



## **AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES**

Regular Meeting – Monday, May 20, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

Cultural Arts Division Training Room

5202 E Ben White Blvd, Suite 400, Austin, TX 78741

### **CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

Jaime Castillo – Chair, Michelle Polgar – Vice Chair, Brett Barnes, Lulu Flores, Bears Rebecca Fonte, Felipe Garza, Mary Ellen Latouf, Amy Mok, Megan Moten, Krissi Reeves, Celina Zisman

Commissioners Fonte, and LaTouf absent

### **CALL TO ORDER – 6:14 P.M.**

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approve the minutes for the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on April 15, 2019  
Motion to approve Arts Commission Regular Meeting on April 15, 2019  
Motion Polgar                      Seconded: Barnes  
Vote: 5-0-1  
Reeves Abstained  
Commissioners Fonte, and LaTouf absent  
Commissioner Flores, Mok, and Garza off the dais
- b. Approve the minutes for the Arts Commission Special Called Meeting on April 27, 2019  
Motion to approve the Arts Commission Special Called Meeting on April 27, 2019  
Motion Polgar Seconded: Zisman  
Vote: 6-0  
Commissioners Fonte, and LaTouf absent  
Commissioners Mok, Flores and Garza off the dais  
  
Commissioners Mok, Garza and Flores arrive on the dais.

#### **2. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Chapter 380 Update by Julia Campbell, Acting Global Business Expansion Division Manager
- b. Capacity Building Applications, presented by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Arts Funding Program Specialist
- c. Hotel Occupancy Tax report, presented by Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager

#### **3. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Reminder that the Arts Commission should be listening to all artists in all artistic disciplines and groups of all sizes. Encourage knowledge sharing amongst the Commissioners.

- a. Art In Public Places Arts Commission Liaison Report – Commissioner Barnes  
There was an appreciation of the Art In Public Places Panel for the conversation to be had at the retreat and look forward to future discussions.
- b. Downtown Commission Liaison Report – Commissioner Garza  
Sound standards and monitoring studies have been completed and are looking into short term rentals and homeless initiatives.

#### **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. Karen Jantch, Music and Entertainment Division – introduced Tip the Band Program

#### **5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

- a. TK Tunchez – Frida Friday ATX – will present at the June meeting
- b. Emmy Laursen & Josh Green - Pump Project – Still looking for a permanent home but have secured temporary space. On going programming will focus on producing exhibitions focusing on artists who have been displaced
- c. Rude Mechanicals – will present at the June meeting

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approve the Artwork Loan of the Givens Park Mural, at Givens District Park, Art in Public Places Project  
Item postponed to a future meeting  
Commissioner Reeves off the dais
- b. Approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the East 51st Streetscape Art in Public Places Project

Motion to approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the East 51st Streetscape Art in Public Places Project.

Motioned: Polgar                      Seconded: Moten

Vote: 8-0, Commissioner Reeves off the dais

Commissioners Fonte, and LaTouf absent

Commissioner Reeves returned to the dais

- c. Approve the Selection Process Recommendations for (4) Montopolis Recreation and Community Center Phase II Art in Public Places Projects  
Motion to approve the Selection Process Recommendations for (4) Montopolis Recreation and Community Center Phase II Art in Public Places Projects  
Motioned: Polgar   Seconded: Garza  
Vote: 9-0  
Commissioners Fonte, and LaTouf absent
- d. Approve Selection Process Recommendations for (10) TEMPO 2D Art in Public Places Project

Motion to approve Selection Process Recommendations for (10) TEMPO 2D Art in Public Places Project

Motioned: Mok                      Seconded: Barnes

Vote: 8-0-1

Commissioner Flores Abstained

Commissioners Fonte, and LaTouf absent

e. Approve Community Initiatives 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Applications

Motion to approve the recommended 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Community Initiatives Applications

Motioned: Flores    Seconded: Barnes

Vote: 9-0

Commissioners Fonte, and LaTouf absent

f. Establish the “TEMPO Program Guidelines and Goals” Working Group

Motion to establish the “TEMPO Program Guidelines and Goals” Working Group with Commissioners Fonte, Barnes (Chair of the working group), Zisman and Polgar

Motioned: Zisman                      Seconded: Flores

Vote: 9-0

Commissioners Fonte, and LaTouf absent

g. Discussion and possible action on FY 19 Arts Commission Goals in preparation for the FY 19 Annual Review

No action taken, item postponed to June meeting

h. Commemorate Rudolfo "Rudy" Mendez

Commissioner Flores will take a lead connecting with the family and plan a commemorative recognition of his life

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Action Items

i. Omnibus

A. Update from Joint Music/Arts Creative Space Bond Working Group – Commissioners Polgar, Flores, and Barnes as well as Music Commissioners Oren Rosenthal and Stuart Sullivan

No action taken

ii. Working Group Updates

A. Establish the Chair of each of the currently establishes working groups  
Chairs assigned within each of the following agenda items

B. Cultural Funding Program Responsiveness Working Group – Chair Castillo, Vice Chair Polgar, Commissioners Mok, and chaired by Commissioner Fonte.

C. Cultural Equity Working Group - Commissioners Flores, Fonte, and Mok (Chair) along with community member Sarah Rucker

No action taken – Will review in June

- D. Arts Commission Bylaws Working Group - Vice Chair Polgar, Commissioners Flores, Reeves – Disbanded

Commissioner Garza left the dais

- E. Joint Arts and Music land development and permitting working group – Commissioner Polgar (chair), Commissioners Reeves, Community Members Zac Traeger, David Sullivan, Music Commissioners Oren Rosenthal, and Graham Reynolds  
No action taken
- F. Community Initiatives Guidelines Working Group – Commissioners Fonte, Polgar and Moten (Chair)  
No action taken
- G. Community Initiatives Application Review Working Group – Commissioners Fonte, Polgar, Zisman, and Flores as back-up  
Final presentation was given
- H. Funding Matrix Working Group – Commissioners Polgar, Flores (Chair), Fonte and LaTouf  
No action taken

## **8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Next Regular Meeting will be on **Monday, June 17 @ 6pm at City Hall, Council Chambers Room 1001, 301 W 2nd St, Austin, TX 78701**

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> Joint Music and Arts Commission meeting

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Quality of Life Commission Updates  
Approve Community Initiatives Guidelines  
Givens Park mural donation (Old Business)

## **ADJOURNMENT – 8:33pm**

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