



AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Monday, April 20, 2015
Cultural Arts Division offices
201 E. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas

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

Staff in attendance: Vicky Valdez, Meghan Wells, Lani Gonzalez, Jesús Pantel, Janet Seibert, Anne-Marie McKaskle

A. Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting March 16, 2015
Approved, with edit to Item E.1.d.:
“to approve the prospectus for the Republic Square Improvements Phase II Art in Public Places Project, with the recommendation that Sylvia Orozco be invited to be on the selection panel”

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Barnes gave an update on efforts to work with the Music Commission via the Joint Issues working group. Because efforts are currently at a standstill, the working group will no longer meet; however, the commission may choose to re-establish it in the future. He also reported that he recently met with community members to discuss the state of Austin’s arts community and views to the future.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss the Effect of Airport Advertising on the Aesthetics of the Austin Bergstrom International Airport
2. Discuss the FY 2015 Cultural Arts Funding Programs – update from program staff
3. Discuss the Annual Review Report
4. Discussion and Action Items
 - a. Approve Selection Process Recommendation for the Deep Eddy/Eilers Park Art in Public Places Project

Motion: to approve the selection process recommendation for the Deep Eddy/Eilers Park Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Wong Mok Seconded: Flores

Vote called: 6-0, Commissioner Auerbach absent

- b. Approve Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations
 - 15 CI 18 SP, La Peña/Ana Maria Tekina-eirú Maynard
 - 15 CI 19 SP, Austin Creative Alliance/JWHill Productions

Motion: to approve the Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations

Made by: Flores Seconded: Wong Mok

Vote called: 6-0, Commissioner Auerbach absent

c. Approve FY 2016 Cultural Expansion Program Guidelines

Motion: to approve the FY 2016 Cultural Expansion Program Guidelines

Made by: Flores Seconded: Tinnon

Vote called: 6-0, Commissioner Auerbach absent

d. Approve List of Potential Cultural Expansion Program Review Panelists

Motion: to approve the list of potential Cultural Expansion Program Review Panelists

Made by: Daigle Seconded: Flores

Vote called: 6-0, Commissioner Auerbach absent

e. Establish a Cultural Heritage Festival Program Funding Working Group

Motion: to establish a Cultural Heritage Festival Program Funding Working Group consisting of Commissioners Flores, Wong Mok, and Willenzik

Made by: Daigle Seconded: Tinnon

Vote called: 6-0, Commissioner Auerbach absent

F. STAFF BRIEFINGS

Civic Arts Consultant Janet Seibert, Economic Development Assistant Director Synovia Holt-Rabb, and Art in Public Places Administrator Meghan Wells gave updates on Cultural Arts Division activities.

G. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Commissioner Willenzik and Commissioner Flores gave an update on the activities of the Homecoming Memorial Working Group.
2. Commissioner Willenzik reminded the commissioners that the financial disclosure forms are due.
3. Chair Barnes reminded the commission that the deadline to submit an application for all City Boards & Commissions is April 22
4. Commissioner Wong Mok reported on a program produced by the Mobile Art Program and AGE of Central Texas.
5. Commissioner Willenzik gave information about Art City Austin, April 25-26.
6. Commissioner Tinnon gave information about UT Art & Architecture event.
7. Commissioner Flores gave information about Taste of Mexico, an event of the Mexic-Arte Museum.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Establish a working group to discuss the aesthetics of the Austin Bergstrom International Airport

I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.