



**ARTS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
July 18, 2022**

**The Arts Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on July 18, 2022, at Austin City Hall, Board & Commissions Room at 301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Zisman called the Arts Commission Meeting to order at 6:06 PM**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

Celina Zisman - Chair, Jaime Castillo, Acia Gray, Michelle Polgar

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

Heidi Schmalbach - Vice Chair, Amy Mok, Rick Van Dyke

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Natalie Earhart and Zachary Zulch of Almost Real Things introduced themselves and gave a preview of what they will discuss at next month's meeting.

Luis Ordaz of ProyectoTeatro offering to join a Working Group regarding a situation at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Arts Commission Special Called Meeting on June 29, 2022.  
**The minutes from the meeting of June 29, 2022 were approved with updates on Commissioner Polgar's motion, Commissioner Gray's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Barnes, Flores, Garza, and Keeton absent.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Discussion of Chair's Report regarding Creative Sector Momentum by Chair Zisman  
**A report was made by Chair Zisman.**
3. Discussion of the Art in Public Places Liaison Report by Commissioner Gray  
**A report was made by Commissioner Gray.**
4. Discussion of the Austin Economic Development Corporation/Cultural Trust Advisory Committee by Austin Economic Development Corporation Board Member Carl Settles  
**A presentation was made by Board Member Settles.**
5. Discussion of the Downtown Commission by Commissioner Mok  
**A report was made by Commissioner Mok.**
6. Presentation by Miriam Conner regarding Common Waters

**A presentation on the Trail Foundation and Common Waters was made by Heidi Anderson, Charlotte Tonsor, and artist Taylor Davis.**

7. Presentation by Caitlyn Ryan of Stream Realty regarding 6th Street redevelopment and possible demolition of venue spaces in downtown entertainment districts

**No presentation.**

8. Presentation by Katy Zamesnik, Austin Convention Center Department Chief Administrative Officer, regarding Convention Center Expansion

**A presentation on Convention Center Expansion was made by Convention Center Director Trisha Tatro and Chief Administrative Officer Katy Zamesnik.**

9. Presentation by Anne Gatling Haynes, Austin Economic Development Corporation Chief Transaction Officer, regarding Updates within the Austin Economic Development Corporation

**A presentation on updates within the Austin Economic Development Corporation was made by Chief Transaction Officer Anne Gatling Haynes.**

### **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

10. Staff briefing regarding an update on the Hotel Occupancy Tax by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Investment Program Manager

**The presentation was made by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Investment Program Manager in the Economic Development Department.**

11. Staff briefing regarding the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager, and Laura Odegaard, Cultural Investment Program Manager

**The presentation was made by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Investment Program Manager in the Economic Development Department.**

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

12. Approve the Final Design for the Anderson Mill Road Regional Mobility Art in Public Places Project

13. Approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the Colony Park Pool + Givens Park and Pool Art in Public Places Projects

14. Approve the Selection Process Recommendations for the Corridor Construction Program Slaughter Lane Art in Public Places Projects

15. Approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the Corridor Construction Program Spicewood Springs Road Art in Public Places Project

16. Approve the reappointment of Art in Public Places Panel Member J Muzacz

**The motion to approve Items 12 - 16 on consent was approved on Commissioner Polgar's motion, Commissioner Castillo's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Barnes, Flores, Garza, and Keeton absent.**

17. Discussion and possible action on recommendation in support of prior Community Initiatives contractors who have received no emergency funding support

**Stricken from record as already discussed.**

**WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

18. Update from Equity Working Group with Community Arts leaders of the BIPOC/LGBTQIA/Disabilities Community/Women with Commissioners Keeton (chair) and commissioners Castillo, Gray, Polgar, Zisman, and community members  
**No update**
19. Update from Joint Working Group for Joint Cultural Committee with Commissioners Castillo (chair) and Polgar, and working group members from the Quality of Life Commissions  
**No update**
20. Update from Public Private Partnership (P3) Working Group Commissioners Barnes (Chair), Schmalbach, Flores, and Mok  
**No update**
21. Update from Quarterly Arts Community Commission Meet-ups Working Group with Commissioners Barnes, Castillo (chair), Garza, and Gray  
**Commissioner Garza is Chair and Commissioner Zisman will join in Commissioner Castillo's place.**
22. Update from Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Flores, Polgar, Schmalbach, Van Dyke, and Zisman (chair)  
**No update**
23. Update from Art Neighborhoods Working Group with Commissioners Gray, Mok, Zisman, and Van Dyke (chair)  
**Update was given by Commissioner Van Dyke as chair of the Art Neighborhoods Working Group.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Possible future agenda items were discussed.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Castillo adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved at the August 15, 2022 meeting on Commissioner Gray's motion, Commissioner Schmalbach second on a 6-0 vote.**