



**AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, October 19, 2015, 5:30 P.M.**  
Austin City Hall, Executive Session Room, Rm 1027  
301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas

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

Staff in attendance: Vicky Valdez, Lani Gonzalez, Anne-Marie McKaskle-Davis, Meghan Wells, Jesús Pantel, Susan Lambe

**CALL TO ORDER –**

Chair Flores called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 21, 2015  
Minutes approved.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Asa Hursh, Art Alliance Austin – Art Alliance Austin’s Fall Programming and Art Marketplace Analysis Proposal

**4. CHAIR’S REPORT**

Chair Flores reported that she sent out a letter to City Council thanking them for their support of the Art in Public Places program. She attended press conferences on October 1 for LGBT month and Austin Creates Month.

Commissioners Mok, Polgar, and Castillo attended the Partners in the Arts awards and reception on October 14.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Discussion and Action Items

- i. Approve Deaccession Jury Recommendation for *Letterscape* by Jimmy Luu  
Presenter: Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places Program  
Motion: to approve the Deaccession Jury recommendation for *Letterscape* by Jimmy Luu  
Made by: Taormina     Seconded: Mok  
Vote Called: approved 11-0, unanimous

- ii. Approve the Prospectus for the Green Water Treatment Plant Art in Public Places Project

Presenter: Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places Program

Motion: to approve the prospectus for the Green Water Treatment Plant Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Stillwell      Seconded: Polgar

Vote Called: approved 11-0, unanimous

iii. Approve the proposed Artwork Donation by Teruko Nimura/Drawing Lines for Beverly Sheffield Park

Presenters: Teruko Nimura; Lynn Osgood, Drawing Lines; Laura Esparza, Parks and Recreation Department

Motion: to approve the proposed artwork donation by Teruko Nimura/Drawing Lines for Beverly Sheffield Park

Made by: Taormina      Seconded: Mok

Vote Called: approved 9-0, Commissioner Chenoweth recused, Commissioner Castillo abstained

iv. Approve Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations

16 CI 14 SP, Austin Creative Alliance/

16 CI 15 SP, Austin Creative Alliance/WOWW Campaign

16 CI 16, Texas Juggling Society

16 CI 17, Austin Street Corner Arts Collective

Presenter: Jesús Pantel, Cultural Arts Funding Programs

Motion: to approve the Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations

Made by: Mok      Seconded: Stillwell

Vote Called: approved 11-0, unanimous

v. Establish an FY 2016 Capacity Building Program Guidelines

Presenter: Jesús Pantel, Cultural Arts Funding Programs

The Capacity Building Guidelines Working Group made their report (Commissioners Flores, Castillo, Barnes)

Motion: to approve the FY 2016 Capacity Building Program Guidelines

Made by: Mok      Seconded: Barnes

Vote Called: approved 11-0, unanimous

b. Discuss topics for Commission Retreat

Chair Flores left the dais and Vice Chair Chenoweth led the meeting.

## **6. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

Contract Compliance Specialist Jesús Pantel, Acting Cultural Arts Program Manager Vicky Valdez, Arts Marketing Specialist Lani Gonzalez, and Art in Public Places Administrator Meghan Wells gave updates on Cultural Arts Division activities

## **7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- a. Commissioner Barnes gave information about the Austin Emerging Arts Leaders group and reported on the Art in Public Places Panel meetings.
- b. Commissioner Polgar reported on Arts Messaging and Outreach Strategy Working Group
- c. Vice Chair Chenoweth gave information about the East Austin Studio Tour and Generous Art's Raising Artists professional development series.
- d. Commissioner Castillo gave information about the Drawing Lines district projects and Eyes Got It.

e. Commissioner Taormina thanked the Cultural Arts Division staff.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

a. Discuss how to facilitate meetings between Commissioners and Council Members

**ADJOURNMENT –**

Chair Flores adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.