



REGULAR MEETING of the ARTS COMMISSION
September 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 1001.
301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

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Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than Noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, call or email Jesús Varela at jesus.varela@austintexas.gov or at 512-974-2444.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Celina Zisman - Chair, Heidi Schmalbach - Vice Chair, Kate Csillagi, Monica Maldonado, Felipe Garza, Gina Houston, Michael Vernusky, Acia Gray, Faiza Kracheni, Amy Mok, Nagavalli Medicharla

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on June 12, 2023.
2. Approve the minutes of the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on August 21, 2023.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Discussion of Chair's Report on Congratulations to Elevate Recipients by Chair Zisman
4. Discussion of the Art in Public Places Liaison Report by Commissioner Gray
5. Discussion of the Austin Economic Development Corporation/Cultural Trust Advisory Committee by Austin Economic Development Corporation Board Member Carl Settles
6. Discussion of the Downtown Commission by Commissioner Mok

STAFF BRIEFINGS

7. Staff briefing regarding an update on the Hotel Occupancy Tax by Laura Odegaard, Cultural Investment Program Manager
8. Staff briefing regarding the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor, and Laura Odegaard, Cultural Investment Program Manager
9. Staff briefing on Creative Space Assistance Program by Kim McCarson, Music and Entertainment Division

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

10. Approve the Final Design for the Comal Pocket Park Art in Public Places Project
11. Approve the Final Design for the AFD51/EMS40 Station Art in Public Places Project
12. Approve the Final Design for the Parque Zaragoza Art in Public Places Project
13. Approve the Request for Qualifications for the Palmer Events Center Art in Public Places Project
14. Approve the Request for Qualifications for the Family Violence Shelter and Protection Center Art in Public Places Project
15. Approve the revised Request for Qualifications for the Mexican American Cultural Center Art in Public Places Project
16. Discussion of Community Engagement Needs

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

17. Update from Equity Working Group with Community Arts leaders of the BIPOC/LGBTQIA/Disabilities Community/Women with Commissioners Gray, Zisman, and community members
18. Update from Quarterly Arts Community Commission Meet-ups Working Group with Commissioners, Garza (chair), Gray, and Maldonado
19. Update from Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Schmalbach and Zisman (chair)
20. Update from joint Arts/Music Commission Working Group on Urban Core Issues with Commissioners Gray, Maldonado, and Schmalbach (chair).

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Invite Brie Franco from IGRO to present at Arts Commission (tentatively scheduled for Oct 16th Arts Commission Meeting)

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For more information on the Arts Commission, please contact Jesús Varela at 512-974-2444.