



[MUSIC COMMISSION] RECOMMENDATION 20240805-001
[008 is the agenda item number]

Date: 08.05.2024

Subject: City Support for Housing the current collection at Texas Music Museum following update from the working group

Motioned By: Scott. C. Strickland

Seconded By:

The recommendation that the City of Austin Council Support the Texas Music Museum with Sustainable Commercial Housing, Storage, and funds for Operational Expenses based on findings from the Texas Music Museum Working Group

1. WHEREAS The Texas Music Museum has been critical to the sustainability of culture, historical recording, preservation, and elevation of both national breakout, local, and lesser-known artists - all with a cultural impact stemming from Texas of many genres and backgrounds¹
2. WHEREAS since 1984 Dr. Clay Shorkey has dedicated his life to the collection of artifacts, some over 100 years old, to educate and provide tours to guests as a means of bringing awareness to Texas and the State's diverse musical impact ranging from German to Mexican, to Blues and Gospel Music²
3. WHEREAS, the Texas Music Museum focuses on its local artists who have created a national movement not only through educational programming but also with complementary live performances depending on the subject matter of programming and/or exhibition²
4. WHEREAS, the Texas Music Museum is one of the tourist destination targets for patrons traveling to the City of Austin³
5. WHEREAS, the Texas Music Museum currently has many artifacts that are not climate-controlled and are at risk of being lost⁴
6. WHEREAS, the Texas Music Museum can not sustain itself simply by applying for and being awarded with Cultural Funding Opportunities⁵
7. WHEREAS, the Texas Music Museum must receive help from the Economic Development Corporation's Cultural Trust to be a long-term sustainable entity⁷
8. WHEREAS, the Texas Music Museum rent situation with Ebenezer Baptist Church is not fruitful for either party, and a new space must be found for the Museum to be Sustainable⁸
9. WHEREAS, the Music Commission is dedicated to the Preservation, Innovation, and Elevation of music in the Live Music Capital of the World⁹
10. WHEREAS, Because of the 40-year contribution made by the Texas Music Music Museum, along with the growth and sustainability models presented, The Music Commission recommends City Council in coordination with the Economic Development Corporation provide monetary and residential resources of at least 825,000.00 to sustain the economic growth of the Texas Music Museum under codeCity Municipal Cod§ 2-1-109¹⁰

REFERENCES

- ¹ <https://www.texasmusicmuseum.org/mission/>
- ² <https://tinyurl.com/bdh3enfr>
- ³ <https://tinyurl.com/bdh3enfr>
- ⁴ <https://www.austintexas.org/listings/texas-music-museum/9036/>
- ⁵ <https://tinyurl.com/skstarkx>
- ⁶ See Texas Music Museum Business Summary 1 Dated 07.29.2024 (attached)
- ⁷ See Texas Music Museum Business Summary 1 Dated 07.29.2024 (attached)
- ⁸ See Commissioner's Report 20240712 (attached)
- ⁹ <https://www.austintexas.gov/content/music-commission>
- ¹⁰ <https://tinyurl.com/4jfeh8t>

Vote

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Attest: *[Staff or board member can sign]*
