



ARTS COMMISSSION
REGUAL MEETING
MINUTES
December 11, 2023

The ARTS COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on 1, December 2023 at Austin Energy, Mueller Assembly Rm 1111a (115). 4815 Mueller Blvd, Austin, TX 78723

Commissioner Zisman called the ARTS COMMISSION Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance: Celina Zisman, Heidi Schmalbach, Michael Vernusky, Acia Gray, Amy Mok, Nagavalli Medicharla,

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Faiza Kracheni, Gina Houston, Felipe Garza

Board Members Absent: Kate Csillagi, Monica Maldonado,

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 Special Called Meeting on November 6, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of November 6, 2023 were approved on Commissioner Schmalbach motion, Commissioner Grey second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Mok abstaining and Commissioners Csillagi, Maldonado, Medicharla, and Garza absent

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion of Chair's Report on "Happy Holidays" by Chair Zisman
A report was made by Commissioner Zisman
3. Discussion of the Art in Public Places Liaison Report by Commissioner Maldonado
A report was made by Constance White, Art in Public Places Program Manager
4. Discussion of the Austin Economic Development Corporation/Cultural Trust Advisory Committee by Austin Economic Development Corporation Board Member Carl Settles
No update given
5. Discussion of the Downtown Commission by Commissioner Mok
A report was made by Commissioner Mok
6. Presentation by Anne Gatling Haynes, Chief Transaction Officer at Austin Economic Development Corporation, and Lara Haddock from Austin Playhouse on an update on the Cultural Trust.
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STAFF BRIEFINGS

7. Staff update on the Hotel Occupancy Tax by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor
The presentation was made by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor
8. Staff update on the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor, and Peggy Ellithorpe, Cultural Funding Specialist
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DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

9. Update from Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Schmalbach and Zisman (chair)
Update was given by Commissioner Zisman
10. 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
11. Update from Community Engagement Working Group with Commissioners Zisman, Houston, Csillagi, and Kracheni (chair)
Update was given by Commissioner Kracheni

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

12. 2024 Approved AIPP Panel Meeting Schedule

Items were shared

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Zisman adjourned the meeting at 8:53 P.M. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the January 29, 2024 meeting Commissioner Houston motion, Commissioner Zisman second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Gray, Kracheni, Garza, Mok, and Medicharla absent