



ARTS & CULTURE

San Antonio Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 11, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Plaza de Armas Building
Culture Commons
115 Plaza de Armas

Members Present

D2 Maria Williams
D5 Andy Benavides
D8 Henry Brun
D9 Freda Facey
D10 Dr. Mark Rogers
M. Rene Barilleaux
M. Suhail Arastu
M. Jessica Sanchez
M. Eileen Kret

Members Absent

D1 Andi Rodriguez
D3 Yadhira Lozano
D4 Susana Segura
D6 Emily Fleisher
D7 Dr. Ellen Riojas Clark
M. Linda Hardberger

Staff

Krystal Jones
Diana Hidalgo
Lisa Biediger
Kimberly Mirelez
Stephanie Torres
Karen Dlugosz
Victoria Garcia
Ellen Goos-Hockaday
Sonia Covarrubias

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Rene Barilleaux, Chair at 9:07 a.m. The roll call was taken by Sonia Covarrubias and a quorum was present.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Aye: Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Kret, Williams, Benavides, Brun, Facey, Rogers

Absent: Hardberger, Rodriguez, Lozano, Segura, Fleisher, Clark

2. Public Art: World Heritage Trail at Mission/Huff Final Design (Action)

Mirelez presented rendering of World Heritage Trail at Mission Huff final design by Ashley Perez. Sculpture will be located on an unused traffic island on the World Heritage Trail between Mission Concepcion and Mission San Jose. The sculptures, a pair of hands holding running water between them, honors the cultural history of the indigenous peoples and honors the Mission descendants. Mirelez noted Public Art Committee approved the final design and indicated timeline for this project.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: None

Motion: Brun moved to approve Final Design approval by Ashley Perez for the World Heritage Trail at Mission/Huff, as presented. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Kret, Williams, Benavides, Brun, Facey, Rogers

Absent: Hardberger, Rodriguez, Lozano, Segura, Fleisher, Clark

3. Public Art: IPW Murals (Briefing)

Mirelez provided an overview on the impact of IPW Conference in San Antonio May 20-24, 2023. City of San Antonio and City partners are making lasting investments for years to come in public art. Centro San Antonio developed a two-year exhibition to be installed by May 15 by local artists. As part of Centro's Art Everywhere Program, eight artists will leave murals on hotels and private businesses in the downtown zone. Also, eight local gallerist and art initiative leaders will curate unused window space.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: None

4. Arts Funding: FY24 Project Grants for Individual Artists (Briefing)

Garcia reviewed the existing programs offered per the Core Grants Funding Guidelines focusing on the details on the Individual Artist Project Grants. Garcia highlighted the Department will fund 40 grants this year. Timeline was provided.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: None

5. Arts Funding: Facility Improvement Grants for Funded Arts Agencies (Briefing)

Goos-Hockaday provided background and eligibility to apply for the Facility Improvement Grant available every other year and grantees may receive funding towards their capital improvements and equipment purchases. Timeline was provided.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: Williams inquired if grant is available for non-profits only. Good-Hockaday confirmed.

6. Arts Funding: FY24 Call for Panelist (Briefing)

Dlugosz briefed the Commission on the call for panelist to review and score grant applications and provided a timeline.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: Barrilleaux inquired how many panelists were required. Jones stated a total of 15 panelist.

Public Comments

None

Announcements and Reports

Centro de Artes Committee: Soy de Tejas Performance Night

Torres invited the Commission to the event scheduled for Thursday April 13 at 6 pm at Centro de Artes Gallery.

Performing Arts, Film and Music Committee: #FilmSAContest, Music Artist Forum

Arastu announced #FilmSAContest deadline extended to Friday, April 14 at 5 pm CST to increase number of applicants. Additionally, Arastu announced the Music Artist Forum save the date for Monday, June 12 at 6 pm. This forum will include a panel of experts who can provide industry insight to local musicians of what producers and bookers are looking for and to talk about the importance branding, using social media as a tool and more.

Director's Report:

Award Announcements

Jones announcement increased amount of marketing efforts recognized by the Public Relations Society of America. The Local Chapter will be giving the Department two *Del Oro Awards*: *Award of Excellence* for marketing efforts for the *Status of Women* exhibit. A second *Award of Merit* for marketing of the River Walk Public Art Garden.

Central Library Partnership

Jones reported on the Central Library reopening event: Library includes an art walk; display including Jesse Treviño's "Mi Vida" and Danville Chadbourne's "*The Compulsive Search for Ancestry*".

2023-2026 Poet Laureate

Jones stated the Nephtali de Leon official investiture ceremony had over 200 attendance Monday, April 10 at City Council Chambers.

Upcoming Event Announcements:

Dr. Rogers announced *Heart of Texas Concert Band* will have an event Sunday April 23 at Texas A&M San Antonio music by Leroy Anderson. Also, the *Greater San Antonio Community Band Association* presents the Community Band Music Festival Saturday, April 15 from 12-7 pm at Beethoven Hall where the *Heart of Texas Concert Band* will also perform.

Brun announced April Jazz appreciation Month and encouraged all to participate.

Arastu announced * Saturday, April 22 from 5 pm – 8 pm Musical Bridge Around the World will host Opening Reception – *Looking for Spring: Works by Gwen Rhea Cowden (G. Rhea)* at the gallery located at 23705 IH-10 Frontage Road, Suite 101

* Sunday, May 7 at 7 pm Musical Bridges Around the World closes the season with *Expedition | Musical Evenings* at San Fernando Cathedral

Adjournment

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

Aye: Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Kret, Williams, Benavides, Brun, Facey, Rogers

Absent: Hardberger, Rodriguez, Lozano, Segura, Fleisher, Clark

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.