



AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
Special Called Meeting – Sunday, November 1, 2015, 2:00 P.M.
Cultural Arts Division offices
201 E. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas

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

Staff in attendance: Vicky Valdez, Lani Gonzalez, Anne-Marie McKaskle-Davis, Meghan Wells, Jesús Pantel, Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Michelle Clemons, Janet Seibert

CALL TO ORDER –

Chair Flores called the meeting to order at 2:13 PM

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 19, 2015
Minutes approved.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

3. STAFF BRIEFING

Michelle Clemons, Financial Manager, Economic Development Department, reported on FY2016 City budget process and how it affects cultural arts programs.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Review and discuss current Arts Commission goals and objectives
No action taken.
- b. Discuss future Arts Commission meeting times and locations
Staff was directed to prepare a draft 2016 meeting schedule with meetings on the third Monday of the month, excepting holidays, at 6 pm.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discuss long-range vision for the Arts Commission
No action taken.
- b. Discuss the role of the Commissioners as advocates and educators
No action taken.
- c. Discuss affordability issues affecting Austin creatives and update from Working Group established to explore funding options for creatives
A presentation was made by Vice-Chair Chenoweth.

- d. Discuss representation of local artists in City public art projects
No action taken.
- e. Discuss recurring issues related to Hotel Occupancy Tax funds
No action taken.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Presentation on Economic Development Department Budget
- b. Presentation on Building Austin's Creative Capacity Results

ADJOURNMENT –

Vice Chair Chenoweth adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.