



**REGULAR MEETING of the ARTS COMMISSION**  
**October 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM**  
**Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 1001.**  
**301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

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Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than Noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, call or email Jesús Varela at [jesus.varela@austintexas.gov](mailto:jesus.varela@austintexas.gov) or at 512-974-2444.

**CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:**

Celina Zisman - Chair, Heidi Schmalbach - Vice Chair, Kate Csillagi, Monica Maldonado, Felipe Garza, Gina Houston, Michael Vernusky, Acia Gray, Faiza Kracheni, Amy Mok, Nagavalli Medicharla

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on September 18, 2023.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Discussion of Chair's Report on Community Input by Chair Zisman
3. Discussion of the Art in Public Places Liaison Report by Commissioner Gray
4. Discussion of the Austin Economic Development Corporation/Cultural Trust Advisory Committee by Austin Economic Development Corporation Board Member Carl Settles
5. Discussion of the Downtown Commission by Commissioner Mok
6. Discussion of Timeline & Delays with CAD Funding by Commissioner Kracheni

## **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

7. Staff briefing regarding an update on the Hotel Occupancy Tax by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Investment Program Manager
8. Staff briefing regarding the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor, and Anne-Marie McKaskle-Davis, Cultural Funding Specialist Senior

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

9. Approve 2024 Arts Commission Meeting Schedule
10. Approve Deaccession of AIPP Artworks
11. Appointment of a new AIPP Liaison
12. Establish a Community Engagement Working Group
13. Establish an Appeals Working Group

## **WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

14. Update from Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Schmalbach and Zisman (chair)
15. Update from joint Arts/Music Commission Working Group on Urban Core Issues with Commissioners Gray, Maldonado, and Schmalbach (chair).

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Invite Brie Franco from IGRO to present at Arts Commission (TBD - With special session beginning this Monday, Oct. 9th, we will need to look at possibly presenting to the Arts Commission until after the first of the year.)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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