



AUSTIN MUSIC COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Monday, February 3, 2014, 6:30 P.M.
Austin City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701
Board and Commission Rm. 1101

Commissioners in attendance: Brad Spies, Rich Garza, Heather Wagner Reed, Nakia Reynoso, Lindsey Sokol, Marc Fort

Staff in attendance: Don Pitts, Stephanie Bergara, David Murray

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 2, were approved on Wagner-Reed's motion, Reynoso's second, and a unanimous 6-0 vote.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

1. Tim and Candace Slusher – The Music Project in San Antonio, hoping to gain inspiration for their San Antonio Project
2. Freddie Krc – President of Austin Musicians Union, hoping to get union more proactive with City

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Staff Presentation on 2-1-1 Health Campaign** - Sarah Malm (Director of Communications at Central Health) and Emily Torgerson (Influence and Opinions) – see attached presentation
2. **Discussion and Possible action on busking ordinance** - Pitts informs Commission on staff research with City Legal, Garza asks if there have been any changes in city's enforcement of buskers, Pitts reminds commission that they have not made a motion based on council's request from a year ago, city staff had been receiving a lot of calls on this matter, notes that this item has been on the downtown commission's agenda for a few months and that it was requested that this item be put in front of Music Commission before it went to council. – see attached document, Spies notes that Commission is looking forward to staff's report on Sixth Street crime as requested in last meeting. Wagner-Reed asks where musicians can find info on the current rules in place. Pitts responds saying the music office handles each inquiry on busking on a case by case basis. Reynoso motions for commission to recommend council to direct City Manager to find how busking conflicts with City's municipal code along with the First Amendment of the United States. Wagner-Reed seconds, motion passes 6-0.
3. **Discussion and possible action on practice of "Pay-to-Play" in Austin**
 - a. Jennifer Houlihan, Austin Music People

- b. Tee-Double, speaking in opposition of Pay-to Play
 - c. Adam Protector, speaking in opposition of Pay-to-Play
 - d. Morgan Davis, speaking in opposition of Pay-to-Play
 - e. Sunny Soper, speaking in opposition of Pay-to-Play
 - f. Garza motions for Commission to make a statement thanking AMP for their efforts to raise the issue of Pay-to-Play and to encourage artists to recognize best practices. Reynoso seconds, motion passes 6-0
4. **Discussion and Possible Action of transitioning to annual outdoor music venue permit to two years** – Garza notes anytime we can make the process more efficient, we should. Spies notes the as the music office gains more tools, it makes sense to have something like this in place. Commission agrees the purpose of a 2 year permit would provide and incentive for good actors. Spies motions to recommend to council to direct to City manager to explore a 2 year permit , and to have them to direct City staff come back with a report. Garza seconds, motion passes 6-0.
5. **Discussion and Possible Action on Austin Music Foundation obtaining a micro-loan from the Music Venue Assistance Program**
- a. Kellie Goldstein, Austin Music Foundation, respectfully requests a loan in the amount of \$30,000 in an effort to complete build out for new Austin Music Foundation location at South Shores location. Loan would be paid back under the same terms as any other Music Venue Assistance Loan. Garza motions for Commission to recommend to council to create one exception to the standard rules of the Music Venue Assistance program, Wagner-Reed seconds, passes 6-0

E. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Planning for SXSW continues
- b. ATXMusic.org will be up and running shortly

F. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 8:16 p.m. on Garza's motion, Sokol's second, with a unanimous 6-0 vote.