

Meeting Minutes

May 22, 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 7:07 pm. Chair Semmel welcomed guests Robert Wood (UrbanArias), Nancy Iacomini (Planning Commission Liaison) and Sarah Robinson.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the May 1, 2019 regular meeting was made by Commission Member Hensley and seconded by Commission Member McFail. The motion passed with 10 votes for, 0 votes against, and 2 abstentions (Patch and Zeeman).

3. Chair’s Report

- Chair Semmel presented the proposed FY 2020 Arts Commission meeting calendar (see Attachment 1). Semmel suggested that the Commission would not meet in July as in past years. All members agreed, although Commission Member Swindell suggested that if the Cultural Affairs Transition Plan required some time-sensitive Commission action, the Commission might need to convene in July.
- Semmel provided an update on community arts transition planning activities and mentioned that she and Commission Member Kwinana were hoping to meet soon with County Board Liaison Katie Cristol. She also passed out a draft communique that she would like distributed to all arts organizations (Attachment 2) and led a discussion about the importance of incorporating *Enriching Lives: Arlington Arts and Culture Strategy* as a foundation for Commission work going forward.

4. Cultural Affairs Division Chief’s Report

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

5. Action Item: Consideration of Appeals for FY 2020 Arts Grants

- Chair Semmel led a discussion and reviewed materials for the UrbanArias FY 2020 Arts Grant Appeal (see Attachment 4).

Motion to accept UrbanArias' FY 2020 Arts Grant appeal was made by Commission Member Zeeman and seconded by Commission Member Hensley. The motion failed with 4 votes for, 8 votes against and 0 abstentions.

6. Committee/Task Force Reports:

- a) **Engagement Committee:** Committee Member Baumann reported that she has been reviewing and coding the more than 200 arts related letters received by the County Board during the FY 2020 budget process. The Committee may be contacting certain letter writers to share their stories on social media. Baumann also asked that Commission members reach out to their liaison organizations to participate in the Committee's efforts to publish testimonials about "What arts can do".
- b) **Grants Program/Review Committee:** No Report.
- c) **Public Art Committee:** Committee Chair Hensley reported that per the [Public Art Program Guidelines](#), the Public Art Committee (PAC) requests that the Commission to vote to appoint Cassie Hurley as a member.

Motion to appoint Cassie Hurley to the Public Art Committee was made by Commission Member Hensley and seconded by Commission Member Zeeman. The motion passed 10 votes for, 0 votes against and 2 abstentions (Velazquez and Kwinana).

- d) **Cultural Equity Task Force:** No report.
- e) **Youth Ambassador Task Force:** No report.
- f) **Arlington County Fair Task Force:** Commission Member Zeeman agreed to lead the Commission's participation at the 2019 Fair.

7. Update on Local Projects

- **Plan Lee Highway:** Commission Member Patch reported that community input is still being collected.
- **4MRV Arts & Industry District:** Vice Chair Worden reported that the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) will hold its 5th meeting on June 10th.

8. Old Business

- Vice Chair Worden reported that the June 4, 2019 meeting of the Civic Federation will feature a panel discussion Arlington's Narrative: It's a Cultural Affair! that focuses on Goal 1 of *Enriching Lives: Arlington Arts and Culture Strategy*. Chair Semmel is one of five featured panelist representing Arlington cultural agencies and organizations. The discussion will be moderated by former County Board Member, Mary Hynes.

9. New Business

- Commission Member Bauman reported that the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington reached out to her. She will report back on any activities related to the organization.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.