

Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2018

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Marsha Semmel, Chair	X		Tina Worden, Vice Chair	X	
Terri Baumann	X		Felecia McFail	X	
Carl Bedell	X		Carol Patch	X	
David Carlson	X		James Swindell	X	
Andres Dietz-Chavez	X		Carlos Velázquez	X	
Susannah Haworth Dunn	X		Tiffany Young		X
Robert Goler		X	Jeff Zeeman		X
Jon Hensley	X				

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts was called to order at 7:11 pm. Chair Semmel welcomed Members and guests Karen Rosales, Leo Sarli, and Sushmita Mazumdar.

2. Information Item:

- **Valley Fest 2018:** Karen Rosales provided information to Members about Valley Fest, an event to be held in 4 Mile Run Valley on September 30 (see Attachment 1).

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the June 27, 2018 regular meeting was made by Member Swindell and seconded by Member Bedell. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

- Chair Semmel thanked Members for their participation at the 2018 Arlington County Fair. The banner used at the fair was provided by the County and is available for other Commission-related engagement opportunities.
- Chair Semmel reported on the debate hosted by Embracing Arlington Arts and AIM on arts in Arlington between County Board Member John Vihstadt and County Board Candidate Matt De Ferranti.
- She also reported that County Board Liaison Erik Gutshall will attend the October meeting of the Arts Commission.
- Chair Semmel thanked Members who talked with her about their committee and task force interests and will be presenting the Commission's FY 2019 work program at the September meeting.

5. Cultural Affairs Division Chief's Report

- Director Isabelle-Stark provided an activity report for CAD (see Attachment 2).

6. Action Item:

- a) **Cultural Facilities Task Force:** Vice Chair Worden asked past Member Sarli to present CFTF's draft report (see Attachment 3). After much discussion the following motion was put forward:

Motion to adopt the Cultural Facilities Task Force's report entitled "A Framework for Arlington's Cultural Spaces" with edits approved by Chair Semmel and Vice Chair Worden was made by Vice Chair Worden and seconded by Member Jon Hensley. The motion carried with 11 votes for and 1 abstention (Carlson).

7. Information Items:

- a) **Arlington County Fair Task Force:** Member Patch held the drawing for the 3 raffle prizes: (1) Signature Theatre tickets, (2) The Arlington Players tickets and (3) a gift basket from the National Chamber Ensemble. Winners will be notified and prizes will be sent.
- b) **Grants Program Committee:** Member Velázquez reported that the Grants Program Committee will have draft FY 2019 Arts Grants Guidelines for the Commission to consider in September.
- c) **Grants Review Committee:** Members were notified that FY 2019 Grants Day is likely to be held Saturday, March 4, 2019.
- d) **Public Art Committee:** Member Hensley reported on the success of Dark Star Park Day and the rave reviews about the Corridor of Light at Central Place.
- e) **Cultural Equity Task Force:** Member Dietz-Chavez reported that the Committee is moving forward with Cultural Equity training. Chair Semmel reported that she has invited Laura Huerta Migus to discuss why Cultural Equity is important at the October meeting.

8. Update on Local Projects

- Four Mile Run Valley Plan – Vice Chair Worden reported on the open house meeting to be held Wednesday, September 5, to discuss the Four Mile Run Valley Park Plan.

9. Old Business

- None

10. New Business

- Member Velázquez provided information about a potential outreach opportunity to be held August 26 at the Buckingham Community group. He also discussed potential art spaces associated with APAH facilities.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.