

Meeting Minutes
May 24, 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
Alison Mc Neil	X		Tina Worden	X	

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Commission Chair Zeeman welcomed members and visitors Megan Rappolt, Andres Dietz-Chavez, Christine Curatolo (National Chamber Ensemble) and Leo Sushansky (National Chamber Ensemble), and Marc McCauley (Director Real Estate Group, AED). Chair Zeeman also noted that this was Commissioner Murphy's last meeting. 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 April 26, 2017 regular meeting as amended was made by Commissioner Hensley and seconded by Commissioner Sweeney. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Cultural Facilities Investment Strategic Plan

- Mr. McCauley made a presentation to the Commission on the County's proposed strategic framework to deliver and fund cultural facilities (see Attachment 1).

4. Chair's Report

- In light of Mr. McCauley's presentation, Chair Zeeman articulated plans to form a Cultural Facilities Task Force and requested interested Commissioners to volunteer. More specifics about the Task Force will be provided at the June 28 Commission Meeting.

5. Cultural Affairs Division Chief's Report

- Director Isabelle-Stark reported on CAD activities (see Attachment 2).

6. Grants Committee Report:

- Commissioner Patch read a letter from National Chamber Ensemble (NCE) to the Commission (see Attachment 3) that expressed dissatisfaction with the Commission's recommended FY 2018 Arts Grant Award. Commissioner Patch then read a proposed response letter from the Commission to NCE (see Attachment 4). Chair Zeeman asked representatives of the organization several questions and the Commission had a brief discussion.

Motion to accept the proposed letter of response to National Chamber Ensemble as read by Commissioner Patch was made by Commissioner Goler and seconded by Commissioner Sarli. The motion carried with 6 votes for, 0 votes against, and 4 abstentions (Goler, Semmel, Worden, Zeeman).

7. Arts Strategy Task Force

- Commissioner Sarli reported on upcoming briefings with County Board members. Vice Chair Semmel reported that she will be presenting the Arts Strategy to the Economic Development Commission on June 13. Also, copies of the strategy are being mailed to leaders of Supported Arts Groups and others who participated in its development.

8. Public Arts Committee

- Commissioner Murphy reported that the May meeting was cancelled and a meeting in June will be scheduled. Commissioner Hensley has agreed to serve as an Interim Chair of the Committee until a permanent Chair can be appointed.

9. Update on Local Projects

- Youth Project – Youth Ambassador Erskine reported on the Arts in Your Future project. The purpose of the project is to expose students to career paths in the arts.
- Four Mile Run Valley Plan—Chair Zeeman reported that there will be a worksession between the Working Group and County Board on May 30.
- Master Spaces Working Plan (POPS) – Commissioner Sarli reported that the group also meeting May 24. He continues to be pleased with the progress being made on the project.

10. Old Business

- None

11. New Business

- None

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.