



ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

February 24, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 1001

301 W 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Some members of the Arts Commission may be participating by videoconference.

The meeting may be viewed online at:

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Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely by telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation. To register, contact Jesús Pantel at jesus.pantel@austintexas.gov or at 512-974-9315.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Celina Zisman – Vice Chair, Brett Barnes, Jaime Castillo, Felipe Garza, Acia Gray, Amy Mok, Heidi Schmalbach, Rick Van Dyke

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – 6:09 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.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes for the regular Arts Commission meeting on:
 - i. January 31, 2022
Postponed to next meeting.

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Updates – equity working group; music commission vote
- b. Art in Public Places Liaison Report - Commissioner Barnes
- c. Austin Economic Development Corporation/Cultural Trust Advisory Committee Report – Carl Settles
- d. Downtown Commission Report – Commissioner Mok

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a. Airbnb – Luis Briones, Texas Public Policy and Government Affairs Director

- b. Austin Community College Nonprofit Center CommunitySpace launch – Barry Silverberg, Executive Director, Center for Nonprofit Studies and Nonprofit Austin at ACC and Chris Servini, Associate Vice Chancellor for Community and Public Affairs

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Intergovernmental Relations update – Brie Franco
- b. Capital Improvements Projects updates – Laura Esparza, Museums and Cultural Programs Division Manager
- c. Legal Consideration Related to Equity in Economic Development Department Hotel Occupancy Tax Funded Programs – Neal Falgoust, City of Austin Law Department Attorney
- d. Fiscal Sponsorship Update – Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor
- e. Hotel Occupancy Tax Update – Slynovia Holt-Rabb, Acting Economic Development Department Director
- f. Cultural Funding Review Process Update – Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Cultural Funding Review Process
No action taken
- b. Discussion and Possible Action on Working Groups and Working Group Updates
 - i. Equity Working Group with Community Arts leaders of the BIPOC/LGBTQIA/Disabilities Community/Women with Commissioners Keeton (chair) and commissioners Castillo, Gray, Polgar, Zisman and community members
No action taken
 - ii. Joint Music/Arts Commission Working Group to identify additional funding resources and strategies beyond HOT with Commissioner Schmalbach (chair), and Commissioners Castillo, Flores, Zisman and members from the Music Commission
Commissioner Gray added to the Working Group.
 - iii. Joint Working Group for Joint Cultural Committee with Commissioner Castillo (chair), Commissioner Polgar and working group members from the Quality of Life Commissions
No action taken
 - iv. Public Private Partnership (P3) working group with Commissioners Barnes (Chair), Schmalbach, Flores and Mok
No action taken
 - v. Quarterly Arts Community Commission Meet-ups Working Group with Commissioners Barnes, Castillo (chair), Garza and Gray
An email looking for a third presenter will be sent out
 - vi. Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Flores, Polgar, Schmalbach, Van Dyke, and Zisman (chair)
No action taken
 - vii. Art Neighborhoods Working Group with Commissioners Gray, Mok, Zisman, and Van Dyke (chair)
No action taken

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Misc. Discussion and Possible Action Items
 - i. Legal Consideration Related to Equity in Economic Development Department Hotel Occupancy Tax Funded Programs
No action taken
 - ii. Feedback on City budget priorities
No action taken

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- i. Legal Consideration Related to Equity in Economic Development Department Hotel Occupancy Tax Funded Programs
- ii. Feedback on City budget priorities
- iii. Retreat

ADJOURNMENT – 9:11 PM

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For more information on the Arts Commission, please contact Jesús Pantel at 512-974-9315.