

Meeting Minutes
 September 27, 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	
David Carlson	X		Janet Kopenhaver	X	
Andres Dietz-Chavez	X		Alison McNeil	X	
Avery Erskine	X		Carol Patch	X	
Robert Goler		X	Leonardo Sarli	X	
Susannah Haworth Dunn	X		Annie Sweeney	X	
Jon Hensley	X		Carlos Velazquez	X	
Betsy Johnson	X		Tina Worden	X	

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Commission Chair Zeeman welcomed members and visitors Carl Bedell. 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 June 28, 2017 regular meeting as amended was made by Commissioner Kopenhaver and seconded by Commissioner Sarli. The motion passed with 12 votes for, 0 against and 2 abstentions (Velazquez and Hensley).

3. Chair's Report

- Chair Zeeman welcomed new commissioners David Carlson, Andres Dietz-Chavez and Susannah Haworth Dunn.
- Zeeman also provided an update to commissioners about the committee structure of the Commission and reminded members of FOIA obligations.
- Zeeman reminded members that all Commissioners (except those on the Grants Committee) have been assigned liaisons. He suggested that contact be made with them as soon as possible.
- Zeeman and Vice Chair Semmel provided information about their meeting held with County Board Member and Commission Liaison Katie Cristol and indicated it was a very positive meeting that included discussions about the Arts Strategy, organizational changes of the Commission and the draft letter to the County Board about the VSBBT.
- Zeeman thanked Commissioners Velazquez, Sweeney and Semmel for joining him in staffing the Arts Commission booth at the Arlington County Fair.
- Zeeman announced that the New District Brewery is sponsoring an art fair as part of Valley Fest on November 5 and is looking for artists to sell goods and get involved in temporary installations.
- Vice Chair Semmel provided information about the budget listening session held with the County Manager that she and Chair Zeeman attended on September 27.

4. Cultural Affairs Division Chief's Report

- Director Isabelle-Stark provided the *Artspace Consulting Preliminary Feasibility Report* (see Attachment 1). The next phase of the project will begin in April with an in-depth art survey of Arlington artists. Findings will be reported in September.

5. Grants Committee Report

- Commissioner Patch provided an update on the Committee's activities and reviewed draft versions of the FY 2019 Arts Grants Guidelines for Individual Artist, Project and Space & Services Grants (see Attachments 2,3, and 4). A suggested modification was proposed and agreed to by Commissioners.

Motion to approve the FY 2019 Arts Grant Guidelines for Individual Artist, Project and Space & Services Grants as presented by the Grants Committee was made by Commissioner Sarli and seconded by Commissioner Carlson. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Strategy Committee Report

- Committee Chair Semmel reported that the primary tasks of the Committee (comprised of Commissioners Dunn and Sweeney) will be to coordinate the roll out of the strategy to the community, County Board, and Arlington arts organizations and artists, and to spend the next months, sharing the report, listening to stakeholders in the community, and collect suggestions and ideas for next steps in the plan's implementation. This will involve creating talking points and tools.

7. Public Art Committee

- Commissioner Hensley reported that several items will be coming forward to the Commission at the November 25th meeting. He also discussed the recent community meeting/conversation held with Artist Donald Lipski about his future installation along Columbia Pike

8. Cultural Facilities Task Force

- Commissioner Sarli reported that the Task Force has been configured and is preparing to start work on developing a community vision and guiding principles for cultural facilities in Arlington.

9. Update on Local Projects

- Youth Project – Youth Ambassador Erskine is continuing to work on the Arts in Your Future to uncover career paths in the arts for Arlington students.
- Four Mile Run Valley Plan—Chair Zeeman reported on “The SNAIC” a report from the Arts District Committee of the Four Mile Run Valley Working Group (see Attachment 5).
- Master Spaces Working Plan (POPS) – Commissioner Sarli reported that the group will be meeting in October to review feedback.

10. Old Business

- VSB BT: CAD director Isabelle Stark reported that the County Manager is considering options.

11. New Business

- Commissioner Kopenhaver reported that Embracing Arlington Arts will be holding its 1st Annual Celebration of the Arts on October 5. She also reported on her weekly radio show that spotlights artists and arts events.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.