



AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Monday, December 8, 2014
Cultural Arts Division offices
201 E. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas

Commissioners in attendance: Brett Barnes (Chair) (left early), Scott Daigle (Vice Chair), Ernest Auerbach, Lulu Flores, Samuel Tinnon, Amy Wong Mok, Bruce Willenzik

Staff in attendance: Megan Crigger, Meghan Wells, Lani Golstab, Maggie Stenz

A. Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 17, 2014
Approved.

C. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Barnes introduced Kevin Johns, Executive Director of Economic Development Department, and Sylvania Holt-Rabb, Assistant Director of EDD, who recognized Cultural Arts Division Manager Megan Crigger for her years of service and announced her resignation. Chair Barnes also reported that the chair of the Music Commission had contacted him to schedule a future joint meeting of the Music and Arts Commissions. Commissioner Willenzik suggested that the Arts Commission form a Working Group to review joint issues with the Music Commission.

E. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Anne-Marie McKaskle, Austin Creative Alliance – NowPlayingAustin.com
Did not present.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Action Items
 - a. Approve Revisions to the City of Austin Artwork Donation and Loan Policy
Presenter: Maggie Stenz, Art in Public Places Collections Manager

Motion: to separate out language related to short term loans and consider that language separately from the rest of the policy

Made by: Auerbach Seconded by: Tinnon

Vote called: passed, 7-0

Motion: to approve the policy with an amendments to language as discussed by the Commission
Made by: Willenzik Seconded by: Wong Mok
Vote called: passed, 7-0

Motion: To remove the language in the policy related to short term loans
Made by: Auerbach Seconded by: Wong Mok

An amendment was made by Commissioner Willenzik, and accepted by the maker of the motion, to change the language of the motion to “to approve the language in the policy related to short term loans.”

An amendment was made by Commissioner Flores, and accepted by the maker of the motion, to change the language of the motion to “to approve the language on page 6 of the draft policy related to short term loans.”

Vote called: not passed, 0-7

Chair Barnes left the dais; Vice Chair Daigle asked Commissioner Willenzik to preside over the meeting, due to the Vice Chair’s sore throat.

b. Approve Proposed Artwork Donation by Ave Bonar of “Larry Monroe Forever” bridge Mural

Presenters: Maggie Stenz, Art in Public Places Collections Manager; Ave Bonar, donor

Motion: to approve proposed artwork donation by Ave Bonar of “Larry Monroe Forever” bridge Mural

Made by: Wong Mok Seconded by: Flores

Vote called: passed 6-0, Commissioner Barnes absent

c. Discussion and Action on Proposed “Homecoming Memorial” Artwork Donation for Auditorium Shores

Presenters: Maggie Stenz, Art in Public Places Collections Manager; Richard Troxell, Nelson Mock, Gary Jaster, donors; Chris Johnson, Public Works Department; Rey Hernandez, Parks and Recreation Department

Motion: to approve the proposed donation contingent on receiving approval of a variance application and approval from all affected City departments

Made by: Wong Mok Seconded by: Flores

Vote called: not passed 2-4; Commissioners Wong Mok and Flores for; Commissioners Tinnon, Auerbach, Willenzik, Daigle against; Commissioner Barnes absent

Motion: to reject the proposed donation

Made by: Auerbach Seconded by: Tinnon

Vote called: passed 4-2; Commissioners Tinnon, Auerbach, Willenzik, Daigle for; Commissioners Wong Mok and Flores against; Commissioner Barnes absent

The Commission took a 5 minute break and Commissioner Willenzik called the meeting back to order at 7:38 p.m.

d. Approve Selection Panel Recommendations for the Terminal/Apron Expansion and Improvements Project Art in Public Places Project

Motion: to approve the selection panel recommendations for the Terminal/Apron Expansion and Improvements Project Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Auerbach Seconded by: Tinnon

Vote called: passed 6-0; Commissioner Barnes absent

e. Approve the Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations
15 CI 8, Austin Street Corner Arts Collective

Motion: to approve the Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations

Made by: Flores Seconded by: Wong Mok

Vote called: passed 6-0; Commissioner Barnes absent

G. STAFF BRIEFINGS

Art in Public Places Administrator Meghan Wells and Arts Marketing Specialist Lani Golstab gave updates on division activities.

H. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

None.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Establish a Joint Issues Working Group with the Music Commission

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Willenzik adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:05 p.m.