



AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 18, 2008 – 5:30pm
City Hall Council Chambers RM 1001
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas

MINUTES

The Arts Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, August 18, 2008 at Austin City Hall Council Chambers Room 1001, 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Pennington called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

Commissioners in Attendance: Gloria Mata Pennington, Bruce Willenzik, Brett Barnes, Pamela Cunningham, Sue Graze, Kathleen Harman and Irene Roderick

City staff in Attendance: Taja Beekley and Vincent Kitch

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2008.
Minutes were approved with a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Roderick abstaining.

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

1. Update on Arts Activities
Chair Pennington mentioned the departure of Carmen Canann from the Arts Commission. Vincent Kitch, Cultural Arts Program Manager read a letter she submitted to the group thanking the Commissioners and City staff for their work and thanking former City Council Member Jennifer Kim for her appointment. Chair Pennington welcomed new Arts Commissioner Irene Roderick. City Council Member Laura Morrison greeted her at the beginning of the meeting.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Action Items
 - a. Approve Selection Process for Energy Control Center Art in Public Places Project

The selection process for Energy Control Center Art in Public Places Project was approved on first motion by Commissioner Graze and on second by Commissioner Willenzik with a 7-0 vote.

- b. Approve Selection Panel for Northwest Recreation Center Art in Public Places Project

The selection panel for Northwest Recreation Center Art in Public Places Project was approved on first motion by Commissioner Barnes and on second by Commissioner Harman with a 7-0 vote.

- c. Approve FY 2009 Cultural Arts Funding Plan

Commissioners Barnes, Graze and Roderick recused themselves from this action item. Vincent Kitch, Cultural Arts Program Manager gave a presentation on the cultural funding program including: application and review process, proposed FY 2009 Matrix parameters and enhancements.

Commissioner Willenzik complimented the development of the matrix and thanked Mr. Kitch and City staff for their hard work. Commissioner Cunningham concurred. Chair Pennington commented on the importance of preparing a good application. Commissioner Harman was pleased with the success of the funding plan. The FY 2009 Cultural Arts Funding Plan was approved with a 4-0 vote.

E. STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Cultural Arts Division Update

Mr. Kitch described the upcoming technical assistance workshops the Cultural Arts Division will be hosting. He also explained the Art in Public Places quarterly report the Commissioners received. He will provide an Auxiliary Program report at the next meeting.

Commissioner Graze clarified temporary sculpture program payments to artists.

F. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Commissioner Harman returned from a trip to Montana, where she explored Art in Public Places pieces there. Commissioner Barnes was delighted to serve another term on the Arts Commission as City Council Member Randi Shade's appointee. Commissioner Graze announced an upcoming exhibition opening at Arthouse. Chair Pennington visited the exhibit at the Blanton and the Dougherty Arts Center, where she saw three playwrights by Teatro Vivo.

G. ADJOURNMENT