



ARTS & CULTURE

San Antonio Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 10, 2024
9:30 a.m.

Plaza de Armas Building
Culture Commons
115 Plaza de Armas

Members Present

D1 Arthur Campsey
D2 Maria Williams
D3 Yadhira Lozano
D4 Susana Segura
D6 Janie Villarreal-McClinchie
D7 Dr. Ellen Riojas Clark
D8 Henry Brun
D9 Freda Facey
D10 Dr. Mark Rogers
M. Rene Barilleaux
M. Suhail Arastu
M. Jessica Sanchez
M. Eileen Kret

Members Absent

D5 Mari Sandoval
M. Linda Hardberger

Staff

Krystal Jones
Diana Hidalgo
Lisa Biediger
Alyssa Franklin
Renee Talamantez
Kirstin Cutts
Laura Parker
Jordyn Patrias
Crisa Valadez
Stephanie Torres
Kim LeBlanc
Sonia Covarrubias

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Barilleaux 9:40 a.m. The roll call was taken by Sonia Covarrubias and a quorum was present.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the San Antonio Arts Commission meeting on November 12, 2024

Motion: Kret moved to approve. Brun seconded the motion.

Public Comments: None

Commission: None

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Lozano, Segura, Villarreal-McClinchie, Clark, Brun, Facey, Rogers, Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Kret

Absent: Hardberger, Sandoval

2. Public Art: FY 2025 Prequalified Public Art List (Action)

Franklin briefed the Commission on Prequalified Public Art List process and shared updates to the process, including applications will now open biennially and selected applicants will remain

eligible for projects for six years beginning with the FY 2025 Prequalified Public Art List. Franklin described vast outreach efforts and presented applicant recommendations, statistics, and demographics to bolster representation in underserved districts in the city, and applicants' race and ethnicity. Rubrics panelists utilized to evaluate applications and the point systems were presented to the Commission as well. Franklin noted the Public Art Committee approved the recommendations.

Motion: Segura moved to approve FY 2025 Prequalified Public Art List except for Luminaria and The Art of Four, as presented. Campsey seconded the motion.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: Brun inquired what happens at six (6) year and expressed concern for the pool of artist developing now and providing these an opportunity to be added to the Prequalified Public Art List. Franklin indicated as the six (6) year term approaches the end, each artist will be sent a notification to reapply. Also, the application process will be opening every two (2) years and stay eligible for six (6) years; allowing developing artist to apply.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Lozano, Segura, Villarreal-McClinchie, Clark, Brun, Facey, Rogers, Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Kret

Absent: Hardberger, Sandoval

Motion: Brun moved to approve Luminaria and The Art of Four as part of the FY 2025 Prequalified Public Art List, as presented. Sanchez seconded the motion.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: Arastu inquired of Luminaria applying as a nonprofit art collective organization. Franklin indicated Luminaria applied as support service provider.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Campsey, Segura, Villarreal-McClinchie, Clark, Brun, Facey, Rogers, Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Kret

Absent: Hardberger, Sandoval

Recused: Williams, Lozano

3. Public Art: South Flores Police Substation – Artist Selection (Action)

Talamantez presented Oscar Alvarado for the public art opportunity at new police substation at South Flores near Roosevelt. Talamantez detailed the description of sites including an opportunity for sculptural artwork at three (3) locations and displayed examples of artists work and experience. The Public Art Committee approved the artist selection. A timeline for this project was provided.

Barilleaux inquired about the building architects for the police substation. Talamantez indicated Beaty Palmer Architects. Lozano suggested pairing artist with up-and-coming artist to develop artist technique. Jones indicated suggestion will be considered as well as an Artist Talk.

