

Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2015

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

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 7:08pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the July 22, 2015 regular meeting was proposed by Commissioner Sarli and seconded by Commissioner Patch. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Chair's Report

- Commission Chair Kopenhaver recognized the work Commissioner Velazquez is doing with Toastmasters and raising awareness for arts in the region in particular with Dominion Stage and their production of *Carrie, the Musical* where there will also be a costume competition.
- She reported that there were conversations with each County Board member and appearances at the County Board meeting and Planning Commission meeting discussion regarding the Courthouse Sector Plan and the need for performance space. She thanked Commissioners Sarli and Semmel for their help.
- The Arts Grants workshop held on Saturday September 26 was attended by approximately 10 Groups. Commissioners Goler, Murphy and Hensley were there and helped field questions.
- Commissioner Kopenhaver reiterated how important collaboration among arts groups is and encouraged Commissioners to bring members of other organizations to shows and events.

4. Cultural Affairs Division Director's Report

- Director Michelle Isabelle-Stark Cultural Affairs introduced staff member Jacqueline Baires who will be helping with the Grants Program this year. She previously worked at Artisphere.
- Isabelle-Stark presented the first quarterly update of the activities of the Cultural Affairs Division (CAD). She reported that they are now 4 divisions within CAD: 1) Cultural Development; 2) Facilities and Technical Services; 3) Public Art; 4) Arts Enterprise Initiative.

5. Committee Reports

- a. **Facilities and Capacity Building Committee** – No Report
- b. **Public Art Committee** – Commissioner Murphy reported that the last Food Star meeting will be happening on October 21 from 7-9pm. When the plan will be presented. She thanked members of the Commission who worked to help pass the Realize Sector Plan. She also reported that the Public Art Guidelines have been finalized. Commissioner Hensley provided an update on the art fence at the water control facility.

6. Task Force Reports

- a. **Speak Up for Art** – Commissioner Patch reported that they have a basic draft of an email that they will be sending out to encourage people to go before the County Board with authentic statements about how arts made a difference in their lives.
- b. **Surcharge Issue** – Commissioner Goler asked if anyone has history or information about the surcharge please send to him.
- c. **Event for New Board** – No Report

7. Update on Local Projects

- a. **Realize Rosslyn** – Commissioner Hensley reported that the plan was approved and that the Corridor of Light project is not completely protected but it is still alive. He also reported that the 18th St corridor will have a public art master plan.
- b. **Long Bridge Park** – No Report
- c. **Courthouse Square** – Commissioner Sarli informed the Commission of his disappointment that the language in the document is generic regarding cultural resources although attempts were made to have more specific language about performance space.
- d. **Facilities Work Group** – Commissioner Patch told Commission members that a draft report of the Communities and Facilities Committee is available.
- e. **Public Space Master Plan** – No report

8. Strategic Plan Update

- Consultant Richard Brewster walked through the input he has received so far from interviews and focus groups.

9. Old Business --

- None

10. New Business

- a. Commissioner Goler announced a new community radio station in Arlington (WERA-FM) and asked for programming ideas.

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, October 28, 2015 at 1100 North Glebe Road, 15 Floor, Arlington VA 22201.