



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

**San Antonio Arts Commission's
Arts Funding Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, August 3, 2023

2:30 p.m.

WebEx

Members Present

Susana Segura (Committee Chair – D4)
Dr. Ellen Riojas Clark (D7)
Rafael Castillo*
Ana Chowdhury*
Tim Hedgepeth*

Members Absent

Emily Fleisher (D6)
Eileen Kret (Mayoral)

Staff

Krystal Jones
Diana Hidalgo
Lisa Biediger
Jennifer Chowning
Karen Dlugosz
Victoria Garcia
Ellen Goos-Hockaday
Amanda Montalvo
Crisa Valadez

*Ad Hoc

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:38 PM by Committee Chair, Segura. Roll call was taken by Committee Liaison, Garcia. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Castillo to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 6, 2023. The Motion was seconded by Hedgepeth.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The Motion passed.

2. FY 24 Performing Arts Venue Facility Improvement Grant Funding Recommendations (Action Item)

Senior Management Analyst, Goos-Hockaday presented on the Performing Arts Venue Facility Improvement Grant Preliminary Funding Recommendations. She provided a background on the grant, including eligibility, allowable costs and the process, as well as the timeline. Twelve organizations are being recommended for funding.

Staff recommended approval of the funding recommendations as presented.

Motion: A motion was set forth by Hedgepeth to approve the recommendation for funding as presented. The motion was seconded by Castillo.

Segura acknowledged a conflict of interest with the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center.

Hedgepeth make an amendment to the previous motion to approve the recommendation for funding as presented, except for the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center. Castillo seconded.

Public Comments: Christina Casella, Managing Director of the Public Theatre addressed the Arts Funding Committee. Casella introduced herself as the new Managing Director of the Public Theater and thanked the Department for the recommendation to fund the Public Theater for this grant.

Committee Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passes.

Segura recused herself from voting on the Esperanza Peace & Justice Center, and appointed Castillo as Chair.

Castillo called for a Motion to approve the recommendation for funding of the Esperanza Peace & Justice Center as presented.

Motion: A motion was set forth by Hedgepeth to approve the recommendation for funding of the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center. The motion was seconded by Chowdhury.

Committee Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passes.

Segura returned to the meeting as Committee Chair.

3. FY 24 Individual Artist Project Grants Funding Recommendation (Action Item)

Senior Management Analyst, Garcia presented on the FY24 Individual Artist Project Grants Funding recommendation. On July 6, 2023, the Arts Funding Committee approved 50 artists for FY24 Individual Arts Grant funding. On July 26, 2023, the Department was informed by one of the approved artists, Joseph Rogers, who was in the Visual Arts Category, that he would relinquish his grant as he is moving out of state and therefore no longer eligible to receive funding. The next highest scoring artist is George Garza, Jr., in the Media Arts Category.

Staff recommended the next highest scoring applicant, George Garza, Jr. for funding through the FY24 Individual Arts Grant.

Motion: A motion was set forth by Castillo to approve the recommendation for funding as presented. The motion was seconded by Hedgepeth.

Public Comments: None

Committee Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passes.

4. Grants Funding Guidelines Input and Review Process (Briefing)

Assistant Director Hidalgo gave an overview of the current grants being funded by the Department including Core Grants, Performing Arts and Film Festival grants. She provided the upcoming in-person feedback sessions and online survey information, as well as the timeline for the input and review process.

Public Comments: None

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comments

None

Announcements and Reports

Hidalgo announced the next meeting will be held in November 2023 after the Grants Funding Guidelines Input sessions take place. The date will be finalized, and notification will be emailed to the Committee. Staff will email the agenda to Committee members in advance of the meeting.

Adjournment

Discussion: None.

Motion: Castillo moved to adjourn the Arts Funding Committee meeting. Hedgepeth seconded the motion.

Vote: The Motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.