



**AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting – Monday, February 27, 2017, 6:00 P.M.  
Cultural Arts Division Training Room  
201 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

Lulu Flores – Chair, Michelle Polgar–Vice Chair, Brett Barnes, Chris Bryan, Jaime Castillo, Felipe Garza, Alissa McCain, Amy Wong Mok, Bruce Willenzik

Absent: Matt Stillwell, Felipe Garza

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 P.M.**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting – Arts Commission Regular Meeting on January 23, 2017

**Motion – Polgar, seconded Bryan – Approved unanimously**

**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. Bonnie Cullum, Artistic Direct for the Vortex Rep Theatre  
Core PS III is a hardship for the individual artists and for the fiscal sponsors because it is now an annual process.
2. Krystle Kelly, Vortex Repertory – ZoomGrants – The site crashing during peak times, streamline the fiscal sponsor documents so that it is only they only need to upload once, receipts uploaded individually is a burden.
3. Melissa Vogt, Vortex Repertory – Community Initiatives – the artists applied for CI funding in the fall but funding was not available (event was in October) so the Vortex had to front them funds so that they could complete the project. Consider the only opening applications up to in the Fall for Winter projects \$3,000 is enough for an individual artists.
4. John Riedie, CEO, Austin Creative Alliance – Institution Theatre will be closing at the end of the month. What is the \$200,000 from the Mayor’s Focus Group could be used to subsidize extended hours at City facilities and cultural spaces.
5. Alexandra Bassett – Rude Mechs – Mechs will be out of their space on the 15. Will host a final new work show and a “Bon Fire” party on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Rude Fusion is also kicking off March 3 – 18<sup>th</sup>.

**3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

- a. Special Presentation on CodeNEXT by Cultural Arts Division Project Coordinator, Shirley Rempe
  - i. Public Comment is going on now through August. <http://Codenext.civiccomment.org>
  - ii. The map of the Transect and non-Transect Zones will be released in April

- iii. Permit Requirements are also outlined
- iv. Currently does not include specific uses for performance venues, has an “Entertainment” use
- v. Open Houses will introduce the code to the public – particularly how to provide comments – with a focus on how the code will impact arts and cultural community

#### 4. CHAIR’S REPORT

Congratulations on the People’s Gallery Opening  
 Visitor Impact Task Force meetings are still on going

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

##### a. Discussion and Action Items

- i. Approve Artwork Loan by artist Jennifer Chenoweth of *X Vertex* for site at Congress Avenue and Cesar Chavez St. donated by Downtown Austin Alliance.

Presented by Frank Wick, Collection Manager for Art in Public Places and Jennifer Chenoweth, Artist and Mandy Thomas with the Downtown Austin Alliance.

Motion to Approve Artwork Loan by artist Jennifer Chenoweth of *X Vertex* for site at Congress Avenue and Cesar Chavez St. donated by Downtown Austin Alliance

Motioned: Mok    Seconded: Willenzik

Approved: 8-0, Commissioners Garza and Stillwell absent

- ii. Approve Artwork Loan by artists Christine Angelone and Alexander Bingham of *Signals* located at sites on South 1<sup>st</sup> Street. User Department: Austin Transportation Department.

Presented by Frank Wick, Collection Manager for Art in Public Places and Christine Angelone and Alexander Bingham, Artists and Lauren Deerfield, City of Austin Transportation Department.

Motion to Approve Artwork Loan by artists Christine Angelone and Alexander Bingham of *Signals* located at sites on South 1<sup>st</sup> Street. User Department: Austin Transportation Department

Motioned: Willenzik    Seconded: Barnes

Approved: 8-0, Commissioners Garza and Stillwell absent

- iii. Discuss and Approve FY18 Cultural Heritage Festivals Guidelines  
 Presented by Jesús Pantel, Contract Compliance Senior

Motion to Approve FY18 Cultural Heritage Festivals Guidelines

Motioned: Barnes    Seconded: Polgar

Approved: 8-0, Commissioners Garza and Stillwell absent

- iv. Discuss and Approve FY18 Core Guidelines  
Presented by Jesús Pantel, Contract Compliance Senior

Motion to review the Project Support III Core Guidelines separate from the Interim Guidelines for Organizational Support, Project Support I and Project Support II.

Motioned: Willenzik      Seconded: Castillo

Approved: 7-0, Mok – Recused, Commissioners Garza and Stillwell absent

Motion to Approve FY18 Core Project Support III Guidelines

Motioned: Willenzik      Seconded: Castillo

Approved: 7-0, Mok – Recused, Commissioners Garza and Stillwell absent

- v. Discuss and Approve Culture Alive Applications  
Presented by Jesús Pantel, Contract Compliance Senior

Motion to approve Culture Alive Applications

17 CA 1 SP – Austin Creative Alliance/Jieun Beth Kim, Sara Madandar, Christina Coleman, \$5,000

17 CA 2 – Mauricio Callejas (Centroamericanto Fest), \$3,750

17 CA 3 – Rancho Alegre Radio, \$3,750

17 CA 4 – Xavier Jara and Carlos Ufret, \$3,750

17 CA 5 SP – Austin Revitalization Authority/Connie Jo Kirk, \$3,750

Motioned: Mok      Seconded: Castillo

Approved: 7-0-1, McCain abstained, Commissioners Garza and Stillwell absent

- vi. Approve proposed Austin-Detroit Community Identity Marker Project (Innovation and Collaborations Program)  
Presented by Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manger  
No Action Taken
- vii. Discuss Two-Way Forum on CodeNEXT  
No Action Taken

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Action Items
  - i. Omnibus
    - 1. Update on Mayor's Resolution
      - a. Discussion and possible action on Focus Group Loan Program
      - b. Discussion and possible action on Rude Mechanicals Proposal
    - 2. Update on Marketing Initiative (Willenzik)

Commissioner Willenzik left the dais

- 3. Update from Joint Music/Arts Working Group

ii. Working Group Updates

1. Capacity Building Guidelines Working Group - Vice Chair Polgar, and Commissioners Castillo and Mok
2. Cultural Expansion Guidelines Working Group – Commissioners Barnes, Bryan and Castillo
3. Community Initiatives Guidelines Working Group – Vice Chair Polgar, Commissioners Bryan, Castillo, McCain
4. Fiscal Sponsorship Working Group – Vice Chair Polgar, & Commissioners Barnes, Castillo, and McCain
5. Policy Working Group – Commissioners Barnes, Bryan & McCain
6. Labor Language Working Group – Chair Flores, Vice Chair Polgar, Commissioners Bryan and Barnes

**7. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Update on current Cultural Arts Division projects and activities
- b. Art in Public Places Year in Review
- c. *Leslie Memorial* donation update
- d. *FACES of Austin* update

**8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Next Meeting will be on Monday, March 20 at @ 6pm at Pleasant Hill Library located at 211 E William Cannon Dr, Austin, TX 78745

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Establish Culture Alive Guidelines Working Group
- b. At joint Music and Arts Commission meeting Rude Mechs Proposal,
- c. 27<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> of March – potential dates of the Joint Arts & Music Commission meeting
- d. Discuss easy actionable items from Omnibus accomplished to present to the public
- e. Discuss the Policy Working Group
- f. Establishing an mechanism for uniform messaging

**ADJOURNMENT – 9:29pm**

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