

**ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021 – 5:30pm-7:30pm
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING**



CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – 5:39pm

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.

John Riedie
Sally Jacques
Sylvia Orozco

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes for the regular Arts Commission meetings on:
 - i. July 21, 2021
Moved: Castillo Seconded: Flores
Passed on consent
Commissioner Garza absent

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Check in, reminders, and thanks
- b. Art in Public Places liaison report
- c. Boards & Commissions liaisons (including AEDC)

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. Pat Buchta, Austin Texas Musicians

Commissioner Keeton off the dais

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Live Music Fund Update – Kim McCarson, Music and Entertainment Division
Motion to move up item 4.d before 4.a
Moved: Castillo Seconded: Zisman

9-0

Commissioner Keeton off the dais, Commissioner Garza absent

Commissioner Keeton returned to the dais

- b. Hotel Occupancy Tax Update – Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Economic Development Department
- c. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update - Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Economic Development Department

Motion to take up item 5.b.i

Moved: Castillo Seconded: Mok

Approved on consent, Commissioner Garza absent

- d. Arts and Culture Non-Profit Relief Grant Update - Laura Odegaard, Project Manager Senior, Art in Public Places, Cultural Arts Division

Motion to move 5.a before 4.e

Moved: Castillo Seconded: Flores

Commissioner Garza absent

- e. Cultural Funding Update – Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. AIPP Discussion and Action Items

Motion to approve AIPP items 5.a.i, 5.a.ii, 5.a.iii, 5.a.iv, 5.a.v, and 5.a.vi on consent

Moved: Castillo Seconded: Flores

Passed on consent, Commissioner Garza absent

- i. Approve the Final Design by Jonas Criscoe and Mai Gutierrez for the TEMPO 2021 Art in Public Places Project
Passed on consent
- ii. Approve the Final Design by Lys Santamaria for the TEMPO 2021 Art in Public Places Project
Passed on consent
- iii. Approve the Final Design by Victoria Marquez for the TEMPO 2021 Art in Public Places Project
Passed on consent
- iv. Approve the Final Design by Rey Alaniz for the TEMPO 2021 Art in Public Places Project
Passed on consent
- v. Approve the Final Design by Seven Mile Media for the TEMPO 2021 Art in Public Places Project

Passed on consent

- vi. Approve the Prospectus for the Spicewood Springs Road Regional Mobility Art in Public Places Project
Passed on consent

b. Cultural Arts Discussion and Possible Action Items

- i. Preserving the Arts in Austin: Funding, Resources and Recovery
Motion to accept the \$500,000 from Development Services Department to be used for the Arts and Culture Non-Profit Relief Grant
Moved: Flores Seconded: Zisman
9-0-1
Commissioner Castillo Recused, Commissioner Garza absent

Commissioner Castillo returned to the dais

Motion to use a \$420,000 of the ARPA money to fund the next 21 eligible applications after the first 100 top scoring applications in the Arts and Culture Non-Profit Relief Grant
Moved: Barnes Seconded: Flores
10-0
Commissioner Garza absent

Motion to support to Economic Development Department staff recommendation to adopt the proposed FY22 budget as presented in the City Manager's budget proposal, continue using actuals versus projection, and come back in October to affirm the mid-year budget amendment if FY21 CYE comes in higher than projected.
Moved: Castillo Seconded: Mok
10-0
Commissioner Garza absent

- ii. Cultural Funding Review Process
Motion to prioritize ARPA funds as emergency relief funds for the community, and get it out as fast as we can, and not use it to back fill cultural contracts
Moted: Flores Seconded: Schmalbach
9-0
Commissioner Barnes off the dais, Commissioner Garza absent

Motion to have the Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Flores, Van Dyke, Zisman, Barnes and Schmalbach to develop a recommendation for distribution of ARPA funds.
Moved: Mok Seconded: Castillo
9-0
Commissioner Barnes off the dais, Commissioner Garza absent

- iii. Effective Communication with the Community
No action taken

- iv. Return to in-person meetings (TOMA exemption expires 9/1)
No Action taken

Motion to move up item 6.b.iv before 6.a

Moved: Van Dyke Seconded: Schmalbach

9-0

Commissioner Barnes and Garza off the dais

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Action Items

- i. Approve Arts Commission Annual Report for 2020 and Goals for 2021
No action taken

b. Working Group updates – Discussion and Action Items

- i. Arts Commission Annual Report for 2020 and Goals for 2021 Working Group with Commissioners Flores (chair), Mok, Polgar, and Gray
No action taken
- ii. Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Flores, Van Dyke, Zisman, Barnes and Schmalbach
No action taken
- iii. Equity Resource Working Group with Commissioners Polgar, Castillo, and Keeton (chair)
No action taken
- iv. Joint Art & Music Land Development Working Group with Commissioners Chair Polgar (chair), Castillo and working group members from the Music Commission
Motion to approve the recommendation from the Joint Art & Music Land Development Working Group, which includes the following recommendations: in the new land development code drafts define Live Music Venue and Performance Venue, reserve a section titled Diversify, Sustain and Cultivate Art, Music and Culture, and request that Mayor, Council and the City Manager make sure to keep these two things top of mind
Motion: Flores Seconded: Zisman
9-0
Commissioner Barnes and Garza off the dais
- v. Quarterly Arts Community Commission Meet-ups Working Group with Commissioners Barnes, Castillo, Gray and Garza
No action taken
- vi. Art Neighborhoods Working Group with Commissioners Mok, Vice Chair Zisman, Gray and Van Dyke (chair)
No action taken

- vii. Joint Working Group for Joint Cultural Committee with Commissioners Chair Polgar, Castillo (chair) and working group members from the Quality of Life Commissions
No action taken
- viii. Joint Music/Arts Commission Working Group to identify additional funding resources and strategies beyond HOT with Commissioner Schmalbach, and Commissioner Flores members from the Music Commission
No action taken

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- i. Approve Arts Commission Annual Report for 2020 and Goals for 2021

ADJOURNMENT - 9:30pm

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