



***ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MINUTES
July 17, 2023***

The ARTS COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR CALLED meeting on 17, July, 2023, at Permit and Development Center, Room 1405, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Austin, TX 78752

Commissioner ZISMAN called the ARTS COMMISSION Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance: Celina Zisman, Kate Csillagi, Acia Gray, Monica Maldonado, Amy Mok

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Nagavalli Medicharla

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Carlos Soto for CAN ATX spoke about their work from the past year.

Natalie Earhart from Almost Real Things spoke about their upcoming Nexus Grant Workshops

Maria Luisa Guitierrez spoke to voice their frustration over applying for grants in spanish

Raquel Rivera from SUREM spoke about their difficulty applying for Elevate grant and voice their concerns with EDD Portal.

Yoel Rodriguez from Chamacos Dance Company spoke about their difficulty using EDD Portal when applying for Elevate Grant

Hector Ordaz from Proyecto Teatro spoke about their issues applying for Elevate in Spanish using EDD Portal.

Luis Ordaz from Proyecto Teatro spoke about their difficulty applying for Elevate and asked for their application to be accepted.

Mariam Connor from Creative Policy spoke about the Proposed City Budget and voiced their concerns with The Removal Of Power from The Offices Of Equity, Civil Rights, Sustainability And Resilience

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on June 12, 2023.
The minutes from the meeting of June 12, 2023 were not approved on Commissioner Gray motion, Commissioner Maldonado second on a 5-0 vote with Commissioner Schmalbach and Garza absent. Commissioner Mok abstained

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion of Chair's Report on The Next Chapter by Chair Zisman

A report was made by Commissioner Zisman

3. Discussion of the Art in Public Places Liaison Report by Commissioner Gray

No update given

4. Discussion of the Austin Economic Development Corporation/Cultural Trust Advisory Committee by Austin Economic Development Corporation Board Member Carl Settles

A report was made by Board Member Settles.

5. Discussion of the Downtown Commission by Commissioner Mok

No update given

6. Discussion of new Boards and Commissions Email security measures

A report was made by Jesus Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor,

7. Presentation on the 88th Texas Legislative Session Report out - HOT, Texas Commission on the Arts and more by Ann Graham, Executive Director of Texans for the Arts and Scott Joslove, CEO of Texas Hotel & Lodging Association

A report was made by Ann Graham, Executive Director of Texans for the Arts

STAFF BRIEFINGS

8. Staff briefing regarding an update on the Hotel Occupancy Tax by Laura Odegaard, Acting Cultural Arts Division Manager

The presentation was made by Laura Odegaard, Acting Cultural Arts Division Manager in the Economic Development Department.

9. Staff briefing regarding the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Jesus Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor, and Laura Odegaard, Acting Cultural Arts Division Manager

The presentation was made by Laura Odegaard, Acting Cultural Arts Division Manager in the Economic Development Department.

10. Staff briefing regarding the Creative Space Assistance Program by Kimberly McCarson, Music & Entertainment Division, Program Manager

The presentation was made by Erica Shamaly, Music & Entertainment Division Manager in the Economic Development Department.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

11. Discussion and Possible Action on the Live Music Venue and Creative Space definitions draft ordinance

The item was discussed

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

12. Update from Equity Working Group with Community Arts leaders of the BIPOC/LGBTQIA/Disabilities Community/Women with Commissioners Gray, Zisman, and community members
No update given
13. Update from Quarterly Arts Community Commission Meet-ups Working Group with Commissioners, Garza (chair), Gray, and Maldonado
Update was given by Commissioner Gray
14. Update from Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Schmalbach and Zisman (chair)
No update given
15. Update from joint Arts/Music Commission Working Group on Urban Core Issues with Commissioners Gray, Maldonado, and Schmalbach (chair).
Update was given by Commissioner Gray

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Various items were discussed

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Invite Brie Franco from IGRO to present at Arts Commission (tentatively scheduled for Oct 16th Arts Commission Meeting)
- Approval of June Minutes

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Zisman adjourned the meeting at 8:38 P.M. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the September 18, 2023 meeting on Commissioner Gray motion, Commissioner Mok second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Maldonado, Garza, Csillagi, and Medicharla absent