

Meeting Minutes
 September 26, 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		Jeff Zeeman	X	
Robert Goler	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 7:12 pm. Chair Semmel welcomed Members and guests Stacey Mickelson and Heidi Zimmer from Artspace.

2. Presentation:

- **Arts Space Market Study:** Mr. Mickelson (VP Government Relations) Ms. Zimmer (SVP Property Development) presented the results of the Artspace Arts Market Study (see Attachment 1).

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the August 22, 2018 regular meeting was made by Member Bedell and seconded by Member Dunn. The motion passed 9 for, 0 against and 1 abstention (Zeeman). Member Goler was not present for the vote.

4. Chair's Report

- Chair Semmel reported that Member Tiffany Young resigned from the Commission and thanked her for her service. The Commission will begin recruiting for applicants that are aligned with some of the key strategies of *Enriching Lives* including connections to the business community.
- Chair Semmel drew attention to the recent article in the Washington Post about the tough budget year that Arlington is facing in FY 2020 and expressed her hopes to find funds for challenge grants.
- Chair Semmel announced the formation of a Task Force -- tentatively called Arts and Economic Prosperity -- to be chaired by Carl Bedell.

5. **Cultural Affairs Division Chief's Report**

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

6. **Action Item:**

- a) **FY 2020 Arts Grants Guidelines:** Grants Program Committee Chair Velazquez provided an overview of the draft Guidelines for FY 2020 Arts Grants (see Attachments 3 and 4). After much discussion the following motion was put forward:

Motion to accept the FY 2020 Guidelines for Cultural Grants and Individual Artist Grants as presented, with the deletion of evaluation question #2 in the Guidelines for Individual Artists, was made by Chair Semmel and seconded by Member Carlson. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **Information Items:**

- a) **Arlington County Fair Task Force:** Committee Chair Patch reported that the Task force will resume its work in the spring.
- b) **Grants Program Committee:** See Action Item
- c) **Grants Review Committee:** Members were notified that FY 2020 Grants Day will be April 27, 2019 and the Commission will meet on May 1 instead of April 24 to accommodate the FY 2020 grants process.
- d) **Public Art Committee:** No report.
- e) **Cultural Equity Task Force:** Task Force Chair Semmel reported that Laura Huerta Migus will attend the October meeting and that the Commission and Cultural Affairs Division are moving forward with plans for Cultural Equity training.

8. **Update on Local Projects**

- Four Mile Run Valley Plan – Vice Chair Worden reported that the Working Group has ended. The County Board will adopt the plan in November.

9. **Old Business**

- Member Velázquez reported that he attended a meeting held by the Arlington Community Equity Network.

10. **New Business**

- Member McFail showed drawings of FY 2019 Individual Artist Grantee Romeo Taylor's project which will be panels on vacant buildings in Nauck.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.