



***ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MINUTES
September 18, 2023***

The ARTS COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR CALLED meeting on 18, September 2023 at Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 1001. 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Commissioner Zisman called the ARTS COMMISSION Meeting to order at 6:0 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance: Celina Zisman, Gina Houston, Acia Gray, Faiza Kracheni, Amy Mok, Michael Vernusky

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Heidi Schmalbach, Nagavalli Medicharla, Felipe Garza

Board Members Absent Monica Maldonado, Kate Csillagi

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on June 12, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of June 15, 2023 were approved on Commissioner Gray motion, Commissioner Mok second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Maldonado, Garza, Csillagi, and Medicharla absent

2. Approve the minutes of the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on August 21, 2023.
The minutes from the meeting of August 21, 2023 were approved on Commissioner Gray motion, Commissioner Mok second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Maldonado, Garza, Csillagi, and Medicharla absent

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Discussion of Chair's Report on Congratulations to Elevate Recipients by Chair Zisman
A report was made by Commissioner Zisman
4. Discussion of the Art in Public Places Liaison Report by Commissioner Gray
A report was provided by Commissioner Gray.
5. 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.
6. Discussion of the Downtown Commission by Commissioner Mok
A report was made by Commissioner Mok

STAFF BRIEFINGS

7. 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
8. Staff briefing regarding the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor, and Laura Odegaard, Cultural Investment Program Manager
The presentation was made by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor
9. Staff briefing on Creative Space Assistance Program by Kim McCarson, Music and Entertainment Division
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DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

10. Approve the Final Design for the Comal Pocket Park Art in Public Places Project
11. Approve the Final Design for the AFD51/EMS40 Station Art in Public Places Project
12. Approve the Final Design for the Parque Zaragoza Art in Public Places Project
13. Approve the Request for Qualifications for the Palmer Events Center Art in Public Places Project
14. Approve the Request for Qualifications for the Family Violence Shelter and Protection Center Art in Public Places Project

15. Approve the revised Request for Qualifications for the Mexican American Cultural Center Art in Public Places Project
A motion to approve items 10 – 15 on consent on Commissioner Gray motion, Commissioner Mok second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioners Maldonado and Csillagi absent
16. Discussion of Community Engagement Needs
A motion to create a Community Engagement Working Group on Commissioner Gray motion, Commissioner Mok second on a 9-0 vote with with Commissioners Maldonado and Csillagi absent

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

17. Update from Equity Working Group with Community Arts leaders of the BIPOC/LGBTQIA/Disabilities Community/Women with Commissioners Gray, Zisman, and community members
A motion to sunset the Equity Working Group on Commissioner Zisman motion,
18. Update from Quarterly Arts Community Commission Meet-ups Working Group with Commissioners, Garza (chair), Gray, and Maldonado
A motion to sunset the Equity Working Group on Commissioner Garza motion,
19. Update from Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Schmalbach and Zisman (chair)
Update was given by Commissioner Zisman
20. Update from joint Arts/Music Commission Working Group on Urban Core Issues with Commissioners Gray, Maldonado, and Schmalbach (chair).
Update was given by Commissioner Schmalbach

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Commissioner Mok spoke about the Annual Harvest Moon Festival

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Invite Brie Franco from IGRO to present at Arts Commission (tentatively scheduled for November 20th Arts Commission Meeting)
- Selection of Community Engagement Working Group Members

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Zisman adjourned the meeting at 7:28 P.M. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the October 17, 2022 meeting on Commissioner Schmalbach motion, Commissioner Mok second on a 11-0 vote