



ARTS & CULTURE

San Antonio Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
9:30 a.m.

Plaza de Armas Building
Culture Commons
115 Plaza de Armas

Members Present

D1 Arthur Campsey
D2 Maria Williams
D3 Yadhira Lozano
D4 Susana Segura
D6 Emily Fleisher
D7 Dr. Ellen Riojas Clark
D9 Freda Facey
D10 Dr. Mark Rogers
M. Rene Barilleaux
M. Suhail Arastu
M. Jessica Sanchez
M. Eileen Kret

Members Absent

D5 Andy Benavides
D8 Henry Brun
M. Linda Hardberger

Staff

Krystal Jones
Diana Hidalgo
Bianca Alvarez
Alyssa Franklin
Jordyn Patrias
Kim LeBlanc
Sonia Covarrubias

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Barilleaux, Chair at 9:34 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 November 14, 2023

Motion: Rogers moved to approve. Kret seconded the motion.

Commission Comment: Lozano stated two corrections; on Agenda item 6 minutes should reflect she made note there were no black panelist, and on Agenda item 6 identify she made the amended motion.

The amended minutes were approved by the following vote:

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Lozano, Segura, Fleisher, Facey, Rogers, Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Kret

Absent: Benavides, Clark, Brun, Hardberger

Barilleaux, *Chair*, stepped out of room. Sanchez served as *Chair Pro Tem*.

2. San Antonio Arts Commission Chair Appointment (Action)

Jones reviewed the San Antonio Arts Commission Bylaws concentrating on the appointment of the Chairperson. Jones stated Rene Barilleaux indicated he would like to serve a subsequent term.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: None

Motion: Campsey moved to approve appointment of Rene Barilleaux as San Antonio Arts Commission Chair, as presented. Facey seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Lozano, Segura, Fleisher, Facey, Rogers, Arastu, Sanchez, Kret

Absent: Benavides, Clark, Brun, Hardberger

Abstain: Barilleaux

Barilleaux returned to the room. Dr. Clark arrived to the meeting.

3. Public Art: Zona Cultural Sculptures Final Design (Action)

Alvarez presented renderings and material samples of both Zona Cultural sculptures, final designs by artists Rhys Munro and Diana Kersey. Sculpture location one will be at the North Santa Rosa median between Milam Park and the Inspire Building. Sculpture location two will be on Commerce Street in front of the Goodwill facing the Inspire Building. Alvarez indicated sculptures at location one design is a celebration of the arts in San Antonio through a bright color palette and sculptures at location two design is inspired by the native creatures of the creek. Alvarez noted the Public Art Committee approved the final designs and indicated timeline for the project.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: Lozano inquired of a timeline for street construction. Alvarez stated capital improvements would be completed prior to sculpture installation. Changes would include wayfinding, widened sidewalk, and lighted bollards. Public Works is managing construction and has a more detailed timeline. Expected completion is May 2024.

Motion: Arastu moved to approve the Zona Cultural Sculptures final design by artists Rhys Munro and Diana Kersey, as presented. Segura seconded the motion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Benavides, Brun, Hardberger

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

Franklin presented the Market Square Underpass Murals design update artwork by Michael Arguello including changes to one of the murals. Timeline was provided.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: None

5. Public Art: 2023 Prequalified Public Art List (Briefing)

Patrias stated the call for panelist for the 2023 prequalified public art list was reopened with an increased focus on diversity and extending the deadline for both the call for panelist and the 2023 prequalified public art list. Details, outreach avenues and project timelines were shared.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: None

Public Comments

Jenna Jernigan, Opera San Antonio provided upcoming events and outreach programs.

Announcements and Reports

Performing Arts, Film and Music Committee: Film San Antonio and Music Program Update
LeBlanc reported on multiple events hosted by the division.

- Film San Antonio Coffee Talk: Holiday Edition – industry networking mixer for the SA film community to collaborate and connect.
- Film San Antonio CoSA Locations – appreciation event and mixer for CoSA, and CoSA-adjacent location contacts; Q&A session for film permitting.
- Josiah Media Festival, on-line festival begins December 15, 2023, at 8 pm and runs through the end of January 2024; in-person screening of San Antonio youth filmmaker work on February, 3 at 7 PM at Urban-15 HQ
- TPR Artist Forum: Music Business Panel discussion topics including marketing, signing to a label, distribution, licensing and intellectual property. Offered free head shots to all attendees.
- Local Music Spotlight Program winter application window was open for on-line applications through January 2, 2024, select songs offered \$250 honorarium.

Director's Report

CENTRO Spurs Mural / Holidays on Houston Street

Jones announced completion of CENTRO Spurs mural on the Houston Street Garage by lead artist Andy Benavides. Mural is a temporary for two years with an option to renew. Jones shared details on the inaugural annual Holidays on Houston Street event held in partnership with Centro San Antonio, Visit San Antonio, and the City of San Antonio.

Jones requested a point of personal privilege and announced City Council approved the Grant Guidelines on consent.

Upcoming Events

CoSA Collects Exhibit – the City's art collection is on display at Culture Commons thru March.

Dr. Rogers invited all to attend the performance of the Heart of Texas Band at Trinity Baptist Church Sunday, December 17 – 3 pm.

Barilleaux stated the Commission is not meeting in January with the next meeting date February 13, 2024.

Arastu invited all to Musical Bridges Around the World *Gurwitz 2024 International Piano Competition* hosted between January 26 and February 4.

Adjournment

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

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

Absent: Benavides, Brun, Hardberger

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.