



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

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

April 15, 2022

1:00 PM

Hosted at URBAN-15 Group

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Suhail Arastu (Mayoral), Chair	Sarah Silver-Manzke	Krystal Jones
Mark Rogers (D10)		Diana Hidalgo
Theresa Coronado		Stacey Norton
Alexandra (Allie) Perez		
Paul Ardoin		
Carlos Alvarez		
Jim Mendiola		
Mir "Homayou" Homayour Nouramdi		
Elizabeth "Liz" Zorek		
Timothy Fielder		

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 1:10 PM by Suhail Arastu.

Roll call was taken by Stacey Norton, Alternative Committee Liaison, and a quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes

Motion: Suhail Arastu requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the 8/19/2021 meeting. Mark Rogers made a motion, Carlos Alvarez seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passed.

Presentation of the following Briefing Item: Role of PAFM Committee

Krystal Jones summarized that this is an advisory committee of the San Antonio Arts Commission, which is appointed by City Council and Mayor. The Department of Arts & Culture will collaborate with the committee for guidance in their areas of expertise. Additionally, this Committee will report to the SAAC and serve as ambassadors at community events and public meetings.

Presentation of the Following Briefing Item: Film Festival Funding Program

Stacey Norton presented an overview of the Film Festival Funding Program which provides funding to San Antonio film festivals that are non-profits and have been producing the film festival for at least three years, have a juried selection process and hold workshops/panels open to the community. The Department of Arts & Culture issued an open call with the Intent to Apply close date of April 4, 2022, and applications due April 15, 2022.

Discussion:

Jim Mendiola said he is concerned about the requirement for a film festival to have been operating for three years, as this window could be too long for a nonprofit to get off the ground without such funding. Krystal Jones shared that the goal is to support established festivals that have a proof of performance, rather than one-time events. Suhail Arastu advised that other non-COSA funding mechanisms may be available to newer programs.

Vote:

No vote, briefing only.

Presentation of the Following Briefing Item: Performing Arts Production Cost Grants

Diana Hidalgo provided a summary of this program which is available to nonprofit Performing Arts Producing Organizations and individual professional performing artists. This grant provides support for equipment rental, security costs and back-of-house labor fees at union labor rates for productions already planned.

Discussion:

Suhail Arastu asked if the contract period is calendar or fiscal year. Staff will confirm. Hidalgo will report back to the committee once review panel has made recommendations. Hidalgo advised that the budget for this is approximately \$177,000 with individual artists potentially receiving up to \$10,000 and organizations \$25,000.

Vote:

No vote, briefing only.

Public Comments

None.

Announcements and Reports

Stacey Norton shared an update on recent film projects including NBC's America Ninja Warrior, PBS's Samantha Brown's Places to Love and FX on Hulu's Pistol.

Additionally, Norton shared #FilmSA Contest status with 14 active permits and submission date of April 18, 2022. She requested two volunteers to review submissions, Elizabeth Zorek and Alexandra Perez volunteered.

Norton provided an update on the Local Music Spotlight Program, confirming that the Department of Arts & Culture has 23 pending applications for review. She requested three PAFM volunteers to review, Carlos Alvarez, Timothy Fielder and Suhail Arastu volunteered.

Norton said that next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 3, 2022, at 3 p.m. and will take place via WebEx.

Suhail Arastu announced the Musical Bridges Around the World season is finishing with Yedam Kim presenting a Musical Evening that is free and open to the public at the San Fernando Cathedral on May 8. He encouraged other committee members to share any events they have upcoming during future meetings.

Adjournment:

Motion: A motion was set forth by Mark Rogers to adjourn the meeting and Carlos Alvarez seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 2:09 PM.