inform our work pre-, during and post cultural arts funding goals for this year with Commissioners Polgar, Castillo, and Keeton (chair)
Moved: Castillo Seconded: Zisman
9-0-1
Commissioner Mok abstained

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. AIPP Discussion and Action Items
 - i. Reform the Public Private Partnership (P3) working group to consider how the AIPP Ordinance is applied to a new process of acquiring City facilities through public/private partnerships
Motion to reform the Public Private Partnership (P3) working group to consider how the AIPP Ordinance is applied to a new process of acquiring City facilities through public/private partnerships with Commissioners Barnes (Chair), Schmalbach, Flores and Mok as a back up and other community members and AIPP Members
Moved: Barnes Seconded: Castillo
10-0
- b. Misc. Discussion and Possible Action Items
 - i. Cultural Funding Review Process
 - A. Community engagement, program revision plans and time frame
No action taken
 - B. Consideration for pausing and formation of a community task force (Commissioners Gray, Schmalbach)
No action taken

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT - 10:00

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