

Meeting Minutes
 March 23, 2016

Members Present		Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests
J. Kopenhaver, Chair	C. Murphy	L. Lombard	J. Byers	R. Brewster
W. Baez	C. Patch	J. Russell	H. Crawford	K. Cristol
R. Goler	M. Semmel	L. Sarli	D. Ehlen	L. Lattimer
J. Hensley	T. Worden	C. Velazquez	M. Isabelle-Stark	M. Miller
B. Johnson		J. Zeeman	J. Lynch	
			A. O'Dell	
			C. Richmond	
			J. Stoltzfus	

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.

With County Board member Katie Cristol in attendance, Commission members introduced themselves and then provided brief highlights about the Supported Arts Groups with whom they serve as Commission liaisons. Ms. Cristol thanked the Commissioners for the information and reflected upon the frequently reiterated need for additional performing space that Supported Arts Groups desire.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the February 17, 2016 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Hensley and seconded by Commissioner Goler. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Chair's Report

- Chair Kopenhaver reported to the Commission that Commissioner Jean Russell has tenured her resignation from the Arts Commission.

4. Cultural Affairs Division Director's Report

- Director Michelle Isabelle Stark provided a status report of the Strategic Plan for the Arts in Arlington.
- Cultural Affairs Division staff presented an overview of activities and plans for the Division.
- Staff member O'Dell provided an overview of the Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 Survey and requested a Commission contact to help with the engagement of Supported Art Groups. Commissioner Worden volunteered for the role.
- Staff Member Stoltzfus highlighted the new speaker series "The Lawn Chair Talks", an interactive evening at Arlington Arts Center that brings together local artists and entrepreneurs.

5. FY2017 Grants Program

- Commissioner Kopenhaver reminded Commissioners that Spotlight Grants for Individual Artists will be discussed at the April 27 meeting.

6. Old Business

- None

7. New Business

- Commission Baez briefed the Commission on the event to be held on May 16 for Supported Arts Groups. Donna Walker-Kuhne, author of “Invitation to the Party: Building Bridges to the Arts, Culture and Community” will be featured.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts will be held 7:00 pm, Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 1100 North Glebe Road, 15 Floor, Arlington VA 22201.