



**REGULAR MEETING of the ARTS COMMISSION**  
**May 20, 2024, at 6:00 PM**  
**Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 1001.**  
**301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

**Some members of the ARTS COMMISSION may be participating by videoconference. The meeting may be viewed online at: <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>**

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](mailto:jesus.varela@austintexas.gov) or at 512-974-2444.

**CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:**

Celina Zisman - Chair, Heidi Schmalbach - Vice Chair, 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 April 15, 2024.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Report of the Art in Public Places Liaison concerning actions taking during the May 6, 2024 meeting of the Art in Public Places Panel by Commissioner Maldonado
3. Discussion of recommendations to Council regarding City departments partnering with artists and arts organizations
4. Discussion on performance space affordability and the realities and limitations of medium/small dance and theater companies presented by members of the arts community (AJ Garcia-Rameau, Andrea Ariel, Ann McNair)

## **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

5. Staff briefing regarding The Cultural Asset Mapping Project (CAMP) by Laura Odegaard, Acting Cultural Arts Division Manager and Dr. Thomas Kurtz
6. Staff briefing regarding an update on the Hotel Occupancy Tax by Laura Odegaard, Acting Cultural Arts Division Manager
7. Staff update on the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

8. Discussion and possible action on proposed Place-based enhancements strategy and economic incentives for affordability and cultural preservation by Donald Jackson, Business Process Consultant
9. Approve the Selection Process Recommendation for the Palmer Events Center AIPP Project
10. Approve the Updated Artwork Budget for the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport Project Terminal Expansion Phase II B Art in Public Places Project with Artists Josef Kristofolletti and Matthew Mazzotta
11. Approve recommendation to improve HOT collection and fees from short-term rentals

## **WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

12. Update from joint Arts/Music Commission Working Group on Urban Core Issues with Commissioners Gray, Maldonado, and Schmalbach (chair).
13. Update from Community Engagement Working Group with Commissioners Zisman, Houston, and Kracheni (chair)

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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