

Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2015

(The meeting is available as a MP3 file by contacting AED)

Members Present		Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests Present
J. Kopenhaver	C. Patch	J. Hensley	A. Adams	
W. Baez	J. Russell	M. Semmel	M. Isabelle-Stark	
C. Cadby	L. Sarli	T. Worden	J. Lynch	
R. Goler	C. Velazquez		C. Richmond	
L. Lombard	J. Zeeman		J. Beske (CPHD)	
C. Murphy				

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Commission Chair Kopenhaver welcomed members and called the regular meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts to order at 7:07pm.

2. Courthouse Square Update

Principal Planner Jason Beske (CPHD) provided an update to the Commission about the Courthouse Square project "Envision Courthouse Square" and highlighted areas in the proposed plan where cultural resources and facilities were mentioned. Commission members asked questions and provided comments. The plan is targeted for consideration by the County Board in September.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for the April 22, 2015 regular meeting and the May 2, 2015 Grants Day meeting was proposed by R. Goler and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

- Dates for FY2016 Arts Commission meetings were approved (see Attachment 1).

5. FY2016 Grant Letter to the County Board Chair

Motion to approve the draft letter with changes discussed was proposed by C. Patch. The motion passed with 10 votes yes, 0 votes no, with 1 absent during the vote.

6. Lessons Learned from Grants Day and Consideration of Revised Grants Criteria

There was discussion among Commissioners about the grants day experience -- in particular about scoring and evaluation criteria. It was decided that the changes discussed would be brought back to the next meeting for review and consideration by the Commission.

7. Cultural Affairs Division Director's Report

- Director Michelle Isabelle-Stark reported on the success of Echoes of Little Saigon at Neighborhood Day May 9th. Additionally she reminded Commissioners about the June 3 ART on the ART BUS that will have original work by Khanh H. Le installed on the bus.

- Strategic Plan Update: Richard Brewster will be contacting some Commission members to set up one-on-ones with the steering committee
- Recent activities of the Division include: working with Palette 22, a new restaurant in Shirlington to see how they can collaborate with local artists; developing metrics to measure success of Cultural Affairs programs; and expanding programs on Columbia Pike.

8. Committee Reports

- Facilities and Capacity Building Committee - Commissioner Baez reported that the next meeting of the Committee will be at 6:30 on June 3, 2015
- Public Art Committee – Commissioner Murphy updated the Commission on the Central Place project and referred to challenges with the RFMHCA and the Corridor of Light project. She also pointed out that the Public Art Handbook has been approved and the Guidelines are nearly completed.

9. Update on Local Projects

- Realize Rosslyn – Commissioner Hensley was not in attendance but Commissioner Murphy referred to his email that was sent to the Commission earlier that day.
- Long Bridge Park – Commissioner Lombard reported that the Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee is reevaluating future options with the park and will be starting a public engagement process.
- Courthouse Square – Commissioner Sarli did not have a report due to the evening's presentation by Jason Beske.
- Facilities Work Group – Commissioner Patch provided information about an open house on Courthouse Plaza on June 2.
- Public Space Master Plan – Chair Kopenhaver had no report.

10. Old Business

- None

11. New Business

- Election of Commission Chair will be on the agenda for the June meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Attachment 1

FY 2016 Meeting Calendar
(Approved May 27, 2015)

1. Wednesday, July 22, 2015
2. Wednesday, August 26, 2015 (tentative)
3. Wednesday, September 30, 2015
4. Wednesday October 28, 2015
5. Wednesday, November 18, 2015
6. Wednesday, December 16, 2015
7. Wednesday, January 27, 2016
8. Wednesday February 24, 2016
9. Wednesday March 16, 2016
10. Wednesday, April 27, 2016
11. Saturday, April 30, 2016 – GRANTS DAY
12. Wednesday, May 25, 2016
13. Wednesday, June 22, 2016