

arlington arts

A Division of Arlington Economic Development

Cultural Affairs Director's Report for the Arlington Commission for the Arts
May 23, 2018

I. Informational:

1. Artist Studios at 3409 Wilson Blvd.

The ownership of 3409 Wilson Blvd was transferred from Wilson Condo LLC to ARC 3409 Condominium Unit Owners Association ("Association") in August 2017. The Association revised the Artist Management Plan for how site plan #377 condition #59(e) is to be implemented by the property owner, including the addition of goals and objectives, and more specificity on lease management terms for the artist studios. The revised Plan was approved by Mark Schwartz on March 23, 2018.

- No leases have been in force since the end of 2015;
- There are three artist-tenants remaining that have been renting month-to-month;

2. Arlington Artspace Results

Total respondents who took the survey: 379

Interest in affordable artist live/work space: 187

Interest in private studio or creative space: 144

Interest in shared creative space: 162

Interest in shared performing space: 126

Respondents NOT interested in space: 47

Final Report expected in August/September

3. Four Mile Run Valley Policy Framework adopted by County Board May 19

The framework highlights the overall vision and conceptual plans for the area, and identifies the policy-related actions needed to realize the vision. It will guide staff, the County's consultants and the community in developing the details for a final Area Plan and Park Master Plan.

Staff supports the Arts District idea and recommends further study after Area Plan adoption to determine details – develop a strategy for expanding arts in the study area, evaluate designation of a Arts District, develop implementation tools, seek opportunities to incorporate public art.

II. Action:

None

III. Discussion

Facilities Readiness Training: What is needed as an organization to be “facilities ready?”

Do we need a Cultural Facilities Planning Study for certain areas, similar to WRAPS (Western Rosslyn Area Planning Study), a County-led community planning process, completed in 2015, that created a vision and Area Plan for the Wilson School and surrounding sites?

In particular, Mixed-use superblock at 1555 Wilson Boulevard

The approved site plan at 1555 Wilson Boulevard is for a 2.72-acre site currently owned by Penzance and Arlington County. The project will replace an existing commercial office building, Fire Station No. 10 and Rosslyn Highlands Park with two multi-family residential buildings, underground parking, ground floor retail, **a new fire station** and a redeveloped Rosslyn Highlands Park. **A public-private partnership between the County and the developer will leverage the private development at 1555 Wilson as a means to offset the costs of construction a new fire station, street and park.**