

Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 2018

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeff Zeeman, Chair	X		Marsha Semmel, Vice Chair	X	
David Carlson	X		Felecia McFail	X	
Andres Dietz-Chavez		X	Alison McNeil		X
Susannah Haworth Dunn	X		Carol Patch	X	
Robert Goler	X		Leonardo Sarli	X	
Jon Hensley		X	Carlos Velazquez	X	
			Tina Worden	X	

## 1. Welcome and Call to Order

Commission Chair Zeeman welcomed member Commissioners and guest Robin Stombler. The regular meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts was called to order at 7:07 pm.

## 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

*Motion to approve minutes from the January 24, 2018 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Goler and seconded by Commissioner Carlson. The motion passed unanimously.*

## 3. Chair's Report

- Chair Zeeman reported that he and Vice Chair Semmel have been interviewing candidates to fill the two vacancies on the Commission.
- Vice Chair Semmel reported that the County Board has designated her to fill Commissioner Zeeman's seat as Commission Chair effective March 1. She reported that Commissioner Worden has agreed to serve as Vice Chair.

## 4. 4MRV Draft Policy Framework Presentation

- Richard Tucker, Principal Planner, CPHD and Marco Rivero, Principal Planner, DPR, presented the Draft Policy Framework which included an overview, draft concept plans, feedback and County Board Guidance (see Attachments 1 and 2).

## 5. Cultural Facilities Task Force Report

- Task Force Chair Sarli reported on the progress of the Task Force and introduced Consultant Mary Margaret Schoenfeld who led Commissioners in a facilitator training for the March 3 Community Visioning Engagement Session (see Attachment 3).

## 6. Cultural Affairs Division Chief's Report

- Director Isabelle-Stark provided an activity report for CAD (see Attachments 4 and 5) which included highlights about the County Manager's proposed budget cuts that will affect the Cultural Affairs Division and *Enriching Lives* Implementation items for March and April.
- She also reported on Step 2 of the Artspace Project which will include an Arts Market Study that will be launched on March 22, 2018 to assess the space needs of the arts community (see Attachment 6).

## 7. Grants Committee Report

- Commissioner Patch asked for a reconsideration of the Commission's January 24, 2018 vote to approve the FY 2018 Challenge Grant Guidelines (see Attachment 7) and presented a revised version for a 1-year program that matched new and increased donations.

*Motion to approve the FY 2018 Challenge Grant Guidelines as presented was made by Commissioner Patch and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. The motion passed with 9 votes for, 1 vote against, and no abstentions.*

- In a subsequent conversation, Commissioner Goler suggested that the Commission consider reducing the cap for FY 2018 Challenge Grant funding levels to \$5,000 for any one organization.

*Motion to reduce the cap for FY 2018 Challenge Grant Funding levels to \$5,000 was made by Commissioner Goler and seconded by Commissioner Sarli. The motion failed with 3 votes for, 6 votes against and 1 abstention (Patch).*

## 8. Strategy Committee Report

- Commissioner Semmel reported that the Committee will hold two Listening Sessions on March 26 with arts organizations. The purpose of the sessions will be to share *Enriching Lives: Arts and Culture Strategic Plan* and hear from them about their needs.

## 9. Public Art Committee

- No Report.

## 10. Arts and Diversity Committee

- Commissioner Velazquez reported that the Committee has reviewed the Arlington Arts and Culture Strategy and identified areas that address four pillars that will drive cultural equity in the arts (Diversity, Prosperity, Redistribution, Self-determination). The Committee has a three phase plan that includes addressing parity, inclusion and diversity.

## 11. Update on Local Projects

- Youth Project – No Report.
- Four Mile Run Valley Plan—Chair Zeeman reported that the Commission will draft a letter to the County Board providing comment on the Draft Policy Framework presented at the meeting.
- Master Spaces Working Plan (POPS) – Commissioner Sarli reported that a successful worksession was held with the County Board.

**12. Old Business**

- None

**13. New Business**

- None

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.

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