



ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

April 18, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

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, Felipe Garza, Acia Gray, kYmberly Keeton, Amy Mok, Heidi Schmalbach, Rick Van Dyke

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 PM

PUBLIC 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 Arts Commission meetings on:
 - i. January 31, 2022
 - ii. February 24, 2022
 - iii. March 27, 2022

Motioned: **Polgar** Seconded: **Castillo**

Approved 10-0, Commissioners Barnes absent

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Chair's Report: Check in - Commissioner Polgar
- 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. Convention Center expansion – Katy Zamesnik, Austin Convention Center Department Chief Administrative Officer

Rescheduled to next month

- b. Consortium Update – Cory Baker, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Long Center for the Performing Arts and Anne Gatling Haynes, Chief Transactions Officer, Austin Economic Development Corporation

Rescheduled to next month

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Community Navigators Update – Donald Jackson, Economic Development Department Business Process Consultant
- b. Hotel Occupancy Tax Update – Sylvania Holt-Rabb, Economic Development Department Director

Motion to move to Item 6a.

Motioned: **Barnes** Seconded: **Gray**

Approved 11-0

- c. Cultural Funding Review Process Update – Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Cultural Funding Review Process, including
 - i. Staff Presentation of Revised Draft Cultural Funding Program Guidelines
 - ii. Commission Questions and Recommendations
 - iii. Community Engagement and Feedback Process and Schedule
- 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

Listed names of community members of the Equity Working Group.

- 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
- iii. Joint Working Group for Joint Cultural Committee with Commissioner Castillo (chair), Commissioner Polgar and working group members from the Quality of Life Commissions
- iv. Public Private Partnership (P3) working group with Commissioners Barnes (Chair), Schmalbach, Flores and Mok
- v. Quarterly Arts Community Commission Meet-ups Working Group with Commissioners Barnes, Castillo (chair), Garza and Gray
- vi. Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Flores, Polgar, Schmalbach, Van Dyke, and Zisman (chair)
- vii. Art Neighborhoods Working Group with Commissioners Gray, Mok, Zisman, and Van Dyke (chair)

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Art in Public Places Discussion and Action Items
 - i. Approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the Burnet Road Corridor Construction Program Art in Public Places Project

- ii. Approve the Joint Prospectus for the Brownie, Highland, and Duncan Parks Art in Public Places Projects
- iii. Approve the Prospectus for the Longhorn Dam Bridge AIPP Project

Motion to approve Items 6.a.i., 6.a.ii., and 6.a.iii.

Motioned: **Barnes** Seconded: **Flores**

Approved 11-0

b. Miscellaneous Discussion and Possible Action Items

i. Emergency Funding Priorities

- A. ARPA remainder distribution/support for prior awardees not supported by prior ARPA emergency funding

Motion to recommend to Council to look for \$1million from ARPA or other resources to support artists previously funded in Community Initiatives and frozen out.

Motioned: **Polgar** Seconded: **Mok**

Approved 11-0, Commissioners Garza and Keeton absent.

Friendly amendment for Chair Polgar and Commissioner Schmalbach to draft something to vote on for draft a proposal for emergency assistance working with staff to determine who and who has not been funded through previous emergency assistance.

Motioned: **Polgar** Seconded: **Mok**

Approved 11-0, Commissioners Garza and Keeton absent.

B. Other Emergency Support

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Role of Arts Commission

AIPP Liaison election

ADJOURNMENT 9:29 PM

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