

Meeting Minutes
October 24, 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 7:09 pm. Chair Semmel welcomed members and guests Erik Gutshall from the Arlington County Board and Laura Huerta Migus from the Association of Children’s Museums.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the September 26, 2018 regular meeting was made by Member Bedell and seconded by Member Dietz-Chavez. The motion passed 9 for, 0 against and 3 abstentions (Baumann, Hensley, Dietz-Chavez).

3. Chair’s Report

- Chair Semmel welcomed County Board Member Gutshall and asked him to comment on issues that might affect arts and culture in Arlington. Gutshall discussed the FY 2020 budget shortfall and how art should be more integrated into County services including planning, schools, and transportation. He pointed to the potential success with the 4 Mile Run Valley Plan where zoning and economic tools may be used to incentivize a business/arts district. In the fast-moving world, Gutshall sees a need to make Arlington nimbler and is willing to support small pilot programs. A robust conversation with Commission members ensued.

4. Speaker/Guest Presentation:

- **Achieving Equity in the Arts: A Beginning Dialogue** -- Laura Huerta Migus led a conversation that included strategies for cultural equity and facilitated an exercise about (see Attachment 1).

5. Cultural Affairs Division Chief’s Report

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

6. Action Items:

- None

7. Committee/Task Force Reports:

- a) **Engagement Committee:** Committee Chair Dunn reported that the committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday November 6.
- b) **Grants Program Committee:** Committee Member Worden reported that Grants Preparation Workshop will be held in November and requested that Commissioners attend one workshop.
- c) **Grants Review Committee:** No report.
- d) **Public Art Committee:** Committee Chair Hensley reported that the Public Art Master Plan (PAMP) is in final draft.
- e) **Cultural Equity Task Force:** Task Force Chair Semmel reported that she and CAD Director Isabelle-Stark will be working with a contractor to arrange for cultural equity training of Commissioners and staff.
- f) **Youth Ambassador Task Force:** Member Worden reported that the Task Force will hold its first meeting on November 19.
- g) **Cultural Facilities Task Force:** Member Worden reported that the Arts Commission adopted report “A Framework for Arlington’s Cultural Spaces” was presented to the Economic Development Commission at its October meeting and received a positive review.
- h) **Arts and Prosperity Task Force:** Task Force Chair Bedell reported that the Task Force will be developing a work program and talking points.

8. Update on Local Projects

- **Four Mile Run Valley Plan:** Vice Chair Worden reported that the County Board will adopt the plan in November.
- **Plan Lee Highway:** Carol Patch agreed to serve on the Community Forum as the Arts Commission liaison.

9. Old Business

- Member Carlson reported on the success of the AVAST studio tour and will provide information to the Commission when a full evaluation is complete.

10. New Business

- None.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.