



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING**



**CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
550 LANDA STREET**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024 at 1:00 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Discuss and consider the approval of the November 25, [24-1576](#) 2024 meeting minutes.

4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

This time is for citizens to address the Arts Commission on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no action at this time.

5. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A) Discuss and consider the adoption of a post event [24-1577](#) reporting form for a trial during the 2025 award year and implementation in the 2026 award year.

B) Discuss and consider action regarding allocations of [24-1575](#) hotel occupancy tax collected in 2024 to Arts organization applicants for the 2025 award period.

Matthew Schwarz, Assistant City Secretary

6. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the New Braunfels City Hall.

Board Liaison

NOTE: Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office at (830) 221-4010 at least two (2) work days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



Arts Commission Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street
New Braunfels, TX

12/4/2024

Agenda Item No. A)

**FINAL - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Matthew Schwarz called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Madison Crowe, Yolanda Kennedy, Candace Southmayd, and Kara Koller-Wood were present at the time of roll call.

Elizabeth West and Alicia Carver were absent.

Linda Gabbard arrived at 1:33 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Discuss and consider the approval of the December 7, 2023 meeting minutes.

Matthew Schwarz read the aforementioned item.

Candace Southmayd moved to approve the minutes. Kara Koller-Wood seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

This time is for citizens to address the Arts Commission on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no action at this time.

No individuals spoke at this time.

5. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A) Discuss and consider the election of a Chairperson.

Matthew Schwarz read the aforementioned item.

Madison Crowe moved to appoint Yolanda Kennedy as Chair. Kara Koller-Wood seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B) Discuss and consider the election of a Vice-Chairperson.

Yolanda Kennedy read the aforementioned item.

Linda Gabbard moved to appoint Kara Koller-Wood as Vice Chair. Madison Crowe seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

C) Deliberate the 2025 Arts HOT Grant process.
Yolanda Kennedy read the aforementioned item.

Matthew Schwarz presented this item to the commissioners.

The commissioners discussed the available funding for the grants along with the process for the applicants in preparation for the allocation meeting.

D) Discuss and consider the adoption of a post event reporting form.
Yolanda Kennedy read the aforementioned item.

Matthew Schwarz presented this item to the commissioners using a pdf document of a draft version of the post event reporting form and answered questions. The form is intended to be implemented for the 2026 award year.

The commissioners provided direction for final approval of this form at the December allocation meeting.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Yolanda Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

By: _____
BOARD CHAIR

Attest:

MATTHEW SCHWARZ, ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY



Arts Commission Agenda Item Report

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Agenda Item No. A)

POST EVENT REPORT FORM

HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDING

By law of the State of Texas, the City of New Braunfels collects a Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) from hotels, bed & breakfast, inns, and other lodging properties. The revenue from the HOT may be used only to directly promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry. The use of HOT funds is limited to:

- a) **Convention Centers and Visitor Information Centers:** the acquisition of sites for and the construction, improvement, enlarging, equipping, repairing operation and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both;
- b) **Registration of Convention Delegates:** the furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants;
- c) **Advertising, Solicitations and Promotions that Directly Promote Tourism and the Hotel and Convention Industry:** advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity;
- d) **Promotions of the Arts that Directly Promote Tourism and the Hotel and Convention Industry:** the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts that can be shown to have some direct impact on tourism and the hotel/convention industry. The impact may be that the art facility or event can show hotel nights that are booked due to their events or that guests at hotels attend the arts event. Eligible forms of art include instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture photography, graphic and craft arts, motion picture, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms.
- e) **Historical Restoration and Preservation Activities that Directly Promote Tourism and the Hotel and Convention Industry:** historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitation and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums.
- f) **Sporting Event Expenses that Substantially Increase Economic Activity at Hotels:** Expenses including promotional expenses, directly related to a sporting event in which the majority of participants are tourists. The event must substantially increase economic activity at hotels within the city or its vicinity.
- g) **Funding transportation systems for transporting tourists from hotels to and near the city to any of the following destinations:**
 - 1. the commercial center of the city;
 - 2. a convention center in the city;
 - 3. other hotels in or near the city; or
 - 4. tourist attractions in or near the city.

