

Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2016

<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	Delphia Ridley		X
Betsy Johnson		X	Leonardo Sarli	X	
Janet Kopenhaver	X		Annie Sweeney	X	
Lola Lombard	X		Carlos Velazquez		X
Alison Mc Neil	X		Tina Worden		*

* Representing Commission at 4MRV Working Group Meeting

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Commission Vice Chair Semmel welcomed members and guests Anne Wengrovitz (Arlington Philharmonic), Steven Yeats (The Arlington Players), and Andres Diets-Chavez. 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 October 26, 2016 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Goler and seconded by Commissioner Kopenhaver. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Chair's Report

- Vice Chair Semmel reported on the November 15, 2016 meeting between County Board member and Arts Commission Liaison Katie Cristol, Chair Zeeman and herself. Topics discussed included: Ms. Cristol's support for including 2018 funding for the Challenge Grant Program in the FY 2018 county budget; how arts organizations benefited from the capacity building program previously funded by the general fund; the status of the Arts Strategic Plan. Ms. Cristol also expressed interest in the role of arts and culture in the 4MRV Area Plan. Also discussed was the need for more, high-quality performance facilities.
- Mark Schwartz, County Manager, has invited Commission Chairs to a FY 2018 budget discussion on Thursday December 1. The purpose of the meeting is to update the Commission Chairs on the budget picture and to receive input.
- Vice Chair Semmel also reported on the new member orientation meeting that was held just before the Commission meeting and related learning about the "Arlington County Advisory Group Staff Liaison Handbook" that she would like shared with the Commission as it provides useful information clarifying

respective roles and responsibilities. In the interest of keeping all Commissioners up to date, extra copies of the orientation briefing materials were distributed.

4. Task Force Reports:

- Grants Task Force: Commissioner Patch and Commissioner Goler reviewed the Draft FY 2018 Arts Grants Guidelines for Project, Space & Services and Individual Artists.

Motion to approve the FY 2018 Arts Grants Guidelines for Project, Space & Services and Individual Artist grants as presented and corrected in this meeting was made by Commissioner Kopenhaver and seconded by Commissioner Sarli. The motion passed unanimously.

- Arts Strategy Task Force: Commissioner Sarli reported that Task Force members have reached out to fellow Commissioners to brief them about the process and components of the arts strategy. Sarli reminded Commissioners to review the draft outline of the strategy as distributed at the October 26 meeting and submit their comments by December 12. The next meeting of the Task Force will be held December 1 at 10:00 AM.

5. Public Art Committee

- No Report

6. Cultural Affairs Division Chief's Report

- In The Division Chief's absence (she was presenting to the 4MRV Working Group), Staff Liaison Richmond provided the following handouts:
 - Director's Report (Attachment 1)
 - 4MRV Working Group Presentation (Attachment 2)
 - Cultural Affairs Division Budget information (Attachment 3)
 - Arlington County Supported Arts Groups Season 2016-2017 Calendar, November Update (Attachment 4)

7. Update on Local Projects

- Four Mile Run Valley Plan—Commissioner Worden was in attendance at the 4MRV Working Group meeting being held concurrently with the Commission Meeting. Staff Liaison Richmond reported that a joint meeting is being held on November 30 between 4MRV representatives from the Economic Development Commission and the Arts Commission to explore potential alliances with goals for the plan.
- Master Spaces Working Plan (POPS) – Commissioner Sarli updated the Commission on the study and reported that he was impressed by the thoroughness of the project, especially its reliance on significant data, as well as the positive and productive process facilitated by the project consultants.

8. Old Business

- None

9. New Business

- From his work as a member of GMU's Community Advisory Group, Commissioner Goler reported that GMU has offered interns to support arts organizations. Staff will follow up.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm. The next regular meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts will be held 7:00 pm, Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 1100 North Glebe Road, 15 Floor, Arlington VA 22201.