



ARTS & CULTURE

San Antonio Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 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
D7 Dr. Ellen Riojas Clark
D8 Henry Brun
D10 Dr. Mark Rogers
M. Rene Barilleaux
M. Suhail Arastu
M. Jessica Sanchez
M. Eileen Kret

Members Absent

D3 Yadhira Lozano
D9 Freda Facey
M. Linda Hardberger

Staff

Krystal Jones
Diana Hidalgo
Bianca Alvarez
Jordyn Patrias
Stephanie Torres
Andrew Gearhart
Christoph Michaud
Sonia Covarrubias
Lisa Biediger

Vacant Seat

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Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Barilleaux, Chair at 9:07 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 March 12, 2024

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

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Sandoval, Clark, Brun, Rogers, Barilleaux, Arastu, Kret

Absent: Lozano, Segura, Facey, Hardberger, Sanchez

Segura and Sanchez arrived at 9:10 a.m.

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

Patrias stated the purpose, goal, approval process and timeline of the Prequalified Public Art List. A printed copy of the recommended applicants was provided. From the various community outreach efforts Patrias highlighted a sample of social media posting and an image depicting staff presenting at a community engagement session to obtain a diverse set of candidates. Patrias

moved on to present demographics on applications received, point rating process, as well as some works samples on the applications currently being recommended, noting the Public Art Committee approved the recommendations.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: Barilleaux inquired if presenting this item to the Community Health Council Committee was required. Jones confirmed.

Motion: Clark moved to approve Prequalified Public Art List, as presented. Brun seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Segura, Sandoval, Clark, Brun, Rogers, Barilleaux, Sanchez, Arastu, Kret

Absent: Lozano, Facey, Hardberger

3. Public Art: Fire Station 24 – Final Design (Action)

Patrias presented a model of Fire Station 24 final design by Wanderlust Ironworks, lead artist Autumn Saleh. Mural will consist of an artwork attached to the Fire Station 24 wall with partial 3-dimensional elements rather than a traditional flat painted mural. Patrias indicated the final design honors all types of personnel that work in fire service through various representations, utilizes shapes and forms representing real life objects used at Fire Station 24. The mural also memorializes former station dog and includes EMS symbols utilizing warm firefighting colors. Patrias noted the Public Art Committee approved the final design and indicated timeline for this project.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: Arastu inquired if the duplication of stethoscope and scissors on the mural were required. Patrias indicated EMS appreciated the duplicated depictions as they are quite often under shadowed.

Clark inquired if Firefighters approved the design. Patrias confirmed and indicated Fire Chief approved as well.

Clark remarked the image of the existing dog on the mural model would not be as representative to fire work as an image of a Dalmatian dog. Jones states the mural is a permanent mural and visitors to Fire Station 24 would have the opportunity to learn more about the importance of the dog at this location and the station.

Barilleaux states the work of art would be relevant to the community in that region.

Motion: Rogers moved to approve Fire Station 24 Final Design, as presented. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Segura, Sandoval, Clark, Brun, Rogers, Barilleaux, Sanchez, Arastu, Kret

Absent: Lozano, Facey, Hardberger

4. Public Art: Zona Cultural Sculptures Update (Briefing)

Alvarez presented an update on Zona Cultural sculpture by Rhys Munro indicating a shift in location due to conflict with overhead lights. Additionally, the sculpture foundation will be increased for vertical impact. Lastly, minor changes to the sculpture configuration. Timeline was provided.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: None

5. Urban Entertainment District (Briefing)

Jones provided the Commissioners a briefing about community engagement meetings held by the City of San Antonio regarding a proposal for San Antonio to create one or more urban and entertainment districts using outdoor media platforms. Jones defined an urban and entertainment district as an identified area allowing installation of enhanced digital displays on buildings and structures for arts and advertisements. Jones defined the community benefits and challenges and stated Development Services Department (DSD) will create a pilot program utilizing collected community feedback. Commissioners were invited to attend Arts Community Feedbacks Session scheduled for April 29: 2 pm – 4 pm and 6 pm – 8 pm at DSD located at 1901 S Alamo, Second Floor Training Rooms.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: Brun inquired of efforts in reaching outside of arts organization, not to chastise any component of the community. Jones stated an invitation has been extended to organizations funded by the Department, but also local venues and stakeholders not funded by the department.

Brun inquired if LED specifications have been discussed. Jones stated multiple entities including conservation and dark skies initiative organizations have been involved in the discussion. Jones identified the pilot program would enable discussions on setting content restrictions as well. City would dictate content advertised, the amount of time arts organizations and city messaging should have on the display.

Brun also inquired if City has estimated the percentage of annual revenue shares to be allocated to the Arts. Jones stated the media company has proposed 100 percent of the revenue allocated to Arts. The Department in coordination with the San Antonio Arts Commission will develop the use of revenues prioritizing the allocation of funding to artists and non-profit arts organizations.

Segura was grateful for the evening meeting time and the advance meeting notice.

Public Comments

Loren Meeker at OPERA San Antonio invited all to an event they are hosting in collaboration with Classical Music Institute, *The Pirates of Penzance*, on April 11 and April 13 at Tobin Center for the Performing Arts.

Paul Montalvo at Classical Music Institute announced name of their orchestra as *The Orchestra of San Antonio*.

Announcements and Reports

- Public Art Committee: Echoes of Market Square Dedication

Alvarez announced the completion of *Echoes of Market Square* by Eva Marengo Sanchez & Mike Arguello. A dedication ceremony will be hosted at 11 am, Friday April 19 at Historic Market Square.

- Photography Artist Forum with Texas Public Radio

Michaud announced upcoming Texas Public Radio Artist Forum, the Photography Forum hosted at 6 pm, Tuesday, April 30 at Texas Public Radio. Event will offer free headshots, panel discussions and mixer.

- Resilient and Responsive: Artists and the Environment

Torres invited the Commission to upcoming ancillary events for this exhibit:

- Opening reception at 6 pm, Thursday, April 11
- Poetry night 6 pm, Thursday, May 9

Exhibit features fourteen (14) San Antonio-based artist whose work responds to the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

- 2024 – 2027 Poet Laureate Investiture Ceremony

Gearhart invited the Commissioners to the Poet Laureate Investiture Ceremony to be held at 6:15 pm, Monday, April 15 at City Council Chambers in Municipal Plaza Building to officially appoint Eddie Vega for the three-year term.

Brun departed meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Director's Report

2024 City of San Antonio Fiesta Medal

Jones provide each Commissioner the official City Fiesta medal. This year's Fiesta medal is inspired by *Orgullo Tejano (Tejano Pride)* by Luis Lopez. The Department hosted a medal giveaway at Centro de Artes on Saturday, April 6. Fiesta medals are offered through our *Donate to the Arts* program on our website, with monies collected going to our non-profit agencies.

Upcoming Events

Rogers announced Heart of Texas Concert Band performing at 3 pm, Sunday April 14 at the Roosevelt High School Auditorium with composer, Rosano Galante, conducting the band.

Adjournment

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

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Segura, Sandoval, Clark, Rogers, Barilleaux, Sanchez, Arastu, Kret

Absent: Lozano, Brun, Facey, Hardberger

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Rene Barilleaux, Chair Date

Sonia Covarrubias, Liaison Date

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