



AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Monday, April 18, 2016, 6:00 P.M.
Austin City Hall, Executive Session Room
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas

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

CALL TO ORDER –

Chair Flores called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 21, 2016

b.

The minutes were approved with the following amendments on a 8-1 vote. Those members voting aye were Commissioners Barnes, Castillo, Flores, McCain, Mok, Polgar, Stillwell, and Willenzik; those voting nay were Vice Chair Chenoweth; Commissioner Nimura was absent.

Page 1, change location to Spicewood Springs Library.

Page 4, Item 5.a.i, indicate that the item was withdrawn by staff and no action was taken.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Flores gave updates on public meetings to discuss the Music and Creative Ecosystem Omnibus Resolution; as well as, local arts events at Mary Moody Northen Theatre and Mexican American Cultural Center.

Commissioner White has resigned from the Arts Commission.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Action Items

i. Election of Officers

The motion to elect Lulu Flores as Chair passed on Commissioner Mok motion, Commissioner Willenzik second, on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Nimura absent.

The motion to elect Michelle Polgar as Vice Chair passed on Commissioner Barnes motion, Commissioner Willenzik second, on a 8-0-1 vote. Commissioner McCain abstained, Commissioner Nimura absent.

The motion to elect Jennifer Chenoweth as Vice Chair did not pass on Commissioner Polgar motion, Commissioner Castillo second, on a 1-0-8 vote. Commissioner McCain voted aye, Commissioner Nimura absent, the remaining Commissioners abstained.

- ii. Approve the Deaccession Jury Recommendation for *Unity: The Tree of Life* at Dove Springs Recreation Center
Presenter: Susan Lambe, Art in Public Places Program

The motion to approve the deaccession jury's recommendation for *Unity: The Tree of Life* at Dove Springs Recreation Center passed on Commissioner Stillwell motion, Commissioner Mok second, on a 10-0 vote.

- iii. Approve Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations
Presenter: Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Program
16 CI 61 SP, Austin Revitalization Authority/CAKE Up Austin
16 CI 63, Austin Green Art
16 CI 64, Studium
16 CI 65 SP, Austin Creative Alliance/artMEAT
16 CI 66, Austin Museum Partnership
16 CI 67 SP, Austin Playhouse/Spectrum Theatre
16 CI 68, Texas String Camp
16 CI 70 SP, Austin Creative Alliance/Drew Riley
16 CI 71 SP, Austin Creative Alliance/ Patrick Gamble
16 CI 72 SP, Salvage Vanguard Theatre/Heckle Her
16 CI 73 SP, Austin Creative Alliance/Enroute Productions
16 CI 74, SRV2THRV Foundation

The motion to approve the Community Initiatives recommendations, with the exception of application 16 CI 63 which will be considered separately was made by Commissioner Mok, Commissioner Stillwell second.

An amendment was made by Commissioner Polgar to consider applications 16 CI 63, 64, and 74 separately, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, and approved on a 10-0 vote.

The amended motion to approve the Community Initiative recommendations, with the exception of applications 16 CI 63, 16 CI 64, and 16 CI 74, passed on a 10-0 vote.

The motion to approve application 16 CI 63, Austin Green Art, at the sponsored project level passed on Commissioner Stillwell motion, Commissioner Mok second, on a 10-0 vote.

There was a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Polgar, to approve application 16 CI 64, Studium.

The substitute motion to table the recommendation for application 16 CI 64, Studium until a complete application is submitted was passed on Commissioner Willenzik motion, Commissioner Stillwell second, on a 10-0 vote.

The motion to approve the funding recommendation for application 16 CI 74, SRV2THRV Foundation, passed on Commissioner Stillwell motion, Commissioner Mok second, on a 9-0-1 vote. Commissioner Polgar abstained.

- iv. Approve Potential Peer Review Panelists
Presenter: Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Program

The motion to approve the potential peer review panelists passed on Commissioner Stillwell motion, Commissioner Polgar second, on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Barnes, Chenoweth, McCain, and Mok recused themselves due to conflicts of interest and left the dais.

- v. Approve FY17 Cultural Expansion Program Guidelines
Presenter: Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Program

The motion to approve the FY17 Cultural Expansion Program Guidelines passed on Commissioner Barnes motion, Commissioner Castillo second, on a 9-0-1 vote. Commissioner McCain recused herself due to a conflict of interest and left the dais.

- vi. Approve the Final Design by Kincannon Studios for the Republic Square Park Phase II Improvements Art in Public Places Project
Presenter: Susan Lambe, Art in Public Places Program

The motion to approve the final design by Kincannon Studios for the Republic Square Park Phase II Improvements Art in Public Places Project passed on Commissioner Barnes motion, Commissioner Stillwell second, on a 9-0-1 vote. Chair Flores abstained.

- vii. Approve the Final Design by Chris Gannon, Brockett Davidson, and Chadwick Wood for the Downtown Austin Wayfinding Project Art in Public Places Project
Presenters: Susan Lambe and Carrie Brown, Art in Public Places Program
Chris Gannon, Brockett Davidson, and Chadwick Wood - Artists

The motion to approve the final design by Chris Gannon, Brockett Davidson, and Chadwick Wood for the Downtown Austin Wayfinding Project Art in Public Places Project did not pass on Commissioner Barnes motion, Commissioner Polgar second, on a 5-5 vote. Those voting aye were Commissioners Castillo, McCain,

Stillwell, Nimura, and Barnes; those voting nay were Commissioners Chenoweth, Polgar, Willenzik, Flores, and Mok.

- viii. Approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the Sabine Street Promenade Art in Public Places Project
Presenter: Susan Lambe, Art in Public Places Program

The motion to approve the selection process recommendation for the Sabine Street Promenade Art in Public Places Project passed on Commissioner Barnes motion, Commissioner Polgar second, on a 10-0 vote.

- ix. Approve the Selection Process Recommendations for TEMPO 2016
Presenter: Susan Lambe, Art in Public Places Program

The motion to approve the selection process recommendations for TEMPO 2016 passed on Commissioner Barnes motion, Commissioner McCain second, on a 9-0-1 vote. Commissioner Nimura recused herself due to a conflict of interest and left the dais.

- x. Report by Affordability Working Group
Presenter: Vice Chair Chenoweth
No action taken.
- xi. Report by the Arts Commission and Music Commission Joint Working group on the Music and Creative Ecosystem Omnibus Resolution
Presenters: Commissioners Polgar and Willenzik
No action taken.
- xii. Discussion of Meeting Format for Public Hearing on April 20
No action taken.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Action Items
 - i. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Feasibility of an Artspace Live/Work Project at 4711 Winnebago Lane
No action taken.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Acting Art in Public Places Administrator Susan Lambe gave information about division activities.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. Commissioner Mok gave information on the Dragon Boat Festival April 30-May 1.
- b. Commissioner Barnes reported that AIPP Panelist Chris McCray has volunteered to serve on the Airport Aesthetics Working Group.
- c. Commissioner Willenzik gave information about *Ann* at the ZACH Theatre.

- d. Commissioner Castillo gave information about the Eyes Got It! 2016 call for artists.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Review staff recommendations for guidelines for using the Innovations and Collaborations cultural funding line item
- b. Establish a Working Group to create guidelines for the Innovations and Collaborations cultural funding line item
- c. Establish Working Groups related to Council's Music and Creative Omnibus Resolution

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Flores adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.