



REGULAR MEETING of the ARTS COMMISSION
February 26, 2024, at 6:00 PM
Austin Energy, Mueller Assembly Rm 1111a (115).
4815 Mueller Blvd, Austin, TX 78723

The ARTS COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on 26, February 2024 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, Acia Gray, Michael Vernusky, Amy Mok, Nagavalli Medicharla, Felipe Garza

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Heidi Schmalbach, Faiza Kracheni, Gina Houston, Monica Maldonado

Board Members Absent: Kate Csillagi

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

Samuel from AFTV5 spoke about their positive experience begin funded by Cultural Arts Division and shared information about AFTV5 programming and mission

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on January 29, 2024.
The minutes from the meeting of January 29, 2024 were approved on Commissioner Houston motion, Commissioner Zisman second on a 8-0 vote with Commissioner Gray abstaining, and Commissioners Csillagi and Maldonado absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion of Chair's Report on Community Advocacy by Chair Zisman
An update was provided by Chair Zisman.
3. Discussion of the Art in Public Places Liaison Report by Commissioner Maldonado
An update was provided by Lindsay Hutchens, Art in Public Places Coordinator
4. Discussion of the Austin Economic Development Corporation/Cultural Trust Advisory Committee by Austin Economic Development Corporation Board Member Carl Settles
A report was provided by Board Member Carl Settles.
5. Discussion of the Downtown Commission by Commissioner Mok
A report was provided by Commissioner Mok.
6. Presentation by Harold McMillan on a Black Artists and Professional Creatives Registry
A presentation was provided by Harold McMillan.
7. Presentation by Jon Windham and Melissa Ayala on the "Past Deposits from a Future Yet to Come" video art installation at Moody Amphitheater at Waterloo Park
A presentation was provided by Jon Windham and Melissa Ayala.
8. Presentation by KB Brookins on a proposal to create an Austin Poet Laureate program
A presentation was provided by KB Brookins.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

9. 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
10. Staff update on the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor
The presentation was made by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

11. Approve revised Regular Schedule
A motion to approve the revised Regular Schedule on Commissioner Gray motion, Commissioner Medicharla second on a 8-0 vote with Commissioners Csillagi, Maldonado, and Houston absent.
12. Schedule Arts Commission Retreat
Discussed possible Arts Commission Retreat dates
13. Schedule Joint Retreat with Music Commission
Discussed possible Joint Retreat with Music Commission meeting dates
14. Discussion and Possible Action on FY24-25 Budget Requests
Discussed Possible Actions on FY24-25 Budget Requests

15. Approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the Family Violence Shelter & Protection Center AIPP Project.

A motion to approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the Family Violence Shelter & Protection Center AIPP Project on Commissioner Gray motion, Commissioner Garza's second on a 8-0 vote with Commissioners Csillagi, Maldonado, and Houston absent.

16. Establish a nominating committee to fill Art in Public Places Panel vacancy.

A motion to approve Commissioner Gray to Chair of the committee to fill Art in Public Places Panel vacancy the on Commissioner Mok motion, Commissioner Garza's second on a 8-0 vote with Commissioners Csillagi, Maldonado, and Houston absent.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

17. Update from Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Schmalbach and Zisman (chair)

Update was given by Commissioner Zisman. The working group was sunsetted.

18. 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

19. Update from Community Engagement Working Group with Commissioners Zisman, Houston, Csillagi, and Kracheni (chair)

Update was given by Commissioner Kracheni

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion and Possible Action on FY24-25 Budget Requests

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Zisman adjourned the meeting at 8:24 P.M. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the March 18, 2024 meeting on Commissioner Gray's motion, Commissioner Garza second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner's Maldonado, Kracheni, Vernusky, and Csillagi absent.