

Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2016

Members Present		Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests
J. Kopenhaver, Chair	C. Murphy	J. Hensley	M. Isabelle-Stark	
W. Baez	C. Patch	M. Semmel	C. Richmond	
R. Goler	L. Sarli	J. Zeeman	C. Mitten (CMO)	
B. Johnson	T. Worden			
L. Lombard	C. Velazquez			

**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 7:10 pm.

**2. Conversation with Deputy County Manager Carol Mitten**

- Carol Mitten and Commission members discussed topics related to funding the arts, collaboration, diversity and infrastructure. Ideas about enhancing the effectiveness of the Commission and providing additional support for the arts in Arlington were also included.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

*Motion to approve minutes as amended from the June 22, 2016 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Goler and seconded by Commissioner Lombard. The motion passed unanimously.*

**4. Chair's Report**

- Chair Kopenhaver reported that CAD staff has determined that Dance Asia's grant application is complete and they will be scheduled for space and services.
- Chair Kopenhaver and Commissioner Hensley met with the representative of Prio Bangla to discuss the Commission's decision to prohibit their receiving space and services in FY2017. Additional information regarding Prio Bangla's need for rehearsal space for their planned street festival was provided. Commissioner Hensley suggested that the Commission consider the following motion at the July 27 meeting.

*Motion to allow Prio Bangla to receive rehearsal space, as available, at Studio 3700 for their September 18, 2016 Street Festival, thereby amending the motion made at the June 22 Arts Commission meeting was made by Chair Kopenhaver and seconded by Commissioner Goler. The motion passed unanimously.*

- She reported on the formation of two Task Forces: 1) Arts Strategy (Commissioner Sarli as lead with Commissioners Semmel and Hensley participating), and 2) Grants (Commissioner Patch as lead with Commissioners Goler and Johnson participating).
- Jeff Zeeman has agreed to be Chair and will be appointed in September by the County Board.

**5. Public Art Committee Report**

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- Commissioner Murphy reported the following:
  - Walter Hood's concept for Nauck Town Square was approved and he will return in the fall to present a more refined plan.
  - The Village Center project is on hold and the Committee is expecting a revised proposal in September.
  - Artist Linda Hesh has been selected for her proposed Civic sculpture which will live outside the Courthouse Plaza in September.

## 6. Cultural Affairs Division Director's Report

- Director Michelle Isabelle Stark briefed the Commission on several recent and planned activities:
  - Arlington Art Truck funding was approved by County Board at recessed meeting July 19 (4-1).
  - Poet Laureate Katherine E. Young inducted at County Board recessed meeting July 19. Ms. Young was featured among the movers and shakers pictured in "Guest List" in the August, 2016 issue of Washingtonian magazine.
  - Dark Star Park Day is Monday, August 1 at 9:32am.
  - The Final Global-Phonic @ the Library event will be August 4 at 5:30pm featuring Elena y los Fulanos, a bilingual folk rock band based in Washington, DC.
  - Culture Capital Value Statements for Supported Arts Groups was distributed.

## 7. Update on Local Projects

- Four Mile Run Valley Plan—No Report
- Master Spaces Working Plan – No Report

## 8. Old Business

- Farewell to Commissioner Baez as she ends her 6 years serving on the Commission

## 9. New Business

- None

## 10. Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.* The next regular meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts will be held 7:00 pm, Wednesday, September 27, 2016 at 1100 North Glebe Road, 15 Floor, Arlington VA 22201.