



**AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting – Monday, May 16, 2016, 6:00 P.M.  
Austin City Hall, Executive Session Room  
301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas

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

**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 April 18, 2016  
The minutes were approved with the following amendments without objection on a 6-0 vote, Commissioners Chenoweth, Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.  
Correction to Chair’s Report: change theater name to Mary Moody Northen Theater
- b. Approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on April 20, 2016  
The minutes were approved without objection on a 6-0 vote, Commissioners Chenoweth, Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.
- c. Approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Arts and Music Commissions on April 26, 2016  
The minutes were approved without objection on a 7-0 vote, Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- a. Calder Kamin – Artist INC Live Austin
- b. Joshua Green and Rebecca Marino – Pump Project

**3. CHAIR’S REPORT**

Chair Flores reported on the numerous meetings she had attended in the past month including the Arts Commission’s public hearing and joint meeting with the Music Commission, Music Commission meeting on May 2 with Commissioners Polgar and Willenzik, City Council Economic Opportunity Committee (EOC) meeting, Cultural Tourism Plan stakeholders meeting, meeting on mobility issues with Mayor’s office and several Music Commissioners. She has asked for the Mayor’s Office to present a briefing on mobility issues at a future Arts Commission meeting.

At the EOC meeting there was a presentation by staff about the City Council’s Music and Creative Ecosystem Omnibus Resolution, as well as two speakers on appropriate uses of the

Hotel Occupancy Tax. Chair Flores and Commissioner Barnes will draft talking points about the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) for the rest of the commission; Commissioners were asked to speak with their Council Members about the HOT revenues.

A motion to discuss Item 5 – Old Business before Item 4 – New Business was made by Vice Chair Polgar, Stillwell second. Commissioner Stillwell moved to amend the motion to impose a 20 minute time limit on discussion and it was accepted by the original maker of the motion. Passed without objection.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a. Discussion and Action Items**

- i. Discussion and Possible Action on Staff Recommendations for the Use of Cultural Arts Funding Line Items for ‘Innovation and Collaborations’ and ‘Cultural Tourism and Marketing’**

Motion to approve the recommended FY16 Innovation and Collaborations and Cultural Tourism Marketing Program Policy passed on motion by Commissioner Barnes, Chenoweth second, on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner McCain off the dais; Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

Motion to approve the recommended FY16 spending plan made by Barnes, Stillwell second. Motion withdrawn.

Motion to approve the Cultural Tourism and Marketing FY16 spending plan passed on a motion by Chenoweth, Stillwell second, on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner McCain off the dais; Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

Motion to approve the Innovation and Collaboration FY16 spending plan passed on a motion by Barnes, Polgar second, on a 6-1 vote. Commissioner Chenoweth against; Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

- ii. Establish a Working Group to Review and Recommend Parameters for Use of Cultural Arts Funding Line Items for ‘Innovation and Collaborations’ and ‘Cultural Tourism and Marketing’**  
Presenter: Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Program Manager

Motion to establish a working group to review and recommend parameters for use of Cultural Arts Funding Line Items for ‘Innovation and Collaborations’ and ‘Cultural Tourism and Marketing,’ with members to be appointed at a later date, approved on a motion by Commissioner Stillwell, Chenoweth second, on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

- iii. Approve the Artwork Loan by The Contemporary Austin of *Alas IV* by Betty Gold at Perry Park**

Presenters: Susan Lambe, Acting Art in Public Places Administrator; Jessica Winslow and Jan Roberts, Friends of Perry Park; Erin Coupal, The Contemporary Austin

Motion to approve the artwork loan by The Contemporary Austin of *Alas IV* by Betty Gold at Perry Park passed on a motion by Commissioner Barnes, Stillwell second, on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

- iv. Approve the Artwork Donation of the Mural *Untitled* by StenLex, Donated by Seaholm Power Development, at Walter Seaholm Drive  
Presenters: Susan Lambe, Acting Art in Public Places Administrator; Joseph Kristofelletti, artist; John Rosato, Seaholm Redevelopment

Motion to approve the artwork donation of Mural *Untitled* by StenLex, donated by Seaholm Power Development, at Walter Seaholm Drive passed on a motion by Commissioner Stillwell, Castillo second, on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

- v. Approve the Final Design by Mery Godigna Collet for the TEMPO 2016 Art in Public Places Project  
Presenter: Susan Lambe, Acting Art in Public Places Administrator; Anna Bradley, Art in Public Places project coordinator

Motion to approve the final design by Mery Godigna Collet for the TEMPO 2016 Art in Public Places Project passed on a motion by Commissioner Barnes motion, Polgar second, 6-0-1 vote. Chair Flores abstained; Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

- vi. Approve the Final Design by Michael Anthony Garcia for the TEMPO 2016 Art in Public Places Project  
Presenter: Susan Lambe, Acting Art in Public Places Administrator; Anna Bradley, Art in Public Places project coordinator

Motion to approve the final design by Michael Anthony Garcia for the TEMPO 2016 Art in Public Places Project passed on a motion by Commissioner Chenoweth, Barnes second, 7-0 vote. Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

- vii. Approve the Final Design by Brent Baggett for the TEMPO 2016 Art in Public Places Project  
Presenter: Susan Lambe, Acting Art in Public Places Administrator; Anna Bradley, Art in Public Places project coordinator