The law specifically prohibits the use of the local hotel tax to cover the costs for general city transit costs to transport the general public.

- h) **Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the municipality.**

The City of New Braunfels accepts applications from groups and businesses meeting the above criteria and wishing to receive HOT funds. **All entities that are approved for such funds must submit a Post Event Report Form within 60 days of each funded event.** The report will be reviewed by the City of New Braunfels to determine how well the entity met its goals and be used in consideration of future hotel occupancy tax funding requests. Priority will be given to those events that demonstrate an ability to generate overnight visitors to the City of New Braunfels

Post Event Report Form

Date: _____

Organization Information

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Event Information

Name of Event or Project: _____

Date of Event or Project: _____

Primary Location of Event or Project: _____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Amount Received: \$ _____

How were the funds used: _____

How many years have you held this Event or Project: _____

Event Funding Information

1. Actual percentage of funded event costs covered by hotel occupancy tax: _____

2. Actual percentage of facility costs covered by hotel occupancy tax (if applicable): _____
3. Actual percentage of staff costs covered by hotel occupancy tax (if applicable): _____
4. If staff costs were covered, estimate of actual hours staff spent on funded event: _____
5. Did the event charge admission? Was there a net profit from the event? If there was a net profit, what was the amount and how is it being used?

Event Attendance Information

1. How many people did you predict would attend this event? (number submitted in application for hotel occupancy tax funds): _____
2. What would you estimate as the actual attendance at the event? _____
3. How many room nights were generated at New Braunfels hotels by attendees of this event or project? _____
4. If this Event has been funded by hotel occupancy tax in the last three years, how many room nights were generated New Braunfels hotels by attendees of this Event or Project?

Last Year _____

Two Years Ago _____

Three Years Ago _____

5. What method did you use to determine the number of people who booked rooms at New Braunfels hotels (e.g.; room block usage information, survey of hoteliers, etc.)?

6. Was a room block established for this Event at an area hotel (hotels), and if so, did the room block fill? _____ If the room block did not fill, how many rooms were picked up? _____

Event Promotion Information

1. Please check all efforts your organization actually used to promote this Event and how much was actually spent in each category:

Newspaper: \$ _____
Radio: \$ _____
TV: \$ _____
Social Media: \$ _____
Other Paid Advertising: \$ _____

Number of Press Releases to Media _____
Number Direct Mailings to out-of-town recipients _____

Other Promotions _____

2. Did you include a link to the Convention Center/Visitors Center or other source on your promotional handouts and in your website for booking hotel nights during this event?
3. Did you negotiate a special rate or hotel/event package to attract overnight stays?
4. What new marketing initiatives did you utilize to promote hotel and convention activity for this Event?

5. Please attach samples of documents showing how the City of New Braunfels was recognized in your advertising/promotional campaign.
6. Please attach at least one sample of all forms of advertising/promoting used in your campaign. If the sample itself does not indicate the medium (radio, TV, print, or mail) used or where the advertising took place (e.g. a city's newspaper, or a radio spot that does not indicate the city where the spot was played), please include other information that would show location of the advertising and medium utilized.

Additional Event Information

What New Braunfels businesses did you utilize for food, supplies, materials, printing, etc?

Please list any best practices or lessons learned by the event that you believe you can apply to your next event to make it better for your organization and the City of New Braunfels.

**Please Submit no later than (insert deadline) to:
Matthew Schwarz, Assistant City Secretary – mschwarz@newbraunfels.gov**

12/4/2024

Agenda Item No. B)

PRESENTER:

Matthew Schwarz, Assistant City Secretary

SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider action regarding allocations of hotel occupancy tax collected in 2024 to Arts organization applicants for the 2025 award period.