



AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Monday, September 21, 2015, 5:30 P.M.
Austin City Hall, Executive Session Room, Rm 1027
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas

Commissioners in attendance: Jaime Castillo, Jennifer Chenoweth, Lulu Flores, Alissa McCain, Amy Wong Mok, Michelle Polgar, Matt Stillwell, Latifah Taormina, Liz White, Bruce Willenzik

Staff in attendance: Sylvania Holt-Rabb, Lani Gonzalez, Anne-Marie McKaskle-Davis, Jesus Pantel, Meghan Wells, Janet Seibert, Susan Lambe

CALL TO ORDER –

Chair Flores called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 17, 2015
Minutes approved.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Craig Lopez, Icreate – Sculpture Park
- b. Sarah Gamble, GO Collaborative – Drawing Lines

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. Meredith Bossin, Waller Creek Conservancy – Fall Arts Update
- b. Luis Ordaz, Proyecto Teatro - Capacity Building Funding Recipient Final Report Presentation
- c. Janet Seibert, Cultural Arts Division – Building Austin’s Creative Capacity & Cultural Asset Mapping Project

4. CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Flores thanked the commissioners for serving on the Arts Commission. She reminded everyone to meet at least monthly with their Council Member to keep them updated on arts and culture issues, to attend City-funded cultural programming, and to use their City email address for all correspondence. She also reported on her trip to the Telluride Film Festival and is looking forward to Austin Film Festival.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Action Items
 - i. Approve Final Design for the Seaholm Redevelopment Parking Structure Art in Public Places Project
Motion: to approve the final design by Urban Matter Inc. for the Seaholm Redevelopment Parking Structure Art in Public Places Project
Made by: Willenzik Seconded: Polgar
Vote Called: approved 10-0, Commissioner Barnes absent

ii. Approve Final Design by Ethan Azarian for TEMPO Art in Public Places Project
Motion: to approve the final design by Ethan Azarian for TEMPO Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Chenoweth Seconded: Mok

Vote Called: approved 10-0, Commissioner Barnes absent

iii. Approve Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations

16 CI 9 SP, Austin Creative Alliance/East Austin Cares

16 CI 10 SP, Austin Revitalization Authority/C.R.I.M.E. (Creating Resourceful Images, Music, and Entertainment)

16 CI 11 SP, Ground Floor Theatre/Christine Hoang

16 CI 12 SP, Big Medium/Colin McIntyre

16 CI 13, Women's Community Center of Central Texas

Motion: to approve the Community Initiative Funding Recommendations

Made by: Mok

Seconded: Castillo

Vote Called: approved 9-0, Commissioner Barnes absent, Commissioner McCain recused

iv. Approve FY 2016 Cultural Heritage Festivals Funding Allocations

Motion: to approve the FY 2016 Cultural Heritage Festivals Funding Allocations

Made by: Mok Seconded: Polgar

Vote Called: approved 9-0, Commissioner Barnes absent, Commissioner McCain recused

v. Establish an FY 2016 Capacity Building Program Guidelines Working Group

Motion: to establish an FY 2016 Capacity Building Guidelines Working Group consisting of Commissioners Barnes, Flores, and Castillo

Made by: Willenzik Seconded: Taormina

Vote Called: approved 10-0, Commissioner Barnes absent

vi. Approve Revised Arts Commission Bylaws

Motion: to approve the revised Arts Commission Bylaws

Made by: Mok Seconded: Chenoweth

Vote Called: approved 10-0, Commissioner Barnes absent

vii. Establish Arts Messaging and Outreach Strategy Working Group

Motion: to establish an Arts Messaging and Outreach Strategy Working Group consisting of Commissioners Barnes, Polgar, Castillo, Willenzik

Made by: Taormina Seconded: Mok

Vote Called: approved 10-0, Commissioner Barnes absent

viii. Draft Recommendation to Council in support of Art in Public Places Program Funding

Motion: to approve the recommendation to Council with the removal of 3rd paragraph

Made by: Chenoweth

Motion: to authorize Chair Flores to write a thank you letter to Council

Made by: Willenzik Seconded: Polgar

Vote Called: approved 9-0, Commissioner Barnes absent, Commissioner Mok off the dais

b. Discuss Rotating Meeting Locations to Other Districts

Motion: to table the discussion until the Commission Retreat

Made by: Stillwell Seconded: Polgar

Vote Called: approved 10-0, Commissioner Barnes absent

c. Discuss Arts Commission Retreat

No action taken.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

Art in Public Places project coordinator Susan Lambe gave an update on the Seaholm Wall Art in Public Places Project. Lani Gonzalez and Janet Seibert gave information about Austin Creates Month.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

None.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT –

Chair Flores adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.