

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 28, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT		MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT
J. Kopenhaver, Chair	C. Patch	M. Semmel	J. Lynch	
W. Baez	J. Russell	R. Goler	K. Vasquez	
C. Cadby	L. Sarli			
J. Hensley	C. Velazquez			
L. Lombard	L. Wolf			
C. Murphy	T. Worden			

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Janet Kopenhaver welcomed members. The regular meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts was called to order by Janet Kopenhaver at 7:10 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jon Hensley to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. CHAIR’S REPORT – Janet Kopenhaver

- Kopenhaver introduced and welcomed new Commission members Jean Russell, Courtney Murphy and Carlos Velazquez.
- Kopenhaver noted resignation of Barbra Kavanaugh due to changing work commitments. Barbra was thanked for her service to the Commission.
- Kopenhaver discussed the Commission retreat proposed for June 25. The meeting will be held from 3pm – 8pm and will utilize a facilitator to discuss the role of the Commission in strategy and support of the arts.
- Kopenhaver announced that no appeals had been made by grant applications for FY2015 Cultural Grants or Spotlight Grants.

4. Cultural Affairs Report –Karen Vasquez

- Vasquez discussed guidance given by the County Board to the County Manager as part of the Arlington County FY2015 budget approval process. The guidance was that the County Manager should provide a vision for Artisphere and a business plan for a sustainable Artisphere by the end of the calendar year 2014. Staff will be working on this effort.

5. Final Letter to County Board for Grant Awardees

- The Commission discussed the contents of the letter proposing the FY2015 Grant Awardees and the recommended funding for Cultural Grants and Spotlight Grants.
- A few edits were suggested for style and grammar.
- The Commission requested that Kopenhaver add additional paragraph noting that limited funds for FY2015 and space constraints resulted in cuts to Cultural Grants and cuts to Space and Services Grants.

Motion was made by Lance Wolf that Commission Chair Janet Kopenhaver submit the letter to Board Chair Jay Fiset on behalf of the Commission, following the edits noted by staff and the addition of a final paragraph noting the funding shortages. The motion passed with 12 voting yes.

6. Committee and Task Force Reports

Facilities and Capacity Building Committee– Lance Wolf and Wanda Baez

- Wolf and Baez updated the Commission on FY2014 Challenge Grants.
 - Arts organizations submitted over \$96,000 in eligible funds.
 - The Committee approved the distribution of \$30,000 in grant funds, the full budgeted amount.
 - The Committee thanked Joan Lynch for her efforts.

Motion was made by Jon Hensley that the Commission accept the review and results of the Facility and Capacity Building Committee for the FY2014 Challenge Grants. The motion passed with 12 voting yes.

Public Art– Leo Sarli, Jon Hensley, Lola Lombard

- Sarli welcomed new Public Art Committee member Gordon Fraley and Courtney Murphy.
- Sarli reported on the Dark Star Park Day proclamation on August 1, 2014 to be sent to the County Board.
- Hensley and Lombard provided updates on projects with the Rosslyn, Crystal City and Ballston BIDs.

Communications and Outreach – Carol Cadby

- Cadby reported on a meeting with Janet Kopenhaver and Karen Vasquez to review the Smith Gifford marketing proposal.
- Cadby noted that the Committee will support the efforts of staff with regard to the marketing efforts outlined in the proposal.
- Staff will report back to the Committee on next steps for a possible incubator program and exploration of uses of the old Signature Garage space owned by the County.

8. Old Business

- None

9. New Business

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

The next meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts will be held at 3:00 p.m., June 25, 2014 at AED, 1100 Glebe Road, Suite 1500, Arlington, VA 22201