

**ARTS COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021 – 5:30pm-8:30pm
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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – 5:36

Commissioner Barnes arrived late

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.

Acia Gray, Tapestry Dance Company
Sally Jacques, Blue Lapis Light
Sylvia Orozco, Mexic-Arte Museum
Marc Pouhe, Austin Shakespeare

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approve the minutes for the regular Arts Commission meetings on:

i. December 14, 2020

Motion to approve December 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes

Moved by Polgar, seconded Flores

Passes on Consent

ii. January 21, 2021

Motion to approve January 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes with amendment

Moved by Polgar, seconded Flores

Passes on Consent

b. Approve the minutes for the special called Arts Commission meeting on:

i. February 7, 2021

Motion to approve February 7, 2021 Special Called Arts Commission Meeting

Moved by Polgar, seconded Flores
Passes on Consent

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Arts Commission/Art in Public Places Retreat
- b. Art in Public Places liaison report
- c. Boards & Commissions liaisons
- d. Austin Economic Development Corporation update

Motion to move 3.b and 3.c before item 3.a

Motioned by Polgar, seconded Fonte

Passed on consent

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Cultural Funding Update – Meghan Wells
 - i. Current Year
 - ii. Review Process update
- b. Dougherty Arts Center Redevelopment update
- c. Cultural Centers Audit update

Move item 5.a to above new business items

Moved by Polgar seconded Zisman

Approved con consent

Commissioner Barnes arrived on the dais

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. AIPP Discussion and Action Items

Motion to approve all AIPP items 4.a.i, 4.a.ii, 4.a.iii, 4.a.iv, and 4.a.v on consent

Motioned Fonte Seconded Garza

Approved on Consent

- i. Approve Selection Process Recommendations for (2) Airport Boulevard Corridor Program Art in Public Places Projects
 - ii. Approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the Anderson Mill Road Art in Public Places Project
 - iii. Approve the Revised Prospectus for the Barton Springs Bathhouse Renovation Art in Public Places Project
 - iv. Approve Final Design by Artist Raul Valdez for the Govalle Park Pool Art in Public Places Project
 - v. Approve the Revised Art in Public Places Ordinance Guidelines
- b. Misc. Discussion and Possible Action Items
 - i. Approve recommended Quarter 3 Community Initiatives Applications
 - Motion to approve recommended Quarter 3 Community Initiatives Applications
 - Motioned Fonte Seconded Polgar
 - Approved on consent

- ii. Discussion and possible action regarding City of Austin Budget Recommendations
 Motion to draft a Budget Recommendation to City Council in support of EDD budget recommendation, in addition to a request an additional 2 Community Engagement Specialist FTES for Cultural Arts Division and Art in Public Places.
 Motioned Flores Seconded Mok
 Approved on Consent
- iii. Discussion and possible action regarding Art Neighborhoods
 Motion to establish a working group to discuss the creation of an Art Neighborhoods program, with Commission Chair Van Dyke, Zisman, Mok
 Motioned Zisman Seconded Mok
 Passed on consent
- iv. Discussion and possible action regarding Quarterly Arts Community Commission meetups with Commissioners
 Motion to establish a the Quarterly Arts Community and Commission meetup working groups to create the meetup planning outline with Commissioners Castillo, Garza, and Barnes
 Motioned Barnes Seconded Zisman
 Passed on consent
- v. Discussion and possible action regarding Recovery Assistance
 No action taken
- vi. Discussion and possible action regarding Austin Economic Development Corporation update
 No action taken

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Action
 - i. Cultural Funding Review Process update
 Motion to draft a recommendation that requests City Council to allocate a minimum of \$10 million per year from all available sources of funds, including from ARP to both back fill the deficit in Hotel Occupancy Tax funds for Cultural Funding to 2020 levels, and any additional funds to be used for COVID relief purposes to ensure sustainability and survival of artists and cultural organizations in Austin.
 Motioned Flores Seconded Mok
 Vote: 10-0
 Passes
 - Motion to form a working group to draft a communications plan with commissioners Zisman (chair), Barnes
 Motioned Barnes seconded Polgar
 Vote: 10-0

- b. Working Group updates
 - i. Equity Resource Working Group with Commissioners Polgar, Castillo, and Keeton
No action taken

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Create a working group to address activating the joint cultural committee

ADJOURNMENT – 8:51

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