



**AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting – Monday, November 21, 2016, 6:00 P.M.  
Austin City Hall, Executive Session Room  
301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, TX

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

Lulu Flores – Chair, Michelle Polgar–Vice Chair, Jaime Castillo, Bruce Willenzik, Christopher Bryan, Amy Wong Mok, Alissa McCain

Absent – Brett Barnes, Felipe Garza, Matt Stillwell

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 19, 2016  
Approved. Motioned: Castillo Seconded: Bryan  
Minutes at the top 7-0; approved  
Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

1. Roy Mullin – Austin Creative Alliance Funder – Supporting arts spaces in Austin
2. John Riedie – CEO, Austin Creative Alliance – Update on creative space development within Austin.
3. Christie Lotz – Development Director with Ballet Austin – update on Ballet Austin Nutcracker

**3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

- a. Briefing on Neighborhood Partnering Program project at Downs Field – Janae Ryan
- b. Joel Laviolette & Rattletree – FY 16 Capacity Building Program presentation
- c. Big Medium/Museum of Human Achievement – FY 16 Capacity Building Program presentation
- d. E4 Youth – FY 16 Capacity Building Program presentation
- e. Capitol View Arts – FY 16 Capacity Building Program presentation
- f. Austin Community Steelband – FY 16 Capacity Building Program presentation
- g. Julie Nathanielsz – FY 16 Capacity Building Program presentation

**4. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Flores gave updates on EAST activities, particularly for TEMPO. Visitors Impact Task Force meeting is set for December 12. Brad Carlin of Fuse Box has invited the Chair to sit on a panel.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Discussion and Action Items

- i. Approve the Final Design by artist Leticia Huerta for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and San Antonio Street Art in Public Places Project  
Presented by Sue Lambe, Art in Public Places Administrator  
Motion: to Approve the Final Design by artist Leticia Huerta for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and San Antonio Street Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Mok                      Seconded: Polgar  
7-0; approved  
Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

- ii. Approve the the Montopolis Tank Project as an Exception to the Art in Public Places ordinance  
Presented by Sue Lambe, Art in Public Places Administrator, and Dan W. Pedersen, PE, Manager Reclaimed Water Program  
Motion: to Approve the Montopolis Tank Project as an Exception to the Art in Public Places Ordinance

Made by: Willenzik              Seconded: Polgar  
7-0; approved  
Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

- iii. Approve the prospectus for the Austin Fire Department/Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services Station #47 Onion Creek Art in Public Places Project  
Motion: to approve the prospectus for the Austin Fire Department/Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services Station #47 Onion Creek Art in Public Places Project

Made by: Mok              Seconded: Polgar  
7-0; approved  
Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

- iv. Approve Innovation and Collaboration programs and guidelines  
Presented by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Arts Funding Associate  
Motion: to Approve Faces of Austin Program and Guidelines

Made by: Polgar              Seconded: Mok  
6-0; approved, Commissioner McCain off the dais.  
Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

Commissioner McCain returned to the dais.

Motion: to Approve Culture Alive Program and Guidelines

Made by: Mok      Seconded: Castillo  
7-0; approved  
Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

v. Approve Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations

Chair Flores is off the dais.

Presented by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Arts Funding Team Lead

Motion: to pull 17 CI 32, 17 CI 35 SP, 17 CI 37, 17 CI 42, 43, 44, 27 from consideration

Made by: Mok      Seconded: Castillo

7-0; approved

Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

Motion: to approve Community Initiatives Funding Recommendations for 17 CI 31 SP, 17 CI 33, 17 CI 34 SP, 17 CI 36 SP, 17 CI 38 SP, 17 CI 39, 17 CI 40, and 17 CI

41 SP Made by: Mok      Seconded: Castillo

6-0; approved, Chair Flore is off the dais.

Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

Chair Flores returned to the dais.

Motion: to approve Community Initiatives Funding Recommendation for 17 CI 27 – Chas Moore contingent the applicant provides a more detailed list of scheduled activities.

Made by: Willenzik      Seconded: Polgar

6-1; approved, Commissioner Bryan against

Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

Commissioner Willenzik has left the dais.

Motion: For Community Initiatives applicant 17 CI 32 SP – Big Medium/Fields

Made by: Mok      Seconded: McCain

6-0; approved

Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

Motion: For Community Initiatives applicant 17 CI 35 SP – Big Medium/Elise Powell

Made by: Mok      Seconded: Bryan

6-0; approved

Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

Motion: For Community Initiatives applicant 17 CI 37 SP – VSA Arts of Texas/ Mindy Moore

Made by: Polgar      Seconded: Mok

6-0; approved

Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

Motion: For Community Initiatives applicant 17 CI 42 – Lonestar Lambdas to provide clarification of public outreach, actual public events, when can the public participate and resubmit application at next month's meeting

Made by: Polgar      Seconded: Mok

6-0; approved

Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

Motion: For Community Initiatives applicant 17 CI 43 SP – VSA of Texas /Theron Parker

Made by: Mok                      Seconded: Polgar  
6-0; approved  
Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

Motion: For Community Initiatives applicant 17 CI 44 – Johnny Luce contingent on the sharing of the type of software that the app will be built on. – invite to next arts commission meeting.

Made by: Mok                      Seconded: McCain  
6-0; approved  
Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

- vi. Establish a working group to consider community input on Cultural Contract Labor Provision as directed by City Council

Presented by Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager

Motion: to establish a working group to include Chair Flores, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Bryan and Vice Chair Polgar to consider community input on Cultural Contract Labor Provision as directed by City Council.

Made by: Castillo                      Seconded: Mok  
6-0; approved  
Commissioners Barnes, Garza and Stillwell absent

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- b. Discussion and Action Items

- i. Omnibus

- 1. Update on Marketing Initiative (Willenzik)

No update

- 2. Update from Joint Music/Arts Working Group (Polgar, Willenzik)

No update

## **6. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Update on current Cultural Arts Division projects and activities

## **7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Next Meeting is on Dec 12 at the – Commissioner Bryan will not be in attendance. Chair Flores will be attending the Visitor Task Force

Individuals who are so moved may write a letter to the statesmen editor decrying the loss of the arts editor, Jean Clair Van-Rysin

## **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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