

Meeting Minutes
 February 27, 2019

<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		Anika Kwinana	X	
Carl Bedell	X		Sarah McDonald*		X
David Carlson	X		Felecia McFail	X	
Anne Curley	X		Carol Patch	X	
Andres Dietz-Chavez		X	James Swindell	X	
Susannah Haworth Dunn	X		Carlos Velázquez	X	
Jon Hensley		X	Jeff Zeeman		X

* Non-voting member

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 guests Katie Cristol (County Board Liaison), Sara Duke (Encore Stage & Studio), Nancy Iacomini (Planning Commission Liaison).

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the January 23, 2019 regular meeting was made by Commission member Carlson and seconded by Commission member McFail. The motion passed 10 for, 0 against, and 2 abstentions (Baumann, Dunn).

3. Chair's Report

- At the Chair's request Staff Liaison Richmond reviewed the Cultural Affairs Division budget reductions included in *the County Manager's Proposed FY 2020 Budget* and presented important dates relative to the FY 2020 Budget review and adoption process (see Attachments 1 and 2).

4. Conversation with County Board Liaison Katie Cristol

- Commission members engaged in a robust conversation with County Board Liaison Katie Cristol on topics that included the role of government in the arts, the outlook for cultural facilities, Arlington's support for the arts, and how arts and culture can play a role in the County's equity efforts. Board Member Cristol

related to the Commission some of the factors she looks at when considering budget adjustments including the number of people affected, trends, what other jurisdictions are doing and equity.

5. Cultural Affairs Division Chief's Report

- Director Isabelle-Stark provided an activity report for CAD (see Attachment 3).

6. Committee/Task Force Reports:

- a) **Engagement Committee:** Committee Chair Dunn reported that the Committee is continuing to hone its approach to building positivity around the arts in Arlington through social media.
- b) **Grants Program/Review Committee:** Committee Chair Velázquez reported that the Grants Program and Grants Review Committees held a joint meeting to prepare for the grants review process. FY 2020 applications have been forwarded to the Grants Review Committee.
- c) **Public Art Committee:** No Report (see Director's Report for PAMP update).
- d) **Cultural Equity Task Force:** Chair Semmel reported that Quance Floyd had tabulated Commission member surveys and will be attending the March meeting.
- e) **Youth Ambassador Task Force:** Task Force Chair Swindell reported that the Task Force will schedule another meeting after the grants review process is completed in April.

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.
- **4MRV Arts & Industry District:** Commission member Worden reported that staff will hold the first meeting with the Technical Advisory Panel on March 1 (see Attachment 4).

8. Old Business

- Commission member Bedell reported that he is working with CAD to have VMFA's Artmobile come to Arlington.
- Commission member Swindell reported that the FY 2020 budget for the Virginia Commission for the Arts was increased by \$125,000.

9. New Business

- None.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.