

Meeting Minutes  
 March 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			

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Commission Chair Zeeman welcomed members and visitor Elizabeth Campeau, Arlington Philharmonic. 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 February 22, 2017 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Velazquez and seconded by Commissioner Goler. The motion passed unanimously.*

**3. Chair's Report**

- Chair Zeeman provided an update on Halau O'Aulani's being allowed to proceed with their FY 2018 Arts Grant application.
- Vice Chair Semmel discussed attending County Board meeting with Nick Stone, Vice Chair of Arlington's Economic Development Commission, to speak about budget.
- Chair Zeeman spoke about the importance of Commissioners acting as arts ambassadors to increase exposure of the arts during current political climate at the Federal level.

**4. Cultural Affairs Division Chief's Report**

- Director Isabelle-Stark reported on CAD activities (see Attachments 1 and 2).

- CAD Arts Administrator Anne O’Dell spoke about registration for upcoming workshop series and launching of The Arts Meet!
- Director Isabelle-Stark shared slides of new Art on the ART Bus featuring artist Negar Ahkami.

**5. Grants Committee Report:**

- Commissioner Patch reviewed the status of arts grants application. Advisory Panel and Commission review process and timeline was discussed. Included in the discussion was the score worksheets and minimum score requirement for awards see Attachments 3, 4 and 5).

**6. Arts Strategy Task Force**

- Commissioner Sarli reported that he and Commissioner Semmel met with Commission Board Liaison Katie Cristol about the Commission’s adopted Arts Strategy. Commissioner Semmel reported that the Strategy will be introduced to other Board members two at a time. CAD administrators will be included in meetings. ACA and CAD will coordinate messaging.

**7. Public Arts Committee**

- Commissioner Murphy reported on the PAC’s March 8 meeting (see Attachment 6).

**8. Update on Local Projects**

- Four Mile Run Valley Plan—Chair Zeeman reported that four plans have been introduced, three contain arts presence to varying degrees. Business owners want to connect with CAD now and do not want to be left out of the planning process or pushed out of the area. Director Isabelle-Stark advised to put them in touch with Richard Tucker, planner.
- Master Spaces Working Plan (POPS) – The next meeting will be held on April 6; neither Commissioner Sarli nor Commissioner Kopenhaver can attend. Draft will be produced soon.
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**9. Old Business**

*Motion made by Commissioner Goler and seconded by Commissioner Kopenhaver that in light of information received since the last Commission meeting, the Commission approves Halau O’Aulani to proceed without penalty to submit a grants application for the FY2018 grant cycle. Motion passed with 10 for, 0 against and 2 abstentions (Velazquez and Worden).*

**10. New Business**

- Youth Ambassador Erskine shared the concept for the Youth Arts Plan that she and Commissioner McNeil have discussed. It will consist of education and counseling for students aspiring to arts-related

careers so they will know of summer programs, possible career paths, education options, and how to carry their skills forward after they graduate.

- Commissioner Goler asked for information about the piano in Spectrum Theatre. Director Isabelle-Stark responded that Arlington County owns the piano, the sound board will not be repaired, and the piano will be put into surplus after Spectrum closes.
- Commissioner Lombard shared Washington Balalaika Society's flyer for their upcoming event.

## **11. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.*