

Meeting Minutes
 January 23, 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	Sarah McDonald*	X	
Carl Bedell	X		Felecia McFail	X	
David Carlson	X		Carol Patch	X	
Andres Dietz-Chavez	X		James Swindell	X	
Susannah Haworth Dunn		X	Carlos Velázquez	X	
Robert Goler	X		Jeff Zeeman	X	
Jon Hensley	X				

* Non-voting member

** Phoned in due to illness

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts was called to order at 7:07 pm. Chair Semmel welcomed guests Anika Kwinana and Anne Curley.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the December 19, 2018 regular meeting was made by Commission member Swindell and seconded by Commission member McFail. The motion passed 11 for (Goler was not present for the vote), 0 against, and 1 abstention (Dietz-Chavez).

3. Presentation and Discussion: Creative Justice in the Arts – Quanice Floyd,

- Chair Semmel introduced Ms. Floyd, who then led Commission members in a discussion about cultural equity in the arts. (see Attachment 1). Ms. Floyd will continue working with the Commission at future meetings.

4. Chair’s Report

- Chair Semmel discussed the letter she sent to County Board Chair Dorsey about the FY 2020 Budget and thanked Commission members for their input and comments (see Attachment 2). She also referred to an article she distributed -- “Multiyear and Unrestricted: The Grants of Nonprofit Dreams Come to Life” – that addresses new approaches to grantmaking related to social and cultural equity issues (see Attachment 3).
- The Final Cultural Facilities Task Force Report and Executive Summary were distributed (see Attachments 4 and 5). The report will now go to a designer and then will be ready for public distribution.

- Chair Semmel announced that County Board Liaison Katie Cristol is scheduled to attend the February 27 Commission meeting. Commission members were asked for ideas about topics that they would like to discuss with her.

5. Cultural Affairs Division Chief's Report

- Director Isabelle-Stark provided an activity report for CAD (see Attachment 6).

6. Committee/Task Force Reports:

- a) **Engagement Committee:** Committee Member David Carlson reviewed materials that were distributed to Commission members (see Attachment 7).
- b) **Grants Program/Review Committee:** Committee Chair Velázquez reported a joint meeting between the Grants Program and Grants Review Committees will be scheduled shortly.
- c) **Public Art Committee:** Committee Chair Hensley reported that the Committee expects to receive the PAMP for review soon.
- d) **Cultural Equity Task Force:** No Report.
- e) **Youth Ambassador Task Force:** Task Force Chair Swindell reported that the Task Force recently met to continue considering alternative ways that the Commission can hear from youth voices about arts issues and opportunities.

7. Update on Local Projects

- **Plan Lee Highway:** Commission member Patch reported that the project's first meeting of the Community Forum will be held on February 12.

8. Old Business

- Commission member Bedell reported that he is working with CAD to have VMFA's Artmobile come to Arlington.
- Commission member Swindell reminded Commission members about registering for the Virginia Arts Advocacy Day to be held on January 31, 2019 in Richmond.

9. New Business

- Commission member Carlson reported on the grand opening of APAH's Columbia Hills building which will exhibit arts they have purchased from Arlington Artists. He also reported that he will be making a presentation to Ballston property managers and owners about the Community Collective.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.