



**REGULAR MEETING of the ARTS COMMISSION**  
**August 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM**  
**Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 1001.**  
**301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

**The ARTS COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on 19, August 2024 at Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 1001. 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

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

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance: Celina Zisman, Acia Gray, Gina Houston, Felipe Garza, Nagavalli Medicharla,**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Faiza Kracheni, Michael Vernusky, Keyheira Keys**

**Board Members Absent: Heidi Schmalbach, Amy Mok, Monica Maldonado**

**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 July 15, 2024.  
**The minutes from the meeting of July 15, 2024 were approved on Commissioner Kracheni's motion, Commissioner Vernusky's second on a 6-0 vote with**

**Commissioner’s Schmalbach, Mok, Maldonado, and Keys absent and Gray abstaining**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Discussion of Chair’s Report on Impacts from July by Chair Zisman  
**An update was given by Chair Zisman**
3. Report of the Art in Public Places Liaison concerning actions taking during the August 5, 2024 meeting of the Art in Public Places Panel by Commissioner Maldonado  
**No update given**
4. Update on actions taken at the June 26, 2024 Downtown Commission meeting by Commissioner Mok  
**No update given**

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

5. Staff update on Art in Public Places recently approved RFQs and Artist Information Session Schedule by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Program Manager  
**The presentation was made by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Program Manager**
6. Staff update on Art in Public Places recent community engagement as part of the Longhorn Dam “Wishbone” Bridge Capital Improvement Project by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Program Manager  
**The presentation was made by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Program Manager**
7. Staff update on Art in Public Places Artwork Loans and Deaccessions by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Program Manager  
**The presentation was made by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Program Manager**
8. Staff briefing regarding an update on the Hotel Occupancy Tax by Laura Odegaard, Acting Cultural Arts Division Manager  
**The presentation was made by Laura Odegaard, Acting Cultural Arts Division Manager**
9. Staff update on the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Laura Odegaard, Acting Cultural Arts Division Manager and Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor  
**The presentation was made by Laura Odegaard, Acting Cultural Arts Division Manager and Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor**

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

10. Approve List of Selection Panel & Nominated Artists for the Architecturally-Integrated Art in Public Places Projects for the Austin Convention Center Redevelopment (pending AIPP Panel approval on September 2nd)

**The presentation was made by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Program Manager and Sue Lambe, Public Art Consultant**

**A motion to approve the List of Selection Panel & Nominated Artists for the Architecturally-Integrated Art in Public Places Projects for the Austin Convention Center Redevelopment on Commissioner's Grag's motion, Commissioner Kracheni second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner's Schmalbach, Maldonado, and Mok absent, and Commissioner Keys abstaining.**

11. Approve the Art in Public Places Sites and Opportunities Plan for Austin-Bergstrom International Airport

**The presentation was made by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Program Manager and Constance White Art + Music Manager with Austin-Bergstrom International Airport**

**A motion to approve the Art in Public Places Sites and Opportunities Plan for Austin-Bergstrom International Airport on Commissioner's Gray motion, Commissioner Houston second on a 8-0 vote with Commissioner's Schmalbach, Maldonado, and Mok absent**

12. Approve the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport Art in Public Places Collections Management Policy
13. Approve Art in Public Places Nominating Committee recommendations for two new Art in Public Places Panel Members
14. Approve the Final Design for the AFD12 and AFD16 AIPP Projects with artist Xavier Schipani
15. Approve the Final Design for the Dove Springs Health Facility AIPP Project with artist Amado Castillo III
16. Approve New Artwork Loan for 2 outdoor murals at Central Health – Rosewood Zaragosa Clinic

**A motion to approve items 12 – 16 on consent on Commissioner Gray's motion, Commissioner Garza's second on a 8-0 vote with Commissioner's Schmalbach, Maldonado, and Mok absent**

## **WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

17. Update from joint Arts/Music Commission Working Group on Urban Core Issues with Commissioners Gray, Maldonado, and Schmalbach (chair).  
**Update was given by Commissioner Gray**
18. 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)

**Update was given by Commissioner Zisman**

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**Various items were discussed**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Discussion on increasing Cultural Arts funding award amounts vs. increasing number of Cultural Arts awards**

**Discussion and possible action to solidify consented terms of Commissioner Agreements as discussed at the 6/25 Arts Commission Retreat**

**Recap of the Arts Commission Retreat**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Zisman adjourned the meeting at 8:16 P.M. without objection.**

**The minutes from the meeting were approved at the September 16th Arts Commission meeting on Commissioner Zisman's motion, Commissioner Kracheni's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner's Maldonado and Keys absent, and Schmalbach and Mok abstaining**