



**ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
December 12, 2022**

The Arts Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on December 12, 2022, at Permitting and Development Center, Room 1405 at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco in Austin, Texas.

Chair Zisman called the Arts Commission Meeting to order at 6:05 PM

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Celina Zisman - Chair, Heidi Schmalbach - Vice Chair, Monica Maldonado

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Felipe Garza, Acia Gray, Lulu Flores, Amy Mok, Michelle Polgar

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Katherine Franklin spoke about Easter Seals and the Elevate program.

Nagavalli Medicharla spoke about EQ Austin and the need for City support.

A motion to move Item 5 up for discussion on Commissioner Schmalbach's motion, Commissioner Gray's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Barnes and Polgar absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on October 17, 2022.
The minutes from the meeting of October 17, 2022 were approved on Commissioner Polgar's motion, Commissioner Gray's second on a 8-0 vote with Commissioners Barnes absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion of the Art in Public Places Liaison Report by Commissioner Gray
A report was made by Commissioner Gray.
3. Discussion of the Austin Economic Development Corporation/Cultural Trust Advisory Committee by Austin Economic Development Corporation Board Member Carl Settles
No presentation was made.
4. Discussion of the Downtown Commission by Commissioner Mok
No report was made.
5. Presentation by Anne Gatling Haynes of Austin Economic Development Corporation on Cultural Trust next steps
A presentation was made.

6. Presentation by Kelsey Lammy of Capital Metro on the MetroArt program
A presentation was made.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

7. Staff briefing regarding the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center by Laura Esparza, Parks & Recreation Department Division Manager
No presentation, but agenda item was discussed.
8. 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.
9. 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 Laura Odegaard, Cultural Investment Program Manager in the Economic Development Department.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

10. Approve Art in Public Places Artwork Loan Renewal of *Atlas IV* by Betty Gold
11. Approve Art in Public Places Artwork Loan Renewal of *Dayton* by Jim Huntington
12. Approve Art in Public Places Artwork Loan Renewal of *Blue Float* by Peter Reginato
13. Approve Art in Public Places Artwork Loan Renewal of *Mystic Raven* by David Deming
14. Approve artist Xavier Schipani's Final Design for the AFD Lockeroom - Phase 6 AFD 16 & 12 Art in Public Places Projects
15. Approve Stanley Studio for the East Martin Luther King Boulevard Corridor Art in Public Places project
A motion to move Item 25 up for discussion after Item 15 on Commissioner Schmalbach's motion, Commissioner Polgar's second on a 8-0 vote with Commissioners Barnes absent.

A motion to approve Items 10 - 15 and 25 on consent on Commissioner Polgar's motion, Commissioner Flores' second on a 8-0 vote with Commissioners Barnes absent.
16. Approve 2023 Arts Commission meeting schedule
A motion to approve the 2023 Arts Commission meeting schedule on Commissioner Polgar's motion, Commissioner Gray's second on a 8-0 vote with Commissioners Barnes absent.
17. Reconvene Equity Working Group
A motion to reconvene the Equity Working Group with Zisman as Chair, Commissioners Gray, Maldonado, and Polgar, and community members on Commissioner Mok's motion, Commissioner Polgar's second on a 8-0 vote with Commissioners Barnes absent.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

18. Update from Equity Working Group with Community Arts leaders of the BIPOC/LGBTQIA/Disabilities Community/Women with Commissioners Gray, Maldonado, Polgar, Zisman, and community members
Update was given by Commissioner Polgar.
19. Update from Joint Working Group for Joint Cultural Committee with Commissioners Polgar (chair) and working group members from the Quality of Life Commissions
No update.
20. Update from Public Private Partnership (P3) Working Group Commissioners Flores, Gray (chair), Mok, and Schmalbach
Update was given by Commissioner Gray and Art in Public Places Manager White. Commissioner Flores stepping off.
21. Update from Quarterly Arts Community Commission Meet-ups Working Group with Commissioners Barnes, Garza (chair), Gray, and Zisman
Update was given by Commissioner Garza.
22. Update from Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Flores, Polgar, Schmalbach, and Zisman (chair)
Update was given by Commissioner Zisman. Commissioner Flores stepping off.
23. Update from Art Neighborhoods Working Group with Commissioners Gray, Mok, and Zisman
No update.
24. Update from joint Arts/Music Commission Working Group on Urban Core Issues with Commissioners Gray, Schmalbach, and Zisman.
Commissioner Schmalbach will be the Arts Commission Working Group chair.

AGENDA ADDENDUM: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

25. Approve Dixie Friend Gay for the Longhorn Dam Bridge Art in Public Places project

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Various items were discussed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Zisman adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the January 23, 2023 meeting on Commissioner Polgar's motion, Commissioner Gray's second on a 9-0 vote.