



ARTS & CULTURE

San Antonio Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Plaza de Armas Building
Culture Commons
115 Plaza de Armas

Members Present

D1 Arthur Campsey
D2 Maria Williams
D4 Susana Segura
D5 Mari Sandoval
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

D3 Yadhira Lozano
M. Linda Hardberger

Staff

Krystal Jones
Diana Hidalgo
Lisa Biediger
Sebastian Guajardo
Alyssa Franklin
Laura Parker
Sonia Covarrubias
Bianca Alvarez

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Barilleaux, Chair at 9:05 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 August 13, 2024

Motion: Segura moved to approve. Kret seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Lozano, Hardberger

2. Centro de Artes Exhibitions and Attendance Update (Briefing)

Guajardo briefed the Commission on the Centro de Artes Gallery attendance for exhibitions included *Millennial Lotería*, *Permanencia Voluntaria*, *From SA to SA* and *Soy de Tejas* on exhibit between February 9, 2023, thru July 21, 2024. Items highlighted included an increase in attendance and the multiple channels utilized to promote exhibits and the ancillary associated events. Guajardo provided details on the current exhibit on display from September 5, 2024, thru February 9, 2025, the first retrospective devoted to Rolando Briseño and his prolific career dating

back to 1966 curated by Ruben Cordova. This exhibit will premiere a video series soon to be released.

Guajardo finalized with announcing Centro de Artes Gallery programmed 2025 exhibitions: *Borders, Bleeds, Margins, and Gutters* and *A Thousand Words: The Power of Pictures in Books*.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: None

9:15 a.m. Facey arrived.

3. **Public Art: FY 2025 Prequalified Public Art List (Briefing)**

Franklin mentioned how the Department works with the Prequalified Public Art List noting placement on the list does not guarantee a project but instead is the first step to work with department. The application timeline was presented concluding with City Council consideration planned for March 2025. Prequalified Public Art List new developments include: the application period will be biennial, and applicants will remain eligible for projects for six years beginning fiscal year 2025. The next application opportunity will be in fall of 2026. Franklin concluded by providing an overview of outreach efforts for the prequalified public art list call.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: Facey expressed concern for reaching out to the international community. Jones indicated a reach for international outlets and avenues would be pursued.

Public Comments

Loren Meeker – announced Opera San Antonio’s 10th anniversary celebrations and invited all to attend community events.

Announcements and Reports

Public Art Committee: Public Art Community Engagement

Parker announced the community engagement input meeting for District 4 scheduled Tuesday, September 17 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cortez Library focusing on Millers Pond Park and a survey linked to Millers Pond Park opened from Monday, September 9 thru Monday, October 7.

Performing Arts, Film and Music Committee: San Antonio Film Festival

LeBlanc announced *Film Festival Funding Program* and *National Endowment for the Arts* recipient the *San Antonio Film Festival (SAFF)* celebrated their 30th anniversary with events including the screening of 228 films at various locations with more than 1,600 attendees. The Film Festival Funding Program grants received allowed the programming of multiple free workshops, panels, and networking events that were free and open to the public.

LeBlanc noted the next free and open to the public *Coffee Talk* networking mixer is scheduled for Friday, October 4 from 1 - 3 p.m. in partnership with *San Antonio Black International Film Festival* which runs from October 4 – October 6, 2024.

Director’s Report

Jones announced *2024 Fiestas Patrias Press Conference and Kick Off* Tuesday, September 10 at 11:30 a.m. at *Centro de Artes*.

For thirty (30) years the Diez y Seis Commission has existed since 1994 as a City Council created Commission with the Department of Arts and Culture serving as liaison since 2007. Jones invited all in attendance to the many events scheduled for Spanish Heritage Month and highlighted Mari Sandoval serves as Chair for the Diez y Seis Commission.

Jones announced Alvarez departure from City of San Antonio Department of Arts and Culture.

Upcoming Events

Brun invited all to attend the *First Annual Latin Jazz and Arts Festival* taking place Saturday, October 5 from 12 p.m. – 11 p.m. at *UTSA Downtown Campus*.

Dr. Rogers invited all to attend the *Heart of Texas Band* performance *Old World and New music* from Spain, Cuba, Mexico and more at *Medina Valley Fine Arts Center* in La Coste, Texas.

Clark invited all to visit *San Antonio Museum of Art's* special exhibition tour: *Amalia Mesa-Bains: Archaeology of Memory* on exhibit now.

Williams invited all to join in celebrating *Three (3) Years of Representation and Inclusion* at *St Paul Square*, Third Floor, Saturday, September 14 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Arastu invited all to attend free programming by *Musical Bridges Around the World - Hummingbird & The Marigold | Russell Hill Rogers Musical Evenings* at *San Fernando Cathedral* Sunday, October 13 at 7 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Brun motioned to adjourn the Arts Commission meeting and Facey seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Rene Barilleaux, Chair

Date

Sonia Covarrubias, Liaison

Date