

Minutes Meeting

November 19, 2014

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

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Janet Kopenhaver welcomed members. The regular meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts was called to order by Janet Kopenhaver at 7:08pm. Members welcomed newly appointed Director of Cultural Affairs Michelle Isabelle-Stark and introductions were made within the group.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Robert Goler to approve the minutes, with a correction of New Cultural Affairs Director name spelling, of the October 29, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Chair's Report

Janet Kopenhaver announced that Shristee has a performance at T.J on December 20, 2014. She urged Commissioners to get tickets to attend as this is their only show.

Jim Byers and Joan Lynch have upcoming workshops upcoming in late February. More details will be provided soon and we ask that Commissioners urge their groups to attend. Also we want to have at least one Commissioner attend each workshop.

Women's Voices Theater Festival is being organized for 2015. This effort will have local DMV theaters performing plays written by women. Arts Commissions is offering their support through letters or other outreach efforts.

Effective social media meeting workshop is scheduled at our December 17, 2014 Commission meeting. Tina Henry-Barrus from Artisphere will be giving us pointers.

4. Cultural Affairs Report

Michelle Isabelle-Stark is looking forward to using her expertise from her experience in Suffolk County, New York to develop a strategic plan for marketing and branding in the Arlington Community Arts and Cultural Affairs. She is still working on ironing out a social media project in conjunction with her ideas for marketing. Ms. Isabelle-Stark is enthusiastic about working with the Commission and supported arts groups.

5. Committee and Task Force Reports

a. *Facilities and Capacity Building Committee – Tina Worden*

Tina and her Committee members had made suggested edits to the challenge grant guidelines and submitted them to Joan Lynch. Joan will be sending out the 2016 guidelines to arts groups at the end of the month.

b. *Public Art Committee - Jon Hensley*

Jon presented the credentials of two individuals that the PAC was recommending to the Commission for positions on the PAC: Kameron Arooon and Sunny Evangelista Carroll. A question was asked about whether Kameron had to either live or work in Arlington. Jon explained that his company does the majority of their work in Arlington even though they are physically located in Alexandria so he was very familiar with the County. The motion was presented by Robert Goler to accept the recommendation of the PAC and appoint these two individuals to the PAC. The motion was passed unanimously.

6. Local Projects

a. **Courthouse Square – Jon Hensley**

The cultural aspect of the center at courthouse is being discussed. The Historical Society wants to take over the space and has submitted a letter to the County Board. A letter has also been sent by the ACA requesting a stand-alone indoor theatrical space to the County Board. A meeting about the subject is being held simultaneously with the current Arts Commission meeting tonight.

7. Old Business - none

8. New Business – The fiscal year 2016 budget was discussed. Janet will be attending a meeting with the County Manager in mid-December to get a briefing on the budget situation. The Commission will likely again be asking for an increase in the grants budget, but no firm decisions have been made.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Next Arts Commission Meeting: Wednesday, December 17, 2014, 7:00p.m., at AED.

Facilities and Capacity Building Committee: TBD

Public Art Committee Meeting: January 7, 2015, AED