



REGULAR MEETING of the ARTS COMMISSION
September 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM
Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 1001.
301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

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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 or at 512-974-2444.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Celina Zisman - Chair, Heidi Schmalbach - Vice Chair, Keyheira Keys, 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 August 19, 2024.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Report of the Art in Public Places Liaison concerning actions taking during the September 9th meeting of the Art in Public Places Panel by Commissioner Maldonado
3. Update on actions taken at the August 24th Downtown Commission meeting by Commissioner Mok
4. Recap of the Arts Commission Retreat by Commissioner Zisman

5. Discussion on increasing Cultural Arts funding award amounts vs. increasing number of Cultural Arts awards by Commissioner Houston

STAFF BRIEFINGS

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

8. Discussion and possible action to solidify consented terms of Commissioner Agreements as discussed at the 6/25 Arts Commission Retreat
9. Approve the Final Design for Corridor: Seg A Escarpment Trailhead AIPP Project – Yuliya Lanina
10. Approve the recommendation of the proposed place-based enhancements strategy and economic incentives for affordability and cultural preservation

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

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 on collecting feedback on pilot funding programs and planning on ways the Arts Commission can be more involved in the community with Commissioners Zisman, Houston, and Kracheni (chair)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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