



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
**DEPARTMENT OF  
ARTS & CULTURE**

**San Antonio Arts Commission  
Performing Arts, Film and Music Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**February 10, 2023**

**2:00 PM**

**Walker Ranch Senior Center  
835 Rhapsody Dr, San Antonio, TX 78216**

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Suhail Arastu (Mayoral), Chair	Mark Rogers	Krystal Jones
Elizabeth "Liz" Zorek		Stacey Norton
Theresa Coronado		Christoph Michaud
Timothy Fielder		Christine Hill (Liaison)
Paul Ardoin		
Mir Homayoun Nouramdi		
Carlos Alvarez		

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 2:08PM by Suhail Arastu.

Roll call was taken by Christine Hill, Committee Liaison, and a quorum was established.

**Item 1: Meeting Minutes**

*Motion:* Suhail Arastu set forth a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the July 8, 2022 meeting. Carlos Alvarez adopts the motion. Elizabeth Zorek seconded the motion.

*Public Comments:* None

*Discussion:* None

*Vote:* Motion passed.

**Item 2: Briefing: Local Music Spotlight Update**

Christine Hill provided an overview of the Local Music Spotlight. Hill informed committee that there are 16 songs to be reviewed by 10 musicians/bands. Call for 3 volunteer panelists to review submissions. Hill informed that all panelist duties can be performed via email.

*Public Comments:* None

*Discussion:* None

*Vote:* None

**Item 3: Briefing: 2023 #FilmSA Contest**

Christine Hill provided overview of the 2023 # FilmSA Contest, rules to apply, prizes, deadline, and awards ceremony. Call for 2 volunteer panelists to review submissions. Hill informed that all panelist duties can be performed via email.

*Public Comments:* None

*Discussion:* None

*Vote:* None

**Item 4: Briefing: Film San Antonio Updates**

Christine Hill informed committee members of notable film productions in San Antonio. Productions include *American Historia* hosted by John Leguizamo, *Planet BBQ* hosted by Stephen Raichlen, several reality/documentary tv shows and commercials.

*Public Comments:* None

*Discussion:* None

*Vote:* None

**Item 5: Briefing: VSA & San Antonio Film Commission LA Mission**

Stacey Norton informed the committee members of staff attendance at the Visit San Antonio Media Mission held in LA on January 11, 2023. Norton informed it was a successful event with key LA-based media and media production industry stakeholders in attendance.

*Public Comments:* None

*Discussion:* None

*Vote:* None

**Item 6: Briefing: Texas Public Radio (TPR) Filmmaker Forum**

Stacey Norton informed the committee members of upcoming TPR Filmmaker Forum on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6pm. Norton informed committee of the featured panel members and that the discussion will be "Getting Started: Guidance for Emerging San Antonio Filmmakers".

*Public Comments:* None

*Discussion:* None

*Vote:* None

**Item 7: Briefing: Individual Artists Grants**

Stacey Norton informed committee members of upcoming Intent to Apply and Application window for the Department of Arts & Culture's Individual Artist Grant. Krystal Jones adds that the recipients will receive a \$5000 reward and open to artists of all disciplines.

*Public Comments:* None

*Discussion:* None

*Vote:* None

**Announcements and Reports**

Krystal Jones informed the committee of the Texas Arts Advocacy Summit that took place on February 8, 2023 in Austin.

Christine Hill informed the committee that staff is continuously fielding many requests from productions interested in filming in San Antonio, the number of inquiries increasing since the reinstatement of the Supplemental San Antonio Incentive.

Hill also informed committee that San Antonio has for a 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row been named in Moviemaker Magazine's "Best Places to Live and Work as a Moviemaker" top 25 cities in the US & Canada.

Carlos Alvarez informs committee of awards and news of the artists he represents.

Suhail Arastu briefed committee of the Musical Bridges Around the World UNITY Fest that occurred the previous weekend.

**Adjournment:**

*Motion:* A motion was set forth by Suhail Arastu to adjourn the meeting. Carlos Alvarez adopted the motion and Theresa Coronado seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM.