



## ARTS & CULTURE

### San Antonio Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 13, 2024  
9:00 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  
D7 Dr. Ellen Riojas Clark  
D9 Freda Facey  
D10 Dr. Mark Rogers  
M. Rene Barilleaux  
M. Suhail Arastu  
M. Jessica Sanchez  
M. Linda Hardberger  
M. Eileen Kret

#### **Members Absent**

D8 Henry Brun

#### **Staff**

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

#### **Vacant Seat**

D5  
D6

#### **Call to Order / Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Barilleaux, Chair at 9:02 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 December 12, 2023**

*Motion:* Facey moved to approve. Segura seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Brun

Dr. Rogers arrived at 9:06 a.m.

#### **2. San Antonio Arts Commission Chair Appointment (Action)**

Hidalgo reviewed the San Antonio Arts Commission Bylaws concentrating on the appointment of the Committee Chairs. Hidalgo stated San Antonio Arts Commission Chair, Barilleaux made the Chair recommendations.

*Public Comments:* None

*Commission Discussion:* None

*Motion:* Sanchez moved to approve appointment of Susan Segura as Arts Funding Committee Chair, as presented. Facey seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Brun

Recusal: Segura

*Motion:* Facey moved to approve appointment of Yadhira Lozano as Centro de Artes Committee Chair, as presented. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Brun

Recusal: Lozano

*Motion:* Segura moved to approve appointment of Suhail Arastu as Performing Arts, Film and Music Committee Chair, as presented. Rogers seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Brun

Recusal: Arastu

*Motion:* Sanchez moved to approve appointment of Freda Facey as Public Art Committee Chair, as presented. Kret seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Brun

Recusal: Facey

### **3. Public Art: City Tower Flores Street Mural Artist Selection (Action)**

Talamantez presented Joe De La Cruz for the public art opportunity at City Tower. Talamantez provided details of project scope, stakeholders, and community engagement, and displayed examples of artist work and experience. The Public Art Committee approved the artist selection. A timeline for the project was provided.

*Public Comments:* None

### *Commission Discussion:*

Williams inquired of a list of artists that were invited for the Request for Proposals and the art renderings. Talamantez listed the names of the artists who presented a design proposal. Mirelez stated public art design process.

Clark requested date when the concept would be proposed. Talamantez forecasted concept would be slated for summer schedule. Mirelez reiterated the concept design is only presented to the Public Art Committee and the final design will be presented to the Commission.

Campsey stated he participated on the artist selection panel adding all artist did a fantastic job.

Lozano inquired if the public art project was leaning more to black and white aesthetic or a more colorful mural. Talamantez stated artist proposed a colorful piece as the community engagement feedback survey outcome called for a vibrant mural.

*Motion:* Arastu moved to approve Joe De La Cruz as the artist for the City Tower Flores Street Mural, as presented. Segura seconded the motion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Brun

#### **4. Public Art: 2023 Call for Panelist (Action)**

Patrias reviewed both the prequalified list and the panelist process, the panelist timeline and extensive outreach efforts as this is the first time call for panelist has been accomplished. Patrias followed by providing details for panelist evaluation including data on applications received, panelist pool demographics, and outreach results.

### *Commission Discussion:*

Clark stated list includes a more diverse group and inquired if the out of state submissions were due to departmental outreach or was there specific outreach. Patrias stated outreach to Americans for the Arts provided access to listserv for both arts administrators and social network for public art administrators.

Barilleaux and Facey expressed appreciation for staff taking the Commission's recommendation to seek additional panelist.

*Motion:* Sanchez moved to approve the 2023 Call for Panelists, as presented. Hardberger seconded the motion.

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

Absent: Brun

#### **5. Public Art: Greater Love Murals Installation (Briefing)**

Franklin announced the installation of the Greater Love murals project by Kat Cadena in District 2. Franklin provided images from the installation and stated once the construction is complete any potential dedication date will be communicated.

