



## **AUSTIN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES**

Regular Meeting – Monday, January 27, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

Economic Development Department, Cultural Arts Division, Bluebonnet Training Room  
5202 E Ben White, Suite 400, Austin TX 78741

### **CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

Jaime Castillo – Chair, Michelle Polgar – Vice Chair, Brett Barnes, Lulu Flores,  
Bears Rebecca Fonte, Felipe Garza, kYmberly Keeton, Amy Mok, Krissi Reeves, Celina Zisman

Commissioners Barnes, Fonte, and Keeton absent

### **CALL TO ORDER – 6:20 P.M.**

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

- a. Approve the minutes for the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on December 9, 2019  
Move to approve by Polgar, Seconded by Flores

6-0

Commissioners Barnes, Fonte, Mok and Keeton absent

- b. Approve the minutes for the Special Called Meeting on January 13, 2020  
Move to approve by Polgar, seconded by Flores

6-0

Commissioners Barnes, Fonte, Mok and Keeton absent

Commissioner Mok arrived on the dais

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

- a. Hotel Occupancy Tax report, presented by Sylvania Holt-Rabb, Acting Deputy Director,  
Economic Development

Motion to move 2.a until speaker arrives

Motion Polgar Seconded Zisman

7-0

Commissioners Barnes, Fonte, and Keeton absent

- b. Cultural Funding Review Process, presented by Alberto Mejia

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

Attended the January 25<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting, and the conversations that he heard were encouraging. The Arts Commission and the Community are having the same conversation. There was an understanding that this process is a large undertaking. Challenging everyone to help more than they have helped before. "If we don't fix it, who will."

- a. Art In Public Places Arts Commission Liaison Report – Commissioner Barnes
- b. Downtown Commission Liaison Report – Commissioner Garza

- c. Quality of Life Commission Updates – Jaime will be attending the next African American Quality of Life Commission.

#### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL – 6:30 PM Time Certain**

The speakers signed up prior to 6:30pm will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items posted and/or not posted on the agenda.

- a. Jessica Nero with Blue Lapis Light – Interim year feedback, this gives the City an opportunity to fix what happened in FY18, and we will be back in the FY18 position, which we don't want to be.
- b. Asante Abdullah, New World Audience – Music group that building infrastructure for a wide range of artists.
- c. Asaf Ronin, Austin Creative Alliance – Speak with lots of Artists, some are concerned about waiting until FY22 funding access, losing lots of resources, losing lots of venue spaces, consider thoughtfully the funding changes and their impact.
- d. Sally Jacques, Blue Lapis Light – Panel process selection, should have seen the work, or have a strong expertise in the artistic field. Umbrella organizations need a set of guidelines, that really support the sponsored project, not just a pass thru.
- e. Nina Ho, Misfits Productions – Produced first festival last year, awarded FY19 CI funds, Concerned about only being able to apply CI funds. Wants to keep up community momentum of the group.
- f. Sylvia Orozco, Mexic-Arte Museum – The idea that the interim year was sudden, hope that FY19 scores were low and is concerned that the interim year will continue to impact their award, the interim year will hurt the same people you want to help.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Appoint a Chair to the Art in Public Places Panel Nominating Committee  
Motion to appoint Commissioner Mok as Chair of the Art in Public Places Panel Nominating Committee  
Motioned: Polgar Seconded: Reeves  
7-0  
Commissioners Barnes, Fonte, and Keeton absent  
Approved
- b. Approve the Final Design by Yareth Fernández for Dove Springs Recreation Center, Art in Public Places Project  
Motion to Approve the Final Design by Yareth Fernández for Dove Springs Recreation Center, Art in Public Places Project  
Motioned: Mok Seconded: Polgar  
7-0  
Commissioners Barnes, Fonte, and Keeton absent  
Approved
- c. Discussion and Possible Action on meeting calendar and locations  
No action taken
- d. Discussion of Cultural Funding Review Process (see discussion question below)  
What does a thriving Austin cultural system look like to you?  
No action taken

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

### a. Discussion and Action Items

- i. Discussion and possible action on formation of a guidelines working group  
Motion to form Core and Cultural Heritage Festivals guidelines working group with Commission Flores as chair, and Commissioners Barnes, Polgar, Zisman

Motioned: Mok    Seconded: Reeves

7-0

Approved

Commissioners Barnes, Fonte, and Keeton absent

### ii. Omnibus

- A. Update from Creative Space Bond Working Group – Commissioners Reeves (Chair), Flores, and Barnes and Music Commissioners Oren Rosenthal, Chaka Mahone and Stuart Sullivan  
No action taken, Final presentation made.

### iii. Working Group Updates

- A. Cultural Funding Program Responsiveness Working Group – Commissioners Castillo, Polgar, Mok, and Fonte (Chair)  
No action taken
- B. Joint Arts and Music Land Development and Permitting Working Group – Commissioners Polgar (Chair), Reeves, community members Zac Traeger and David Sullivan, and Music Commissioners Oren Rosenthal and Graham Reynolds  
No action taken
- C. TEMPO Program Guidelines and Goals Working Group – Commissioners Fonte, Barnes (Chair), Zisman, Polgar, community member Jade Walker and AIPP Panel members  
No action taken

## 6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Next Regular Meeting will be on **Monday, February 24 @ 6pm at Cultural Arts Division Bluebonnet Training Room – 5202 E Ben White, Suite 400, Austin, TX 78741**

## 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Budget recommendations

Add guidelines working group

Add AIPP Panel members for TEMPO working group

Add Donation and Loan Policy Revision working group to agenda

CSAP presentation

## ADJOURNMENT – 8:26pm

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