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**ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, August 13, 2020

4:30 p.m.

VIDEOCONFERENCE

Dallas City Hall

1500 Marilla Street, 6FN

Dallas, Texas 75201

**PRESENT: [18]**

Sam Santiago (Chair), Meghann Bridgeman, Linda Blase, Ella Goode Johnson, Jesse Hornbuckle, Priscilla Rice, Yolanda Alameda, Phillip Collins, Brad Spellicy, Mickie Bragalone, Kathy Stewart, Jayne Suhler, Jo Trizila, Leland Burk, Suzanne Smith, Grady McGahan, Vicki Meek, Victoria Ferrell Ortiz

**ABSENT: [0]**

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Jennifer Scripps, David Fisher, Glenn Ayars, Barbara Bernier, Drema Chavez, Nikki Christmas, Anne Marie Gan, Rhonda Ivery, Kay Kallos, Adriana Portillo, Gerardo Robles

**I. Call To Order**

A quorum of the commission being logged on in the videoconference, the Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**II. Public Speakers**

The commission provides "open microphone" opportunities for the following individuals to comment on matters that were not scheduled on the commission voting agenda or to present concerns or address issues that were not matters for consideration listed on the posted meeting agenda:

SPEAKER: Deborah Stewart

SUBJECT: Texas Ranger Statue

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SPEAKER: Sara Cardona  
SUBJECT: Budget recommendations

SPEAKER: Tamitha Curiel  
SUBJECT: Equity

SPEAKER: Lisa Mesa-Rogers  
SUBJECT: Budget recommendations

SPEAKER: Franklin Ortega  
SUBJECT: Budget recommendations

SPEAKER: Juanita Arevalo  
SUBJECT: Community Artist Program

SPEAKER: Deepika Ramesh  
SUBJECT: Budget recommendations

SPEAKER: Quodesia D. Johnson  
SUBJECT: Budget recommendations

SPEAKER: Chris Heinbaugh  
SUBJECT: Moody Fund for the Arts

SPEAKER: Byron Sanders  
SUBJECT: Big Thought

**III. Voting Agenda Items**

1. Approval of minutes of the June 18, 2020, Arts and Culture Advisory Commission meeting [APPROVED]

Ms. Suhler moved to adopt the item. Motion seconded by Ms. Smith and unanimously adopted.

2. Recommendation in support of planning for Dallas Executive Airport Streetscape Enhancement Art Project, located at West Ledbetter Drive between Boulder Drive and Woodhollow Drive (Council District 3) [APPROVED]

Mr. Collins moved to adopt the item. Motion seconded by Mr. Hornbuckle and unanimously adopted.

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3. Recommendation in support of planning for Lemmon Avenue Streetscape Art Projects, located at Lemmon Avenue between Shorecrest Drive and Lovers Lane (Council District 6) [APPROVED]

Mr. Spellicy moved to adopt the item. Motion seconded by Ms. Meek and unanimously adopted.

4. Recommendation in support of acceptance of a donation of artwork: a sculptural tribute to Virginia Savage McAlester, donated by the Friends of Virginia McAlester to be installed at Savage Park, located at 5501 Swiss Ave (Council District 14) – Estimated Revenue: \$2,600.00 - Office of Cultural Affairs Gifts and Donation Fund [DEFERRED]

Following the recommendation of staff to defer based on Park Board actions, the Chair deferred this item to a future date.

5. Recommendation in support of FY 2020-21 Cultural Organizations Program (COP) funding allocations (list attached) – Not to exceed \$4,332,021.00 – Financing: General Fund and OCA Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund (subject to appropriations) [APPROVED]

The Chair asked that the vote take place after briefing Items A and B on the agenda (FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 OAC Budget Update and FY 2020-21 Cultural Organizations Program (COP) Allocations)

Ms. Johnson moved to adopt the item. Motion seconded by Mr. Collins.

Due to conflicts of interest, the following seven friendly amendments to split the motion were made and accepted by Ms. Johnson.

Mr. Spellicy moved to recommend funding amounts as presented for

- Anita M. Martinez Ballet Folklorico, Inc.
- Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Incorporated
- Dallas Chamber Symphony
- Dallas County Heritage Society (Dallas Heritage Village)
- Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum
- Dallas Museum of Art
- Fine Arts Chamber Players
- Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra
- Perot Museum of Nature and Science
- Teatro Hispano de Dallas
- TeCo Theatrical Productions, Inc. (Bishop Arts Theatre Company)

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- Texas International Theatrical Arts Society
- The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Inc.
- The Dallas Opera
- The Writer’s Garret
- Theatre Three, Inc
- Turtle Creek Chorale, Inc.
- Undermain Theatre
- USA Film Festival
- Dallas Historical Society
- Museum of African American Life & Culture

Motion seconded by Ms.Suhler and unanimously adopted.

Mr. McGahan moved to recommend the funding amounts as presented for:

- Big Thought
- Children’s Chorus of Greater Dallas
- Cry Havoc Theatre Co.
- Dallas Wind Symphony
- Junior Players Guild
- Lone Star Wind Orchestra
- Sammons Center for the Arts
- Texas Winds
- Bruce Wood

Motion seconded by Ms. Suhler, and Ms. Smith recused herself from the vote.  
The item was unanimously adopted.

Ms. Bridgeman moved to recommend the funding amount as presented for:

- Cara Mia Theatre Co.

Motion seconded by Ms. Rice, and Ms. Smith and Ms. Blase recused themselves from the vote. The item was unanimously adopted.

Ms. Meek moved to recommend the funding amount as presented for:

- Creative Arts Center of Dallas

Motion seconded by Mr. Collins, and Ms. Smith and Mr. McGahan recused themselves from the vote. The item was unanimously adopted.

Ms. Bridgeman moved to recommend the funding amount as presented for:

- Kitchen Dog Theater Company
- The Shakespeare Festival of Dallas

Motion seconded by Mr. Spellicy, and Ms. Blase recused herself from the vote.  
The item was unanimously adopted.

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Mr. Collins moved to recommend the funding amount as presented for:

- Dallas Children’s Theater

Motion seconded by Ms. Johnson, and Ms. Bragalone and Ms. Blase recused themselves from the vote. The item was unanimously adopted.

Ms. Trizila moved to recommend the funding amount as presented for:

- Dallas Theater Center

Motion seconded by Ms. Blase, and Ms. Bragalone recused herself from the vote. The item was unanimously adopted.

**IV. Briefings**

A. FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 OAC Budget Update

Director Scripps briefed the Commission this item.

B. FY 2020-21 Cultural Organizations Program (COP) Allocations

Anne Marie Gan and Glenn Ayars briefed the Commission on this item.

C. Briefing: Culture of Value Micro-Project Grant

Glenn Ayars briefed the Commission on this item.

D. Cultural Plan Task Force Update

Direcot Scripps briefed the Commission on this item.

**V. Adjournment**

After all business properly brought before the commission had been considered, the commission adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

  
Sam Santiago (08/13/2020 18:40 CST)

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Sam Santiago, Chair

ATTEST:



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Anne Marie Gan, Office of Arts and Culture

9/17/2020

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Date Approved