

Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2016

Members Present		Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests
J. Kopenhaver, Chair	M. Semmel	W. Baez	H. Crawford	C. Lieber
J. Hensley	C. Velazquez	R. Goler	M. Isabelle-Stark	A. McNeil
B. Johnson	J. Zeeman	C. Patch	J. Lynch	F. Argun
L. Lombard		L. Sarli	A. O'Dell	T. Prewitt
C. Murphy		T. Worden	C. Richmond	L. Lattimer
				T. Young
				A. Sweeney

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. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the May 25, 2016 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Velazquez and seconded by Commissioner Zeeman. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Grant Issues

- Dance Asia was denied a FY2017 Space and Services grant because their application was incomplete. A mix-up with email notification resulted in Dance Asia not being able to participate in the appeals process. The Commission felt they should address these extenuating circumstances.

Motion to award Dance Asia a Space and Services grant contingent upon their clearing up all deficiencies on their application by close of business July 1, 2016. Should they satisfy this requirement and be awarded a Space and Services grant, Dance Asia's requests for space will be satisfied after all other organizations that submitted complete and timely applications are scheduled. This motion was made by Commissioner Hensley and seconded by Commissioner Zeeman. The motion passed with 6 votes for and 1 opposed.

- Because organizations that were awarded financial grants received adjusted amounts due to funding constraints, it was felt that the Commission needed to offer grantees the opportunity to provide the Commission with a revised scope of activity. The Commission also agreed that the final report for grant recipients should contain a narrative description of the project work performed in addition to the other information asked for in the final report. A letter will be drafted and sent to organizations that received FY2017 financial grants.
- Cultural Affairs Facility and Technical Manager, Hal Crawford reported an extremely unpleasant and unprofessional experience at a May 29 performance of the Prio Bangla organization. He cited incidents where County policy and laws were violated, behaviors of individuals in the organization were egregious, and directions from staff were not followed. He sought support from the Commission on repercussions.

Motion to prohibit Prio Bangla from receiving space and services in FY2017, including their July 2017 event, by rescinding their grant because of their failure to comply with the terms and policies of the grant award and for inappropriate and hostile behavior towards County staff was made Commissioner Hensley and seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

A letter will be drafted by the Chair Kopenhaver and sent to the organization informing them of the Commission's decision.

4. Chair's Report

- Chair Kopenhaver reported that she has been notified that she will continue to serve as Commission chair in an Acting capacity until September 30, 2016, at which time she will step down.
- The Commission review and approved the proposed FY 2017 meeting schedule. In addition they agreed that there will be no Commission meeting in August.

5. Public Art Committee Report

- Commissioner Murphy reported that there was no PAC meeting this pass month. Artist Cliff Garten tested his Corridor of Light Project. The next PAC meeting is planned for July 6.

6. Cultural Affairs Division Director's Report

- Director Michelle Isabelle Stark briefed the Commission on several recent and planned activities:
 - Poet Laureate Induction Ceremony – Katherine E. Young will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 3:00 PM-4:00 PM at the County Board Recessed Meeting 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Room 307
 - Lubber Run Amphitheater Music Festival opened June 17 with Signature Cabaret. The season includes 26 concerts programmed by Cultural Affairs and 5 children's concerts programmed by Lubber Run Foundation.
 - Columbia Pike Blues Festival, June 18, included several activities intended to facilitate building an arts community from the ground up: Art Island, Art on the Art Bus featuring Marissa Long, a Community Mural with David Amoroso, and Recipe Art Project with Sushmita Mazumdar.
 - Artspace Projects – Cultural Affairs will be looking for assistance from Arts Commission in identifying participants for a feasibility study.

7. Update on Local Projects

- Four Mile Run Valley Plan-- Commissioner Zeeman reported that a walking tour of the area is planned for June 4.

8. New Business

- Left Bank Alliance – Tom Prewitt (WSC AvantBard) and Laura Lattimer (Jane Franklin Dance) presented their concept of developing an alliance of arts organizations that are located or perform along the "left bank" of Four Mile Run in order to collaborate in terms of working together and marketing.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm. The next regular meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts will be held 7:00 pm, Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 1100 North Glebe Road, 15 Floor, Arlington VA 22201.