



AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Monday, December 14, 2015, 5:30 P.M.
Cultural Arts Division offices
201 E. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas

Commissioners in attendance: Lulu Flores – Chair, Jennifer Chenoweth – Vice Chair, Jaime Castillo, Alissa McCain, Amy Wong Mok (late), Michelle Polgar, Matt Stillwell

CALL TO ORDER –

Chair Flores called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 16, 2015
Minutes approved on a motion by Commissioner Stillwell and a second by vice Chair Chenoweth on a 6-0 vote, Commissioners Barnes, Mok, White, Willenzik absent.
- b. Approve the revised minutes of the Special Called Meeting on November 1, 2015
Minutes approved on consent.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. Alexandra Bassett, Rude Mechs - Update

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Flores reported on attending the Proyecto Teatro production “Por Los Mojados” and a Soco Women’s Chorale performance and gave information about “People of Color Christmas: The White Elephant in the Room” presented at Ground Floor Theatre.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Action Items
 - i. Approve Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations
Presenter: Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Programs
16 CI 21 SP, Women and Their Work/Carissa Green
16 CI 23 SP, Austin Creative Alliance/Indie Meme
16 CI 24, Austin International Drag Foundation
16 CI 25 SP, Shady Tree Studios/Free Beer Podcast
16 CI 26, Black Fret
16 CI 27 SP, Big Medium/John Pike
16 CI 28 SP, Big Medium/Dimension Gallery
16 CI 29, Beyond the Grade
16 CI 31 SP, Austin Fine Arts Alliance/Josef Kristofelleti

Motion: to discuss applications 16 CI 26, 16 CI 29, and 16 CI 25 SP separately from the rest of the recommendations

Made by: Castillo Seconded: Stillwell

Motion: to approve the funding recommendation for application 16 CI 25 SP

Made by: Castillo Seconded by: Chenoweth

Vote called: approved 6-0, Commissioners Barnes, Mok, White, and Willenzik absent

Motion: to approve the funding recommendation for applications 16 CI 21 SP, 16 CI 23 SP, 16 CI 24, 16 CI 27 SP, 16 CI 28 SP, 16 CI 31 SP

Made by: Stillwell Seconded by: Castillo

Vote called: approved 6-0, Commissioners Barnes, Mok, White, and Willenzik absent

Motion: to approve the funding recommendation for application 16 CI 26

Made by: Mok Seconded: Polgar

Vote called: approved 7-0, Commissioners Barnes, White, and Willenzik absent

Motion: to approve the funding recommendation for application 16 CI 29

Made by: Stillwell Seconded by: Mok

Vote called: approved 7-0, Commissioners Barnes, White, and Willenzik absent

- ii. Establish Guidelines Working Groups for Core Funding Program, Cultural Heritage Festivals Program, Cultural Expansion Program, and Capacity Building Program

Presenter: Jesús Pantel

Motion: to establish a Guidelines Working Group for the Core Funding Program consisting of Commissioners Polgar, Castillo, and Flores; the Cultural Heritage Festivals Program consisting of Commissioners Stillwell, Flores, Chenoweth, and McCain; and the Capacity Building Program consisting of Commissioners Mok, Flores, and Castillo

Made by: Stillwell Seconded: Mok

Vote called: approved 7-0, Commissioners Barnes, White, and Willenzik absent

Absent commissioners will be given the opportunity to join a working group.

- iii. Approve the Prospectus for the Austin Convention Center 2nd Street Garage Elevators Art in Public Places Project

Presenter: Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places Administrator

Motion: to approve the prospectus for the Austin Convention Center 2nd Street Garage Elevators Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Stillwell Seconded: Polgar

Vote called: approved 7-0, Commissioners Barnes, White, and Willenzik absent

- iv. Approve the Prospectus for the Austin Fire Department Locker Room Art in Public Places Project

Presenter: Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places Administrator

Motion: to approve the prospectus for the Austin Fire Department Locker Room Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Polgar Seconded: Mok

Vote called: approved 6-1, Commissioners Castillo, Chenoweth, Flores, McCain, Mok, Polgar for; Commissioner Stillwell against; Commissioners Barnes, White, Willenzik absent

- v. Approve the Prospectus for the TEMPO 2016 Art in Public Places Project
Presenter: Meghan Wells, Art in Public Places Administrator

Motion: to approve the prospectus for the TEMPO 2016 Art in Public Places Project addressing the concerns raised by the Commission

Made by: Stillwell Seconded: Mok

Vote called: approved 7-0, Commissioners Barnes, White, and Willenzik absent

- vi. Report by Affordability/Funding Working Group and Possible Action
Presenters: Commissioners Chenoweth and McCain
No action taken.

- vii. Discuss the use of the Carver Museum and Cultural Center and whether African-American organizations should have priority access to that facility
No action taken.
Staff was requested to contact Laura Esparza of the Museum and Cultural Programs Division (Parks and Recreation Department) to address the Commission at a future meeting.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Update on current Cultural Arts Division projects and activities
 - i. Lani Gonzalez, Marketing Specialist - TEMPO Marketing Campaign
 - ii. Anne-Marie McKaskle and Lani Gonzalez, Arts Commission liaisons - Arts Commission Meeting locations update

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. Chair Flores reported on a recommendation to Austin City Council made by the Austin Music Commission requesting resources for Music Division staff and a co-working space.
- b. Commissioner McCain gave information about a meeting for artists at the Victory Grill with Art in Public Places staff.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Discuss fiscal sponsorship requirements and guidelines
- b. Discuss Community Initiatives Program guidelines and review process
- c. Update from Art in Public Places working group
- d. Discussion and Possible Action on the use of the Carver Museum and Cultural Center and whether African-American organizations should have priority access to that facility

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Flores adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.