Motion: Arastu moved to approve Oscar Alvarado for South Flores Police Substation Artist selection, as presented. Segura seconded the motion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Lozano, Segura, Villarreal-McClinchie, Clark, Brun, Facey, Rogers, Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Kret

Absent: Hardberger, Sandoval

4. Public Art: FY 2024 Maintenance Update (Briefing)

Cutts provided a recap of public art projects worked on and the structure of maintenance. Prioritization of maintenance projects takes into consideration the following three points: condition, safety, and foot traffic for both planned, and unplanned projects. Cutts emphasized that the artist is always notified and involved, if available and interested, in addition to support services. Cutts provided specific examples of completed projects, those in process and those planned for future maintenance.

Cutts announced the Department is currently seeking to purchase a collections management system that will streamline the maintenance projects. This system will also provide external experience for the public with an opportunity to create custom tours, leave reactions for artworks.

5. Public Art: ZerNona Dedication (Briefing)

Parker announced the dedication of the ZerNona project by Ronney Stevens in District 2. Parker provided images from the dedication.

6. Public Art: Fire Station 24 Installation (Briefing)

Patrias presented an update on the installation for the Fire Station 24 project, *Afterglow of Honor*, by artist Autumn Saleh, sculpted by Wanderlust Ironworks. Dedication is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

7. Arts Funding: FY 2026 Artist Grants (Briefing)

Valadez presented an overview of the FY 2026 Artist Grants cycle including intent to apply dates, application dates, and information session dates for artists taking place in January and February 2025.

8. Performing Arts, Film and Music: Film San Antonio Updates (Briefing)

LeBlanc highlighted the four film festivals funded by the Department's Film Festival Funding Program, and invited all to attend the upcoming *FilmSA Coffee Talk* networking event being held in partnership with Josiah Media Festival and scheduled for Saturday, January 25 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at Urban-15 HQ.

LeBlanc provided an update on the local filming of the Paramount+ TV series, *1923*. The series had an estimated \$500,000 spend on San Antonio locations alone, with additional economic impact statistics provided and created a flurry of social media and media coverage during and around the filming.

LeBlanc provided the Commission with an overview of the San Antonio premiere of *Say a Little Prayer*, recipient of the SA supplemental film incentive, which occurred on October 15 at the Empire Theatre. The film debuted in 100+ movie theaters nationwide and will be streaming soon.

The Women in Film and Television San Antonio Chapter, the fastest growing chapter in organizational history, hosted the inaugural Celestial Awards on November 12 at the Empire Theatre.

The Local Music Spotlight Program has received increased submissions in 2024 and is currently accepting applications for original songs that can be submitted through January 6, 2025.

Public Comments

None

Announcements and Reports

Centro de Artes Committee: *Dining with Rolando Briseño* Curator Talk & Catalog Release

Torres invited the Commission to attend *Dining with Rolando Briseño* Curator Talk Thursday, January 9, 2025, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Dr. Ruben Cordova will present the exhibit and will provide attendees exhibit catalogs.

Director's Report – San Antonio Arts Commission Committee Appointments

Hidalgo announced committee appointments are to take place at the next meeting on February 11, 2025. Committee chairs will receive applications from their committee liaison.

Upcoming Events

Arastu announced Musical Bridges Around the World events:

- *The Quilt: Live in Concert* at 7 p.m., Sunday, January 12 at San Fernando Cathedral
- *Gurwitz Laureates* in concert 7 p.m., Sunday, February 9 at San Fernando Cathedral

Rogers announced two events:

- Alamo City Arts presents the *Nutcracker* at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., December 14 at Our Lady of the Lake Thirty Auditorium.
- Heart of Texas Concert Band *Christmas Dreams* performance at 3 p.m., Sunday, December 22 at Trinity Baptist Church.

Adjournment

Motion: Arastu motioned to adjourn the San Antonio Arts Commission meeting and Sanchez seconded the motion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Lozano, Segura, Villarreal-McClinchie, Clark, Brun, Facey, Rogers, Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Kret

Absent: Hardberger, Sandoval

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Rene Barilleaux, Chair Date

Sonia Covarrubias, Liaison Date