



## **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of the ARTS COMMISSION**

**January 29, 2024, at 6:00 PM**

**Austin Energy, Mueller Assembly Rm 1111a (115).  
4815 Mueller Blvd, Austin, TX 78723**

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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 December 11, 2023.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Discussion of Chair's Report by Chair Zisman
3. Discussion of the Art in Public Places Liaison Report by Commissioner Maldonado
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

## **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

6. Staff briefing regarding an update on the Hotel Occupancy Tax by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Investment Program Manager
7. Staff update on the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

8. Approve the Modified Final Design for the Comal Pocket Park AIPP Project

## **WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

9. Final Update and Working Group Sunset from Cultural Funding Appeals Working Group with Commissioners Zisman, Schmalbach, Garza, and Houston (chair)
10. Update from Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Schmalbach and Zisman (chair)
11. Update from joint Arts/Music Commission Working Group on Urban Core Issues with Commissioners Gray, Maldonado, and Schmalbach (chair).
12. Update from Community Engagement Working Group with Commissioners Zisman, Houston, Csillagi, and Kracheni (chair)

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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