



**ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
September 19, 2022**

The Arts Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on September 19, 2022, at Austin City Hall, Board & Commissions Room at 301 W 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Zisman called the Arts Commission Meeting to order at 6:06 PM

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Celina Zisman - Chair, Acia Gray, Monica Maldonado, Michelle Polgar

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Heidi Schmalbach - Vice Chair, Brett Barnes, Lulu Flores, Felipe Garza, Amy Mok, Rick Van Dyke

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Sylvia Orozco on HOT allocations in the Thrive program.

Lucero Valle speaking about Lucero Studio's upcoming photography class.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on August 15, 2022.
The minutes from the meeting of August 15, 2022 were approved on Commissioner Polgar's motion, Commissioner Gray second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Schmalbach absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion of Chair's Report regarding Hellos and Goodbyes... by Chair Zisman
A report was made by Chair Zisman.

A motion to move Item 6 up for discussion was approved on Commissioner Polgar's motion, Commissioner Gray second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Schmalbach absent.

3. Discussion of the Art in Public Places Liaison Report by Commissioner Gray
A report was made by Commissioner Gray. Then moved to Item 4.
4. Discussion of the Austin Economic Development Corporation/Cultural Trust Advisory Committee by Austin Economic Development Corporation Board Member Carl Settles

- A presentation was made by Board Member Settles. Then moved back to Item 6.**
5. Discussion of the Downtown Commission by Commissioner Mok
A report was made by Commissioner Mok.
 6. Presentation on the East Austin Creative Coalition by Harold McMillan
A presentation on the East Austin Creative Coalition was made by Harold McMillan. Then moved back to Items 3 and 4 as he was plugging in his laptop. He finished his presentation and then moved back to Item 5.
 7. Presentation by Faiza Kracheni of Motion Media Arts Center (Austin School of Film & Austin Cinemaker Space) regarding an update on the organization and services offered
A presentation on Motion Media Arts Center (Austin School of Film & Austin Cinemaker Space) and services offered was made by Faiza Kracheni
 8. Discussion and possible action on The University of Texas at Austin Design Thinking class
Moved to next month

STAFF BRIEFINGS

9. Staff briefing regarding affordable housing for Artists by Mandy DeMayo, Deputy Director, Housing & Planning Department and Patrick Russell, Manager, Real Estate Development Division
The presentation was made by Mandy DeMayo, Deputy Director, Housing & Planning Department and Patrick Russell, Manager, Real Estate Development Division
10. Staff briefing regarding an update on the Hotel Occupancy Tax by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Investment Program Manager
The presentation was made by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Investment Program Manager in the Economic Development Department.
11. Staff briefing regarding the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager, and Laura Odegaard, Cultural Investment Program Manager
The presentation was made by Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager in the Economic Development Department.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

12. Approve the Final Design for the AFD/EMS Stations 25/10 Art in Public Places Project
13. Approve the Final Design for Pharr Tennis Center Art in Public Places Project
14. Approve the Request for Qualifications for the Montopolis Neighborhood Park Pool and Beverley Sheffield Northwest Park Pool Art in Public Places Projects
15. Approve the Request for Qualifications for the Parque Zaragoza Art in Public Places Project
16. Approve the Request for Qualifications for the Austin Public Library Art in Public Places Projects
17. Approve the Request for Qualifications for the Austin History Center/Faulk Building Art in Public Places Project

18. Approve the Request for Qualifications for the Austin Convention Center/Palmer Event Center Art in Public Places Project
19. Approve the Request for Qualifications for the Three Austin Fire Department/Emergency Medical Services Stations Art in Public Places Projects
20. Approve the Request for Qualifications for the The Mexic-Arte Museum Art in Public Places Project
21. Approve the Request for Qualifications for The Dougherty Arts Center Art in Public Places Project
22. Approve Recommended Artist for the Comal Pocket Park Art in Public Places Project
23. Approve Recommended Artist for the Duncan Neighborhood Park Art in Public Places Project

The motion to approve Items 12 - 23 on consent was approved on Commissioner Gray's motion, Commissioner Flores second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Barnes, Garza, and Schmalbach absent.

24. Discussion and possible action on forming a joint Arts/Music Commission Working Group addressing urban core issues

The motion to form a Working Group addressing urban core issues comprised of Commissioners Gray, Schmalbach, and Zisman was approved on Commissioner Flores' motion, Commissioner Polgar second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Barnes, Garza, and Schmalbach absent.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

25. Update from Equity Working Group with Community Arts leaders of the BIPOC/LGBTQIA/Disabilities Community/Women with Commissioners Keeton (chair) and commissioners Gray, Polgar, Zisman, and community members
Update was given by Commissioner Zisman. Commissioner Maldonado will join and a new chair will be assigned.
26. Update from Joint Working Group for Joint Cultural Committee with Commissioners Polgar (chair) and working group members from the Quality of Life Commissions
A new chair will need to be appointed.
27. Update from Public Private Partnership (P3) Working Group Commissioners Barnes (Chair), Flores, Mok, and Schmalbach
Update was given by Commissioners Flores and Mok. Commissioner Gray will replace Commissioner Barnes and will also serve as chair.
28. Update from Quarterly Arts Community Commission Meet-ups Working Group with Commissioners Barnes, Garza (chair), Gray, and Zisman
Update was given by Commissioner Gray.
29. Update from Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Flores, Polgar, Schmalbach, Van Dyke, and Zisman (chair)
Update was given by Commissioner Zisman.
30. Update from Art Neighborhoods Working Group with Commissioners Gray, Mok, Zisman, and Van Dyke (chair)

Update was given by Commissioner Van Dyke.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Various items were discussed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Possible future agenda items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Zisman adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the October 17, 2022 meeting on Commissioner Polgar's motion, Commissioner Maldonado second on a 6-0 vote.