

Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2017

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeff Zeeman, Chair	X		Marsha Semmel, Vice Chair	X	
Avery Erskine	X		Courtney Murphy	X	
Robert Goler	X		Carol Patch	X	
Jon Hensley	X		Leonardo Sarli	X	
Betsy Johnson	X		Annie Sweeney	X	
Janet Kopenhaver	X		Carlos Velazquez		X
Lola Lombard	X		Tina Worden	X	
Alison Mc Neil		X			

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Commission Chair Zeeman welcomed members and guests Felecia McFail, James Burch, Elizabeth Campeau (Arlington Philharmonic), Andres Diets-Chavez and Auesta Safi. The regular meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts was called to order at 7:09 pm.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the December 14, 2016 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Sarli and seconded by Commissioner Hensley. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Information Item: Artspace Arlington

- AED Director of Strategic Partnerships, Karen Vasquez, provided information on Artspace, an organization committed to developing arts-related spaces, including residential spaces to support individual artists and their families. A team from Artspace will lead a two-day Arlington-wide exploration of artist housing needs, financing and facilities which will focus on the potential for artist housing in a variety of neighborhoods in Arlington.

4. Chair's Report

- Vice Chair Semmel reported on the panel presentation she participated in at Leadership Arlington "Arts Day" where there was much discussion, interest and questions about facilities and marketing the arts.

5. Action Items:

- Grants Committee: FY 2018 Arts Grants Review Process. Commissioner Patch presented proposed changes to the FY 2018 arts grants review process (see Attachment 1). After much discussion, the following actions were taken:

Motion made by Commissioner Patch and seconded by Commissioner Goler that the services of the expert panel continue to be retained for FY 2018 Grants Day and that the panel review all applications and be given voting rights equivalent to the rights of voting members. Motion passed with 12 votes for, 0 votes against.

Motion made by Commissioner Patch and seconded by Commissioner Semmel that the FY 2018 Arts Grant applications be reviewed and evaluated by a panel of 5 experts and 5 Commissioners, and that subsequently this panel makes scoring recommendation to the Commission as a whole. Motion passed with 8 votes for, 3 votes against (Hensley, Kopenhaver and Murphy) and 1 abstention (Goler).

Motion made by Commissioner Patch and seconded by Commissioner Hensley that written scoresheets are used when evaluating and voting on FY 2018 Arts Grant applications. Motion passed with 12 votes for, 0 votes against.

- Arts Strategy Task Force: Consideration of Arts Strategy. Commissioner Leo Sarli updated the Commission that the members of the original strategic plan steering group had met on January 18 to review the draft Arts Strategy “Enriching Lives: Arlington Arts and Culture Strategy”. The draft, as sent to the Commission for review on Monday, January 23, was modified to reflect their comments (see Attachment 2).

Motion made by Commissioner Sarli and seconded by Commissioner Patch to approve the draft document “Enriching Lives: Arlington Arts and Culture Strategy”, as the Commission’s report that will be sent to the County Board for its consideration. Motion passed with 12 votes for, 0 votes against.

6. Public Art Committee

- Commissioner Murphy reported on the following activities of important projects: Corridor of Light Phases I and II, 4MR Watermarks, Columbia Pike Transit Shelters & Placemaking, Nauck Town Square design development, Ballston Pedestrian Bridge design development, Oakland Park, TOTR façade enhancement, PAMP update, and PAC member terms.

Motion made by Commissioner Sarli and seconded by Commissioner Goler to appoint Commissioner Hensley to the Public Art Committee. The motion passed with 11 votes for, 0 votes against and 1 abstention (Hensley).

7. Cultural Affairs Division Chief’s Report

- Ms. Isabelle-Stark reiterated the importance of Commission attendance at the Artspace meeting on February 8. She reviewed CAD activities and provided information related to Facilities, Cultural Programming and Art Enterprise (see Attachment 3).

8. Update on Local Projects

- Four Mile Run Valley Plan—Commissioner Zeeman reported that the arts district concept is gaining interest and will be featured in a future meeting.
- Master Spaces Working Plan (POPS) – Commissioner Sarli reported that the consultants are working through the documents and the next meeting date should be announced soon.

9. Old Business

Commissioner Goler reported that the Challenge Grant program will not be funded in FY2017. Commission Zeeman will send a letter informing arts organizations and will work to include the program in the FY 2018 County budget.

10. New Business

- Chair Zeeman reported that several Arlington arts organizations were nominated to receive WATCH awards.
- Commissioner Goler reported that the GMU Community Advisory Group has been disbanded. He served the Arts Commission appointee to the Advisory Group.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts will be held 7:00 pm, Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 1100 North Glebe Road, 15 Floor, Arlington VA 22201.