Motion to approve the final design by Brent Baggett for the TEMPO 2016 Art in Public Places Project passed on a motion by Commissioner Castillo, Polgar second, on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

- viii. Approve the Final Design by Yuliya Lanina for the TEMPO 2016 Art in Public Places Project  
Presenter: Susan Lambe, Acting Art in Public Places Administrator; Anna Bradley, Art in Public Places project coordinator

Motion to approve the final design by Yuliya Lanina for the TEMPO 2016 Art in Public Places Project passed on a motion by Commissioner Stillwell, Barnes second, on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

- ix. Approve the Final Design by Chris Gannon, Brockett Davidson, and Chadwick Wood for the Downtown Austin Wayfinding Project Art in Public Places Project  
Presenter: Susan Lambe, Acting Art in Public Places Administrator

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 made by Commissioner Stillwell, Barnes second.

Commissioners Stillwell and Castillo left the dais, leaving the commission without a quorum for a few minutes.

Vote called and the motion passed on a 6-1 vote. Commissioner Chenoweth against; Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

- x. Approve the Prospectus for the Austin Animal Center Kennel Expansion Art in Public Places Project  
Presenter: Susan Lambe, Acting Art in Public Places Administrator

Motion to approve the prospectus for the Austin Animal Center Kennel Expansion Art in Public Places Project passed on a motion by Commissioner Barnes, Polgar second, on a 6-0-1 vote. Commissioner Stillwell abstained; Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

- xi. Approve the Prospectus for the Austin Energy Cooling Plant #3 Art in Public Places Project  
Presenter: Susan Lambe, Acting Art in Public Places Administrator; Carol Stewart and Jim Collins, Austin Energy

Motion to approve the prospectus for the Austin Energy Cooling Plant #3 Art in Public Places Project did not pass on a motion by Commissioner Barnes, Castillo second, on a 4-3 vote. Commissioners Castillo, Flores, Polgar, and

Barnes for; McCain, Stillwell, and Chenoweth against; Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

- xii. Approve the Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations  
Presenter: Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Program  
16 CI 69 SP, Grassroots Leadership, Inc./Youth Rise Texas  
16 CI 75 SP, Austin Creative Alliance/Juegos Rancheros  
16 CI 76 SP, Austin Creative Alliance/Agni the Dance Company  
16 CI 77 SP, Pump Project aka Shady Tree Studios/Conflict of Interest  
16 CI 78, Austin Caribbean Cultural Exchange  
16 CI 79 SP, Big Medium/Teruko Nimura  
16 CI 80 SP, La Peña/Mery Godigna Collet & Luis R. Gutierrez  
16 CI 81 SP, La Peña/Earthnique Resource Empowerment  
16 CI 82, MindPop

Motion to approve the Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations with the condition that applicant number 16 CI 77 SP amend their scope to include a public event made by Stillwell, Chenoweth second. Motion withdrawn.

Motion to approve the Community Initiatives funding recommendations for applications 16 CI 69 SP, 16 CI 75 SP, 16 CI 76 SP, 16 CI 78, 16 CI 79 SP, 16 CI 81 SP passed on a motion by Commissioner Castillo, Polgar second, on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Barnes off the dais; Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

Motion to approve the Community Initiatives funding recommendation for application 16 CI 77 SP passed on a motion by Commissioner Castillo, Chenoweth second, 6-0-1, Stillwell abstain; Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

Motion to approve the Community Initiatives funding recommendation for application 16 CI 80 SP passed on a motion by Commissioner Stillwell, Castillo second, on a 6-0-1 vote. Chair Flores abstained; Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

Motion to approve the Community Initiatives funding recommendation for application 16 CI 82 did not pass on a motion by Stillwell, Castillo second, on a 0-5-2 vote. Commissioners Stillwell, Barnes, Flores, Polgar and Castillo against; Commissioners McCain and Chenoweth abstained; Commissioners Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

- xiii. Establish an FY17 Community Initiatives Program Guidelines Working Group  
Presenter: Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Program

Motion to establish an FY17 Community Initiatives Program Guidelines Working Group consisting of Commissioners Barnes, Polgar, Castillo, and McCain passed on a motion by Polgar, Stillwell second, on a 7-0 vote.

- xiv. Establish Working Groups to Address Recommendations for the City Council's Music and Creative Ecosystem Omnibus Resolution

Motion to establish a working group including Commissioners Polgar and Castillo to identify items within the Omnibus Resolution recommendations which the Arts Commission could specifically address passed on a motion by Stillwell, Barnes second, on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Chenoweth, Mok, Nimura, and Willenzik absent.

Commissioner Chenoweth left the meeting.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and Possible Action to Support Staff Response to City Council's Music and Creative Ecosystem Omnibus Resolution No. 20160303-019  
Presenters: Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager; Sylvania Holt-Rabb, Economic Development Department Assistant Director  
No action taken.

## **6. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

Jesús Pantel gave updates on Cultural Funding eligibility requirements.

## **7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- a. Commissioner Castillo gave information about a petition for a rainbow crosswalk and the Eyes Got it 2016 call for artists.

## **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Special Presentation by Mayor's Office on Mobility and Transportation Bonds

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Flores adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.