



Commission for the Arts

Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2015

Members Present		Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests
J. Kopenhaver, Chair	C. Patch	W. Baez	J. Baires-Diener	B. Johnson
C. Cadby	L. Sarli	J. Russell	M. Isabelle-Stark	
R. Goler	T. Worden	M. Semmel	J. Lynch	
J. Hensley	J. Zeeman	C. Velazquez		
L. Lombard				
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 7:10pm. Guest Betsy Johnson was introduced as an Arlington resident with a background in modern art history who is interested in serving on the Commission.

**2. Approval of October 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

*Motion to approve minutes from the October 28, 2015 regular meeting as modified by Commissioner Worden to correct the typo “help” to “held” in item 4, paragraph 3, was proposed by Commissioner Cadby and seconded by Commissioner Hensley. The motion passed unanimously.*

**3. Chair’s Report**

- Commission Chair Kopenhaver reported on a glitch with the “Speak up for Art” effort that occurred at the County Board meeting of November 14. A representative from Sultanas Troupe and the former superintendent from APS both submitted cards to speak, but only the Sultanas Troupe representative was allowed to speak because the Clerk and Chairwoman Hynes said that there could only be one speaker for an issue. Commission Chair Kopenhaver has written an email regarding this to both the Clerk and Chairwoman Hynes.
- The Chair thanked Carol Patch in advance for attending the County Board meeting occurring on November 19 to advocate for carryover funds for 1) \$30,000 for Challenge Grants, 2) \$45,000 for Capacity Building grants, and 3) a transfer of No Rules \$12,980 grant funding to Cultural Affairs for an event to be created jointly by Cultural Affairs staff and the Arts Commission.
- Also Chair Kopenhaver notified the Commission of some changes in the Commission Leadership: Commissioner Semmel will not be able to continue as Vice Chair due to family issues, and her term ends June 30. In the interim, Commissioner Sarli has agreed to help the Chair with accomplishing the work of the Commission. In December the Commission will dedicate fifteen minutes to business and then discuss the future of the Arts Commission, given the new changes in County Board and Manager’s Office and results of the Arts & Culture Strategic Plan.

#### 4. Cultural Affairs Division Director's Report

- Arlington Black History Museum. Per Commissioner Semmel's request, staff reached out to Craig Syphax. Aliza Schiff will view travel exhibit and determine how to enhance it for future exhibition at AMCC.
- Challenge Grant: AED did not specifically incorporate the Arts Commission's request for \$30,000 for Challenge Grants into the allocation for AED; however, Director Hoskins will try to find funds to increase the Challenge Grant pool.
- New Media Curator: Paul Shortt started Monday.
- Cultural Development: Josh Stolfus will be programming an international contemporary music series at Spectrum, TBN with music from Brazil confirmed. Estonia and Columbia and Argentina. Josh met with Lubber Run representatives to discuss opportunities for introducing more diverse programming in 2016.
- Columbia Pike: Josh will be programming Blues Festival, helping out with FallFest and SpringFest. AMCC programming continues. We will have a Made In Arlington sale on Dec. 12. Lantern Parade in 2016. Yeti event for kids with some music.
- Moving Words: Placards are on the bus, held a student event with awards.
- Art Truck: Deputy Manager Carol Mitten has approved. We have reached out to AFAI and Community Foundation for funding.
- CultureCapital: Director Michelle Isabelle-Stark has been elected to the Board.
- Clarification of Roles of Jacqueline (Jax) Baires-Denier and Joan Lynch: Jax will be responsible for the Go Program and external forms. All questions will go to a dedicated email address for grant questions. Joan will send out that information to supported arts groups. Jax will conduct workshops, but Joan will be present. Joan is looking for panelists in Music, Dance, Theater, and heritage/folklore.

#### 5. Committee Reports

1. **Facilities and Capacity Building Committee** – No Report
2. **Public Art Committee** – Commissioner Murphy reported that the PAC had approved artist Joe O'Connell for the Gables North Rolfe Street I project; Cliff Garten's original concept for Central Place was deemed unfeasible due to engineering issues and that the project is being reworked; A meeting is occurring tonight by FBC AWG for the Columbia Pike Village Center. Artist Kendra Haste has been selected to create wire mesh sculptures of bears that will be located in an urban landscape project; Ballston Public Bridge will be a public art project. The artist must be selected by early January; Lee Highway design charrette occurred last weekend with large turnout; The Nauck project by Walter Hood is moving forward. Mr. Hood will be coming in December to meet with community members; Artist Vivian Beer, who is creating the public art street furniture piece for the Hyatt Place Hotel in Courthouse also has a piece in the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

#### 6. Task Force Reports

- a. **Speak Up for Art** – Discussed in Chair's report.
- b. **Surcharge Issue** – No Report
- c. **Event for New Board** – No Report

**7. Update on Local Projects**

- a. **Long Bridge Park** – No report.
- b. **Facilities Work Group** – Commissioner Patch reported that this will be under staff review until February 2016, after which public comment will be commenced. It will be presented to the County Board in Fall 2016.
- c. **Public Space Master Plan** – No report.

**8. Old Business**

- Commissioner Goler noted that when County Board member Garvey met with the Commission in an earlier meeting she said she would report back to the Commission on the status of AFAI, which was to be a vehicle for private funding of the arts for Arlington. Ms. Isabelle-Stark suggested that Commission Chair Kopenhaver email Peter Greenwald to inquire about the future of the foundation.

**9. New Business**

- a. Commissioner Cadby informed all that she would be stepping down from the Commission, possibly in December 2015.

**12. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.*

The next meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts will be held 7:00 pm, Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 1100 North Glebe Road, 15 Floor, Arlington VA 22201.