



AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Monday, February 25, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

Cultural Arts Division, Training Room

201 E 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Jaime Castillo – Chair, Michelle Polgar–Vice Chair, Brett Barnes, Chris Bryan, Lulu Flores, Bears Fonte, Felipe Garza, Alissa McCain, Amy Mok, Krissi Reeves, Megan Moten

Commissioner Barnes absent

CALL TO ORDER – 6:06 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes for the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on January 14, 2019
Motion to approve by Polgar, seconded by Mok
Passed on Consent

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Capacity Building Applications for January, presented by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Arts Funding Program Specialist
- b. Faces of Austin, presented by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Arts Funding Program Specialist
- c. UNESCO SXSW Exhibition, presented by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Arts Funding Program Specialist
- d. Hotel Occupancy Tax report, presented by Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager
- e. Update on Cultural Funding Program Evaluation Process Scope, Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager
- f. Update on Economic Development Department job postings, Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager
- g. Update on Creative Space Assistance Program (CSAP), Kim McCarson, Music and Entertainment Division

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Encouraging commissioners to reach out to community members for continued feedback.

- a. Art In Public Places Arts Commission Liaison Report
- b. Downtown Commission Liaison Report

4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL – 6:30 PM Time Certain

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.

- a. John Riedie, CEO Austin Creative Alliance
- b. Michelle Voss, Co-Lab Advisory Board Member

- c. Kimberly Knight, Mosaic Theatre
- d. Acia Gray, Executive Artistic Director Tapestry Dance Company
- e. Josh Green, Artistic Director Pump Project
- f. Don Toner, Producing Artistic Director Austin Playhouse
- g. Krystle Kelly, General Manager The Vortex Repertory Company

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a. MASS Gallery, Erin Gentry, Board President. Moving into a new space after searching for a space for a year. Moved from 5,000 sq ft to 1,000 sq ft but has found it to be a positive change. Looking forward to programming outside space.
- b. Meredith Bossin, Waller Creek Conservancy – New Monuments for New Cities program through the High Line Network. Evolving urban parks, and are seen as cultural centers. Five cities are participating, will be exhibited in Austin from March to May 2019. Family friendly celebration from 10am to 1pm
- c. Robin Soto, Flower Hill Foundation – Historic Richmond Kelly and Smoot Homestead. The foundation maintains the home, out buildings and collection. Offers an artist in residence program. Extending an invitation for tours and join in a dialogue to be shared and utilized by the Austin community.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action nominating an Arts Commission representative to serve on the Latino Arts Residency Program (LARP) Review Community Engagement Panel. Presented by Laura Esparza, Division Manager of Museums and Cultural Centers at Parks and Recreation
Motion to nominate Felipe Garza to serve as the Arts Commission representative on the LARP Review Community Engagement Panel
Motioned: Flores Seconded: Mok
Vote: 10-0
Commissioner Barnes absent
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding Budget Process & renewed funding of Capacity Building
Motion to submit a request to City Council for continued funding for the Capacity Building funding at the current level of \$150,000 in perpetuity
Motioned: Flores Seconded: Polgar
Vote: 10-0
Commissioner Barnes absent
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding Update from Joint Art/Music Creative Space Bond working group
No action taken
- d. Discussion and possible action to Approve Fiscal Year 2020 Core Interim Guidelines
Motion to approve Fiscal Year 2020 Core Interim Guidelines
Motioned: Bryan Seconded: Flores
Vote: 7-0-3

For - Commissioners Moten, Polgar, Castillo, Reeves, Flores, Garza, Bryan
Commissioners Mok, McCain and Fonte recused
Commissioner Barnes absent

- e. Discussion and possible action to Approve Fiscal Year 2020 Cultural Heritage Festivals Guidelines

Motion to approve Fiscal Year 2020 Cultural Heritage Festivals Guidelines as modified
Motioned: Flores Seconded: Fonte
Vote: 10-0

- f. Discussion and possible action to Approve 3rd Quarter Community Initiatives Applications

Motion to approve all the recommended and the two alternates with the acception of Austin Creative Alliance/Austin Brookner and Austin Creative Alliance/Ashe Arts
Motioned: Flores Seconded: Fonte
Vote: 9-0-1

For – Commissioners Moten, Polgar, Castillo, Reeves, Fonte, Flores, Garza, Mok, Bryan
Commissioner McCain abstained
Commissioner Barnes absent

Motion to approve 19 CI 72 SP Austin Creative Alliance/Austin Brookner
Motioned: Fonte Seconded: Flores
8-1-1

For – Commissioners Moten, Polgar, Castillo, Reeves, Fonte, Flores, Mok, Bryan
Against – Commissioner Garza
Abstained – Commissioner McCain
Commissioner Barnes absent

Motion to approve 19 CI 103 SP Austin Creative Alliance/Ashe Arts
Motioned: Polgar Seconded: Flores
9-0-1

For – Commissioners Moten, Polgar, Castillo, Reeves, Fonte, Flores, Garza, Mok, Bryan
Commissioner McCain abstained
Commissioner Barnes absent

Motion to take equity working group update out of order
Approved on consent

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Action Items

- i. Discussion and possible action on Arts Commission Annual Retreat
No action taken

- ii. Omnibus

- A. Update from Joint Music/Arts Working Group
No action taken

- B. Establish joint Arts and Music working group land development and permitting working group
Motion to reestablish joint Arts and Music working group land development and permitting working group with Polgar and Reeves and community members
Motioned: Polgar seconded: Reeves
Vote: 10-0
Commissioner Barnes Absent

iii. Working Group Updates

- A. Cultural Funding Program Responsiveness Working Group – Chair Castillo, Vice Chair Polgar, Commissioners Mok, McCain and chaired by Commissioner Fonte.
No action taken
- B. Cultural Equity Working Group - Commissioners Flores, Fonte, and Mok along with community member Sarah Rucker
No action taken
- C. Arts Commission Bylaws Working Group - Vice Chair Polgar, Commissioners Flores, Reeves
No action taken
- D. Core Guidelines Working Group – Commissioner Bryan, Castillo, Flores and Polgar
Final presentation given
- E. Cultural Heritage Guidelines Working Group – Commissioner Barnes (Chair), Commissioners Fonte, Moten and Polgar
Final presentation given

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Next Regular Meeting will be on **Monday, March 18 @ 6pm at Milwood Branch Library 12500 Amherst Dr, Austin, TX 78727**

Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts upcoming events

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Establish Community Initiatives Guidelines Working Group

Establish Q4 Community Initiatives Review Panel

ADJOURNMENT – 9:34

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