



Commission for the Arts

Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 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              |               | *Non-Voting               |                |               |

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chair Zeeman welcomed members and guests Anne Wengrovitz (Arlington Philharmonic), Andres Diets-Chavez and Jeannie Vieve Waltrip, Jonalyne Walker and Shirley Queja (Halau O’Aulani). The regular meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts was called to order at 7:10 pm.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

*Motion to approve minutes from the January 25, 2017 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Hensley and seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.*

**3. Chair’s Report**

- Chair Zeeman reported on Artspace activities that occurred several weeks ago, including a presentation to the Arlington arts community, and attended by several Commissioners.
- Zeeman also informed members about two budget sessions that will be held in early March with the County Board on the FY 2018 County Budget. He and Vice Chair Semmel will be attending these sessions on behalf of the Commission and will express a desire to provide future funding for Challenge Grants.

**4. Action Item**

- Staff Liaison Richmond presented the County Attorney’s approved “Draft Policy Governing Electronic Participation in Meetings for Arlington Advisory Groups” (see Attachment 1) for consideration by the Commission.



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*Motion made by Commissioner Velasquez and seconded by Commissioner Sarli that the Policy be accepted. Motion passed with 9 votes for, 0 votes against and 1 abstention (Worden). [Note: Commissioner Goler was not present for the vote.]*

### **5. Information Item**

- Staff Liaison Richmond presented a report titled "In Kind Value of Theater Use by Arlington Supported Arts Groups in Fiscal Year 2016" (see Attachment 2) containing information requested by the County Board last year on the in-kind value (not costs) of the performing, rehearsal and classroom spaces and scenic, costume and technical services that the County awards to supported arts groups as part of the Arts Grants Program. The report was researched and authored by AED staff and will be presented to the County Board at AED's budget work session with the County Board on March 2, 2017.

### **6. Grants Committee**

- Commission Patch presented information about the status of FY 2018 Arlington Arts Grants Applicants (Attachments 3 and 4) which included information about the eight applicants that did not successfully completed the Intent to Apply process and elected to appeal.
- Action Item: FY 2018 Intent to Apply Appeals. As per the FY 2018 Arts Grants Guidelines, eight organizations did not successfully complete the Intent to Apply process and therefore submitted an appeal to the Arts Commission. After much discussion, the following actions were taken
  1. *Motion made by Commissioner Goler and seconded by Commissioner McNeil to allow Arlington Artists Alliance, Arlington Philharmonic Association and First Draft Theatre Company to proceed unconditionally to the next stage of the FY 2018 Arlington Arts Grants application process. Motion passed with 10 votes for, 0 votes against and 1 abstention (Patch).*
  2. *Motion made by Commissioner McNeil and seconded by Commissioner Goler that Vietnamese Cultural Society of Metropolitan Washington be deemed ineligible to apply for a FY 2018 Arlington Arts Grant. Motion passed with 9 votes for, 0 votes against and 2 abstentions (Hensley and Patch).*
  3. *Motion made by Commissioner Goler and seconded by Commissioner Semmel to allow Dominion Stage and The Arlingtones to proceed to the next stage of the FY 2018 Arlington Arts Grants application process without further penalty. Motion passed with 6 votes for, 0 votes against and 5 abstentions (Lombard, McNeil, Patch, Sarli, and Velazquez).*
  4. *Motion made by Commissioner Goler and seconded by Commissioner Hensley to allow Bangladesh Center for Community Development, Inc. and Halau O'Aulani to proceed to the next stage of the FY 2018 Arlington Arts Grants application process without further penalty. Motion failed with 1 vote for, 9 votes against and 1 abstention (Patch).*
  5. *Motion made by Commissioner Zeeman and seconded by Commissioner Goler to allow Bangladesh Center for Community Development, Inc. and Halau O'Aulani to proceed to the next stage of the FY 2018 Arlington Arts Grants application process with a 20-point deduction to be conveyed to the grants review panel. Motion failed with 3 votes for, 7 votes against and 1 abstention (Patch).*



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6. *Motion made by Commissioner McNeil and seconded by Commissioner Goler that Bangladesh Center for Community Development, Inc. and Halau O’Aulani be deemed ineligible to apply for a FY 2018 Arlington Arts Grant but be offered guidance on how to receive resources. Motioned passed with 8 votes for, 0 votes against and 3 abstentions (Lombard, Patch, Zeeman).*

- Commissioner Patch referred members to the Process of FY 2018 Arts Grants Program for information on next steps and schedule (see Attachment 5).

### **7. Arts Strategy Task Force**

- Commissioner Sarli informed the commission that members of the Task Force will be meeting with County Board Liaison Katie Cristol to discuss the strategy and next steps to move it forward for approval by the County Board. Sarli also reviewed the template that will be used to develop the Arts Strategy implementation matrix (see Attachment 6).

### **8. Public Art Committee**

- Commissioner Murphy reported that the next Public Art Committee meeting may be changed to March 7. She also reported on several activities including Todd Bressi’s work with the PAMP and the Oakland Park Art Advisory Panel on March 6.

### **9. Cultural Affairs Division Chief’s Report**

- Ms. Isabelle-Stark reported on the success of the Artspace engagement in Arlington. She expects to have a follow-up report in April. She reviewed CAD activities and provided information related to Facilities, Cultural Programming and Art Enterprise (see Attachment 7).

### **10. Update on Local Projects**

- Four Mile Run Valley Plan—Commissioner Worden reported that the consultants for the project are bringing forward their conceptual designs and that an open house will be held in May. The final plan is expected to go before the County Board in February 2018.
- 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.

### **11. Old Business**

Commissioner Lombard asked about the Liaison reports for providing input into the grants review process. Commissioner Patch confirmed that reports will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Grants Committee on March 6.

### **12. New Business**

- None

### **13. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.*



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