



ARTS & CULTURE

San Antonio Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 12, 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
D7 Dr. Ellen Riojas Clark
D8 Henry Brun
D9 Freda Facey
M. Rene Barilleaux
M. Suhail Arastu
M. Jessica Sanchez
M. Eileen Kret

Members Absent

D3 Yadhira Lozano
D5 Mari Sandoval
D10 Dr. Mark Rogers
M. Linda Hardberger

Vacant Seat

D6

Staff

Krystal Jones
Diana Hidalgo
Bianca Alvarez
Alyssa Franklin
Jordyn Patrias
Karen Dlugosz
Christine Hill
Sonia Covarrubias
Lisa Biediger

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Barilleaux, Chair at 9:01 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 February 13, 2024

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

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Segura, Clark, Facey, Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Kret

Absent: Lozano, Rogers, Hardberger

2. San Antonio Arts Commission Committee Member Appointments (Action)

Hidalgo briefly reviewed the San Antonio Arts Commission (SAAC) Bylaws concentrating on the appointment of the Committee members including San Antonio Arts Commissioners and non-Commissioners, subject matter experts for each of the four committees for the Arts Funding, Centro de Artes, Performing Arts, Film and Music and Public Art Committees. Hidalgo also highlighted the meeting attendance requirements and moved on to list both Commissioner interested in serving on a committee and the Committee Chair non-Commissioner recommendations as follows:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Current Members</u>
Arts Funding Total of 9 Members	Susana Segura	Eileen Kret, SAAC Dr. Ellen Clark, SAAC Art Campsey, SAAC Henry Brun Marisela Barrera Anna Chowdhury Terry Ybañez	Tim Hedgepeth
Centro de Artes Total of 5 Members	Yadhira Lozano	Dr. Ellen Clark, SAAC Dr. Sarah Gould Nicole Amri	Gabriela Scott
Performing Arts, Film & Music Total of 11 Members	Suhail Arastu	Dr. Mark Rogers, SAAC Maria Williams, SAAC Carlos Alvarez Christopher Branca Cory McRae Doren Fein Theresa Coronado	Jenny Tavarez Irene Chavez Galvan Alejandra Perez
Public Art Total of 11 Members	Freda Facey	Jessica Sanchez, SAAC Linda Hardberger, SAAC Yadhira Lozano, SAAC Kaldric Dow Randy Guthmiller Adrian Highsmith Emily Neff Jaqueline Pugh Andi Rodriguez	Ada Smith

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: None

Motion: Sanchez moved to approve appointment of committee members, as presented. Campsey seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Segura, Clark, Facey, Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Kret

Absent: Lozano, Rogers, Hardberger

3. Arts Funding: Panelists Recommendations (Action)

Dlugosz provided an overview of the panelist evaluation process followed by applicant demographics including applicant location and range of experience and stated panelist recommendations are for a three-year term. Dlugosz presented a list of all the panelists recommended by staff and approved by the Art Funding Committee.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion:

Clark asked what occurs once the three-year term ends, and what panelists are available at that time. Hidalgo stated the Department has a list of panelists who applied last year for a three-year term and that today's panelists recommendation will be added to previous years' panelists recommendation. The Department looks at both lists when appointing panelists, selecting those that have the best background to evaluate grants.

Motion: Segura moved to approve panelists, as presented. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Segura, Clark, Facey, Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Kret

Absent: Lozano, Rogers, Hardberger

4. Public Art: Market Square Underpass Murals Installation (Briefing)

Franklin announced the completion of the Market Square underpass murals "*The Echoes of Market Square*" by Eva Marengo Sanchez and Mike Arguello. Franklin provided colorful images and stated the murals are accessible to the public. Mural dedication plans will be shared with the Commission once announced.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: None

5. Public Art: Old Highway 90 Update (Action)

Patrias announced the completion of both the Old Highway 90 underpass main sculpture "*Orgullo Tejano*" by Luis Lopez and the connectivity piece at the San Antonio River Walk Public Art Garden. The dedication for the connectivity piece is scheduled for March 26.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: None

6. Performing Arts, Film and Music: Music Program Updates (Briefing)

Hill briefed the Commission on the *Local Music Spotlight Program* stating the program now has three enrollment rounds per fiscal year. This first round attracted eight musicians, with eight songs selected by a panel of members from the Performing Arts, Film and Music Committee. A list of musicians/bands and titles of their songs were presented. Each musician is due to receive a two hundred fifty-dollar honorarium for the City of San Antonio's non-exclusive use of their song(s) on City channels. The second enrollment round is now open due to close on April 26, 2024, with the final and third enrollment round due to open this Summer.

Hill announced to the Commission the Department of Arts & Culture will manage the City of San Antonio's participation in *Make Music Day* scheduled this year for Friday, June 21. This is a worldwide celebration of free music. The concept includes local musicians, venues and organizations hosting free music programming open to the public. The Department is partnering with Texas Public Radio to have a local music spotlight stage on the San Pedro Creek. Hill encourage all to share news about the event and directed all to www.makemusicday.org/sanantonio for more information.

7. Performing Arts, Film and Music: Filmmaker Artist Forum Update (Briefing)

Hill briefed the Commission on the Texas Public Radio partnership event: *TPR Artist Forum* hosted on February 24 at 6 p.m. This free and open to public event provided a networking forum, free headshots, a moderated discussion panel on filmmaking, locations scouting and management advice from the panelist.

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.

Announcements and Reports

Public Art: Community Engagement: Patrias informed the Commission of three public art community engagement surveys open in City Council Districts 2, 3 and 10. Patrias invited the Commission a link to all surveys would be sent via email and requested all to share the surveys with their networks and in their Districts.

Director's Report

Jones recognized new staff, Kirstin Cutts, Arts Collection Project Manager.

Jones announced the following events:

- Millennial Loteria Night – Thursday, March 21 – 6 p.m. at Centro de Artes
- Resilient and Responsive: Artists and the Environment Opening Reception – Thursday, April 11 at 6 p.m. at Culture Commons Gallery
- National Poetry Month – Begins in April with the annual kick-off event Saturday, April 6 Viva Poesia at Mission Marque Plaza. Poet Laureate announcement scheduled for next week.

Upcoming Events

None

Adjournment

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

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Segura, Clark, Facey, Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Kret

Absent: Lozano, Rogers, Hardberger

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.