*Public Comments:* None

*Commission Discussion:* None

#### **6. Centro de Artes Committee: Millennial Loteria Exhibit (Briefing)**

Torres provided data on the attendance to multiple exhibitions at Centro de Artes throughout this fiscal year demonstrating overall attendance continues to transcend. Torres went on to present exhibits currently on view are *Millennial Lotería* on the first floor and *Permanencia Voluntaria* on the second floor. Both exhibits opened on February 8 and will be on exhibit thru June 30. Torres invited all to attend ancillary events scheduled as well.

#### **7. Arts Funding: FY25 Grants Timeline for Nonprofits and Artists (Briefing)**

Dlugosz presented an overview of the grant's timeline for panelists, professional artist and nonprofit organizations including grant opening and closing dates for artists grants, operational and culturally specific grants, events grants, and productions costs grants.

#### **Public Comments**

None

#### **Announcements and Reports**

Performing Arts, Film and Music Committee: Film San Antonio and Music Program Updates  
LeBlanc shared film and music updates as follows:

*#filmSA Contest 2024* - Annual contest launched December 13, 2023. This contest is coordinating by the San Antonio Film Commission in partnership with the World Heritage Office. Contest inspires youth to explore the art and craft in filmmaking. Contest consists of two categories *Beyond the Plate*, exploring San Antonio's food system and *Lights, Camera, Action SA* with young filmmakers exploring what makes San Antonio a great place to live and work. Submission will be received thru March 25, 2024. An expanded outreach and engagement include film educators at area high schools, colleges, and university programs. Four winners will be presented a \$1,000 cash prize at the awards ceremony and screening at Mission Marque Plaza May 4, 2024.

*Film Festival Funding Program Update* – 2024 – 2026 grant cycle launched February 1. Program supports the development of local film culture through San Antonio based film festivals. The intent to apply deadline is February 15, 2024, and an application deadline of February 29, 2024.

*Artis Forum: Logistics of Filmmaking* – In collaboration with Texas Public Radio, the first artist forum *Logistics of Filmmaking* with a focus on logistics of filmmaking taking place February 27 at Texas Public Radio from 6 pm – 9 pm, offering attendees free headshots including panel discussion with film industry professionals and local short screening. Free and open to the public. Parking validation offered by Texas Public Radio for City Tower Parking Garage.

*Film Active Production Update:* Working with large scale cable television series and a list of location scouting.

*MovieMaker Magazine:* For the sixth year in a row, San Antonio votes as best places to live and work as a moviemaker.

*Local Music Spotlight Program Update:* Program features San Antonio musicians, song writers and highlight their original music on City of San Antonio channel. Launched winter application cycle November 17, 2023, and with January 2 as the deadline to apply. Thirteen (13) songs from eight (8) San Antonio musicians submitted and 8 selected. Each musician/band will be compensated with a \$250 honorarium for selected use of their music. Selected songs can also be used in Arts community engagements. Future opportunities to submit in Spring and Summer 2024.

*Make Music Alliance* – San Antonio partnering with Make Music Alliance to launch San Antonio's inaugural participation in **Make Music Day**. The annual event takes place June 21 around the world. San Antonio musicians, venues and organizations will collaborate to self-produce and host free and open to the public music programs of all genres. Department of Arts and Culture will serve as an anchor having signed the City up to participate and is working with Texas Public Radio for *Local Music Spotlight* stage.

Jones stated the Department is advertising many of the programs such as grants and contests on the City's text messaging system.

### **Director's Report**

San Antonio Arts Commission Update – Jones informed the Commission the San Antonio Arts Commission City Council Districts 5 Andy Benavides and District 6 Emily Fleisher have resigned. Both seats are open and available for appointment by their respective City Councilmember.

### **Upcoming Events**

Lozano invited all Commissioners to Luminaria's recently completed mural at Mission County Park on San Antonio's South Side which commemorates the migrants that perished in 2022. Selected 3 artist include: Mauro De La Tierra, Andrea Rivas, and Adrian De La Cruz

Arastu stated Musical Bridges Around the World completed *The Gurwitz – International Piano Competition*. The competition included participants from 21 nations around the world with Dionne Warwick who served as the 2024 Honorary Chair.

- Gold medalist Yungyung Guo, *China*
- Silver medalist Tatiana Dorokhova, *Russia*
- Bronze medalist Young Sun Choi, *South Korea*

### **Adjournment**

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

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

Absent: Brun

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.