



MUSIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20230501-6

Date: May 1, 2023

Subject: Music Commission Recommends Historic Zoning for Broken Spoke

Motioned By: Vice Chair Patterson

Seconded By: Leonard Davila

Recommendation

The Music Commission recommends that the Broken Spoken dancehall be zoned historic by the City of Austin, due to its place in the history of Austin music.

Description of Recommendation to Council

The Music Commission recommends that the building at 3201 S. Lamar Blvd, occupied by the Broken Spoken dancehall since 1964, be zoned historic by the City of Austin, thereby preserving the current structure, and conferring eligibility for preservation-related grants.

Rationale:

The family-owned Broken Spoken has been in continuous operation as a dancehall and live music venue for almost six decades. It is an iconic and internationally known fixture of Austin's music and cultural life, and has received historic designation from the State of Texas. As the Music Commission of the Live Music Capital of the World, we enthusiastically support historic zoning for the Broken Spoke so that the venue can continue to provide live music entertainment for future generations.

Vote

For: 9 (Chair Medicharla, Vice Chair Patterson, Parliamentarian Rosenthal, Commissioners Blevins, Davila, Gould, Lake, Quesada, Strickland)

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Shane Bartell

Attest:

Kim McCarson