



AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Monday, January 25, 2016, 5:30 P.M.

Cultural Arts Division offices

201 E. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas

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

CALL TO ORDER –

Vice Chair Chenoweth called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 14, 2015
Minutes approved.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. Tonya Pennie – funding for individual artists
- b. Billy Harden, Spectrum Theatre Company – looking for residency space
- c. Rakefet Avramovitz – Thornton Road Studios
 - i. Rita Ross – donated time to Rakefet Avramovitz
 - ii. Kim Johnson – donated time to Rakefet Avramovitz
- d. Meredith Bossin, Waller Creek Conservancy – Orly Genger installation

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. Lisa Byrd, African American Cultural Heritage District – Overview of application process for Texas Cultural District designation
Did not present.
- b. Brad Carlin and Ron Berry, Fusebox – Update on think*EAST*

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Action Items
 - i. Discussion and Possible Action on community access to the Carver Museum and Cultural Center
Presenters: Laura Esparza and Para Agboga
No action taken.

- ii. Approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the University Hills Branch Library Art in Public Places Project

Motion: to approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the University Hills Branch Library Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Stillwell Seconded by: Mok

Vote called: approved 9-1, Commissioner Chenoweth against

- iii. Approve the Prospectus for the Sabine Street Promenade Art in Public Places Project

Motion: to approve the Prospectus for the Sabine Street Promenade Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Polgar Seconded by: Mok

Vote called: approved 10-0

- iv. Approve the Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations
 - 16 CI 30 SP Fuse Box Austin/Natalie George Productions
 - 16 CI 32 SP ARCOS Foundation for the Arts, Inc/Magdalena Riley
 - 16 CI 33 SP Austin Creative Alliance/International Multicultural Community
 - 16 CI 34 Line Upon Line Percussion
 - 16 CI 35 SP Austin Creative Alliance/One Ounce Opera
 - 16 CI 36 SP Austin Creative Alliance/Nuna Maana
 - 16 CI 37 SP Austin Creative Alliance/Verge Art Events

Motion: to approve the Community Initiatives funding recommendations

Made by: Mok Seconded by: Barnes

Vote called: approved 10-0

- v. Discussion and Possible Action on Response to Resolution No. 20140501-036, Alternative Funding Methods for Special Events

No action taken.

- vi. Discussion and Possible Action on Fiscal Sponsorship Requirements and Guidelines

Motion: to form a Fiscal Sponsorship Working Group consisting of Commissioners Castillo, McCain, Polgar, and Barnes to do a compressive review of fiscal sponsor eligibility

Made by: Mok Seconded by: Polgar

Vote called: approved 10-0

- vii. Discussion and Possible Action on Community Initiatives Program guidelines and review process

No action taken.

- viii. Report from the Airport Aesthetics Working Group

Commissioner Mok joined the working group.

No action taken.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Update on current Cultural Arts Division projects and activities
 - i. UNESCO Creative Cities Designation
 - ii. AIPP 2015 Year in Review

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. Commissioner Polgar gave information about Ground Floor Theatre.
- b. Commissioner McCain reported on the Capacity Building Program Review Panel.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Presentation by the Affordability Working Group
- b. Capacity Building Guidelines Working Group will make report and present guidelines for approval.
- c. Commissioners requested staff to present about marketing/outreach for the Art in Public Places Program

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Flores adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.