



**AUSTIN MUSIC COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, October 7, 2013, 6:30 P.M.**  
Austin City Hall, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701  
Board and Commission Rm. 1101

Commissioners in attendance: Brad Spies, Joah Spearman, Rich Garza, Heather Wagner Reed, Nakia Reynoso, Joe Stallone, Lindsey Sokol

Staff in attendance: Don Pitts, Ashley Buchanan

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Spies called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 5, 2013 were approved on Stallone's motion, Spearman's second, with a 6-0 vote. Reynoso was not present at the August meeting and abstained from voting.

**C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

1. Blair Ferrier – For Our Country – Stages the organization that compiles music lyrics of veterans into commercial singles and albums; promotes a fundraising event for their tour in November that will raise awareness for PTSD sufferers.
2. Jennifer Houlihan – Austin Music People – States that the Special Events Ordinance does not look like what they expected and will be watching the implementation closely; says they would have liked to see a guidebook similar to San Diego's.

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and possible action of election of officers:
  - i. Spearman states that he will be stepping down from the Music Commission. Motions to elect Spies as chair, Reynoso seconds, passes with a unanimous 7-0 vote. Spies accepts.
  - ii. Spearman motions to elect Stallone as vice chair, Reed seconds, passes with a unanimous 7-0 vote. Stallone accepts.
2. Discussion and possible action of Downtown Commission appointee from Music Commission:
  - i. Spearman states that he will be stepping down from the Downtown Commission.
  - ii. Stallone motions to appoint Sokol to the Downtown Commission, Spearman seconds, passes with a unanimous 7-0 vote.
3. Discussion and possible action of Austin Music Memorial 2013 inductee recommendations:
  - i. Pitts reviews each inductee, see PowerPoint presentation.
  - ii. Garza motions to approve, Reynoso seconds, passes with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

4. Discussion and possible action of Special Events Ordinance:
  - i. Gordon Derr – Austin Transportation Department – reviews the Special Events Ordinance, see related backup documents. States there is City Council consideration on Oct. 17 for consolidating various special events pages in CityStage, creating application manual, creating e-notification system, rolling out comprehensive application, preliminary application fee schedule.
  - ii. Commission comments/suggestions:
    - i. Consolidate PARD and ACE timeline/deadlines
    - ii. How are rules set, approved?
      1. Derr states that a rule is created, checked off by city departments, made public, addressed by public
    - iii. Concerned about high-capacity venues permits
    - iv. Section 1-A Clarify that ACE and appeal team are different people
    - v. Section 1-4 Definition of “Event Organizer”
    - vi. Section 1-6 Definition of “impact”
    - vii. Section 1-6 Create definition of “normal”
    - viii. Section 2-A Language change to “Shall create Austin Center for Events as the interdepartmental special events team...”
    - ix. 2-C Make districts plural
    - x. Section 2-E-6 Include number of days for interdepartmental review to take place
    - xi. Section 2 Add a section F to allow the City to enter into a multi-year agreement with event producers
    - xii. Section 21 Definition of “tiers” and “numbers” are inadequate (specifically Tier 2)
    - xiii. Section 22 Definition of “form” needs clarification
    - xiv. Section 25 A Replace “will” with “may”
    - xv. Section 27 Delete “written”
    - xvi. Section 30-B-2 tier 2?
    - xvii. Section 31-B-1-D Simplify zoning of location to residential or commercial
    - xviii. Section 31-D-9-B Add “to the public, if any”
    - xix. Section 34-E Tier 2 getting one day notice is not adequate
    - xx. Section 50 Replace “must” with “may”
    - xxi. Section 51-B-5 Add “in the event, on that day”
    - xxii. Article 7 Strike or add annual
    - xxiii. Concerned about notification process, timelines, deadlines, and overall process
    - xxiv. Concerned about high-capacity venue permits
    - xxv. How are rules set and approved? Discussed idea of a Rules Committee
  - iii. Stallone motions to send a letter to staff and Council, Garza seconds, passes with a 4-0 vote. Reynoso and Reed left the meeting early; Spies abstained from voting.

**E. MEMBER UPDATES**

**F. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned at 9:49 p.m.