

Meeting Minutes
May 1, 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		Felecia McFail	X	
David Carlson	X		Carol Patch		X
Anne Curley	X		James Swindell	X	
Andres Dietz-Chavez		X	Carlos Velázquez	X	
Susannah Haworth Dunn	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 7:09 pm.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the March 27, 2019 regular meeting was made by Commission member Hensley and seconded by Commission member Bedell. The motion passed with 10 for, 0 against, and 2 abstentions (Dunn and Baumann).

3. Chair's Report

- Chair Semmel opened her report by requesting that Vice Chair Worden discuss her work as Chair of the Arlington County Civic Federation's Cultural Affairs Committee. Worden told the Commission about the June 4 meeting where a presentation and panel discussion on cultural organizations in Arlington will be on the agenda.
- Chair Semmel led a discussion with Commission members by reviewing the FY 2020 County Board Budget Guidance and the County Manager's Proposed Transition Plan for Cultural Affairs (see Attachments 1 and 2).
- The County Board has asked the County Manger for a proposed scope of work that will include a review of community arts programs -- specifically the future operations of the CostumeLab, Scenic Studio and Mobile stage -- to be completed by arts stakeholders, County staff and consultants before the FY 2021 budget development process.
- The County Board accepted the County Manager's recommendations to work with the Arts Commission to revise the 1990 adopted Arlington County Arts Policy for the Support of Arts Organizations and Artists, and to reconfigure the Arts Grants Program for FY 2021. Chair Semmel asked Commission member

Kwinana to accept a special assignment and lead the Arts Commission’s effort, including forming a broader working group of stakeholders.

4. Cultural Affairs Division Chief’s Report

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

5. Action Item: Recommendations for FY 2020 Arts Grants Program

- Grants Review Committee Chair Velazquez led a discussion on the evaluation process for the FY 2020 Arts Grants at the April 27 Grants Day meeting (see Attachment 4).

Motion to approve the recommendations of the Grants Review Committee for the FY 2020 Individual Artist and Cultural Grants as outlined in Tables 1 and 2 was made by Commission member Hensley and seconded by Commission member Bedell. The motion carried unanimously.

Table 1.
Recommended Awards for Individual Artist Grants, FY 2020 Arts Grants Program

Artist	Recommended Award
Melanie Kehoss	\$5,000
Katherine Young	\$5,000
Susan Sterner	\$5,000
Jason Horowitz	\$0
Ariana Chaivararnon	\$0
Ryan McCoy	\$0
Negar Ahkhami	\$0
Tammar Stein	\$0
Total Funds	\$15,000

Table 2.
Recommended Awards for Innovative Project (IP) and General Operating Expenses (GOE) Grants,
FY 2020 Arts Grants Program

Organization	Grant Type	Adjusted Award Amount
Archanists, The	IP	\$1,613
Arlington Arts Center	IP	\$27,476
Arlington Independent Media	IP	\$7,772
Arlington Philharmonic Assn.	IP	\$21,491
Encore Stage & Studio	IP	\$27,397
Festival Argentino	IP	\$0
Jane Franklin Dance	IP	\$15,800
Marymount U. - Cody Gallery	IP	\$0
UrbanArias, Inc.	IP	\$0
WSC Avant Bard	IP	\$21,822
Arlington Artists Alliance	GOE	\$3,143
Arlington Players, The	GOE	\$14,024
Bowen McCauley Dance	GOE	\$13,366
Dominion Stage	GOE	\$3,168
Educational Theatre Company	GOE	\$12,674
Halau O'Aulani	GOE	\$5,147
National Chamber Ensemble	GOE	\$11,948
Opera NOVA	GOE	\$0
Synetic Theater	GOE	\$13,970
Total		\$200,810

6. **Committee/Task Force Reports:**

- a) **Engagement Committee:** Committee Chair Dunn reported that the Committee is continuing its efforts to publish testimonials and share stories on social media.
- b) **Grants Program/Review Committee:** No Report.
- c) **Public Art Committee:** Committee Chair Hensley reported the Committee met April 2 to approve three projects: the Ballston BID Canopy, Fire Station 10 artists, David and Eli Hess, and the artist team Thoughtbarn for the Centro Development Project. The Committee is still anticipating the PAMP update.
- d) **Cultural Equity Task Force:** Chair Semmel Chair Semmel also reported that while the Commission appreciated working with Quanice Floyd, it will not be working with her in the future and will be considering cultural equity in the other elements of its work program.

- e) **Youth Ambassador Task Force:** Task Force Chair Swindell reported that the Task Force will schedule another meeting now that the grants review process is completed.
- f) **Arlington County Fair Task Force:** Commission member Bedell reported that a location for the VMFA truck has been determined.

7. Update on Local Projects

- **Plan Lee Highway:** No Report.
- **4MRV Arts & Industry District:** Vice Chair Worden reported that the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) will hold its 5th meeting in June.

8. Old Business

- None

9. New Business

- None

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.