

Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2015

Members Present		Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests
W. Baez	J. Russell	J. Hensley	M. Isabelle-Stark	
C. Cadby	L. Sarli	C. Murphy	J. Lynch	
R. Goler	M. Semmel	T. Worden	M. Javid	
J. Kopenhaver	C. Velazquez			
L. Lombard	J. Zeeman			
C. Patch				

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 7:06pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for the June 24, 2015 regular meeting was proposed by Commissioner Semmel and seconded by Commissioner Zeeman. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Chair's Report

- Commission Chair Kopenhaver reported on letters sent to the County Board requesting funding for the Challenge grant and Capacity Building grant programs. Separate letters were sent regarding the Corridor of Light project, Realize Rosslyn Sector plan and the Courthouse Sector Plan.
- A discussion regarding Challenge Grants took place and modifications to the existing guidelines were discussed.

Motion to accept the FY17 Arlington Arts Grants Programs Guidelines with the noted changes was proposed by Commissioner Zeeman and seconded by Commissioner Lombard. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Cultural Affairs Division Director's Report

- The Strategic Plan is still being developed. The Cultural Affairs Division will reconvene with the steering committee in August.
- A Request for Expression of Interest has been issued by Arlington Parks and Recreation for the fourth floor of Arlington Mill Community Center.
- Upcoming events were discussed such as the Mexican fusion jazz performance on September 11, 2015 at Spectrum Theatre.
- Director Michelle Isabelle-Stark updated Commission members on staff changes after Artisphere closure and the New Media Curator vacancy.

5. Committee Reports

- a. **Facilities and Capacity Building Committee** - Commissioner Baez reported working on modifications to the grants program guidelines.
- b. **Public Art Committee** – See Realize Rosslyn Update below.

6. Update on Local Projects

- a. **Realize Rosslyn** – Commission Chair Kopenhaver reported meeting with Arlington County Board members Mary Hynes and Jay Fissette regarding the Corridor of Light language in the Realize Rosslyn Sector Plan. Subsequent to this meeting, the Planning Commission approved the existing language, with added language about Public Art on the 18th Street Corridor in the Realize Rosslyn Sector Plan and Kopenhaver sent a letter to the County Board in support of the Planning Commission’s recommended changes.

- b. **Long Bridge Park** –Commissioner Lombard reported no updates on public art will happen until January 2016.

- c. **Courthouse Square** –Commissioner Sarli updated Commission members on an upcoming meeting in August to review the language in the Sector Plan and focus on historic preservation.

Commission Chair Kopenhaver reported a letter from the Commission was sent to the Arlington County Board asking for arts facilities such as a black box theater, a flexible space and an exhibition space.

- d. **Facilities Work Group** – Commissioner Patch updated Commission members on the progress in reaching a final document outlining the process Arlington County should go through to plan for, purchase and build facilities.

- e. **Public Space Master Plan**– No report

7. Old Business

- a. None

8. New Business

- a. Commissioner Semmel suggested the Commission acknowledge the work of Stephanie Fedor, Arlington Arts center’s Executive Director, prior to her move to Richmond to become the Director of a visual art center.

Motion to do a resolution to acknowledge Stephanie Fedor’s contribution to the arts and culture of Arlington County through her four years as the leader of Arlington Arts Center was proposed by Commissioner Semmel and seconded by Commissioner Sarli. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

The next meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts will be held 7:00 pm, Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 1100 North Glebe Road, 15 Floor, Arlington VA 22201.