

Meeting Minutes
March 28, 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	
David Carlson	X		Felecia McFail	X	
Andres Dietz-Chavez	X		Carol Patch	X	
Susannah Haworth Dunn	X		Leonardo Sarli		X
Robert Goler	X		Carlos Velazquez		X
Jon Hensley	X		Jeff Zeeman		X

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Commission Chair Semmel welcomed Commissioners. 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 February 28, 2018 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Goler and seconded by Commissioner Patch. The motion passed with 7 votes for, 0 votes against, and 2 abstentions (Hensley, Dietz-Chavez).

3. Chair's Report

- Chair Semmel reported on the Arts Commission's budget statement she submitted at the County Board's FY 2019 budget worksession where she requested \$30,000 for the Challenge Grant program. She related that Sally Duran, Chair of the EDC, also requested Challenge Grant funds in the EDC's budget statement because of the resulting enhanced relationships between the program and Arlington's existing businesses.
- Semmel reported on the County Board's Recognition of Appreciation for Arlington's first Youth Ambassador to the Arts Commission, Avery Erskine, at its March 20 Board Meeting. The Commission will be considering future opportunities to appoint another Youth Ambassador for Fall 2018.
- Semmel stated that three candidates for Arts Commission appointment have been forwarded to the County Board for its consideration on April 24.

4. CREATIVE ECONOMY

- Susan Soroko, AED's Creative Economy Director, and EDC Commissioner Andy Blenkle presented information about Arlington's Creative Economy Program and how the Program's objectives align with both the Arts Commission's strategy, *Enriching Lives*, and the EDC's strategy, *Framework for Prosperity 2.0* (see Attachment 1 <https://youtu.be/G2Gmod6GTCE>)

5. Cultural Affairs Division Chief's Report

- Director Isabelle-Stark provided an activity report for CAD (see Attachment 2) which included programming highlights, facilities updates and information about activities in Public Art and Arts Enterprise.
- Isabelle-Stark also reported on the Anne Rowland photograph which is now on display in the County Board Room.
- CAD Special Curator Cynthia Connolly presented information about the Art Truck (see Attachment 3) which is being launched on April 4 in Crystal City. Commissioners were invited for a sneak peak of the truck after the meeting.

6. Cultural Facilities Task Force Report

- Task Force Member Commissioner Hensley provided an update of the Task Force's activities which included a Community Visioning Session held on March 3 at Kenmore Middle School. The Task Force is using the input from the 35+ attendees at the session to develop a draft Vision Statement that will be considered at its next meeting.

7. Grants Committee Report

- Commissioner Patch reported that the Committee is reviewing grant applications in anticipation of Grants Day (April 21).

8. Strategy Committee Report

- Commissioner Semmel reported on the two Listening Sessions held on March 26 with arts organizations. The purpose of the sessions was to review the vision from the Enriching Lives strategy and discuss what it would take to achieve that vision. Priority topics raised included facilities, grants, relationships with APS and marketing.

9. Public Art Committee

- Commissioner Hensley reported that the Committee will need to replace Committee member Joe Petty as he relocated out of Arlington.
- He also reported that the Committee approved Walter Hood's design for Nauck Town Square and the Freed sculpture.

10. Arts and Diversity Committee

- Commissioner Dietz-Chavez reported that the Committee is reworking its mission statement.

11. Update on Local Projects

- Youth Project – No Report.

- Four Mile Run Valley Plan— Commissioner Worden reported that the most recent meeting was cancelled because of snow. Chair Semmel informed that the Commission is drafting a letter to the County Board based on the Four Mile Run Valley Draft Policy Framework.
- Master Spaces Working Plan (POPS) – No Report.

12. Old Business

- None

13. New Business

- Chair Semmel reported that it has come to her attention that County funding for AIM was recommend for a significant reduction in the County Manager’s Proposed FY 2019 Budget. She suggested that the Commission draft a letter to the County Board in support of maintaining AIM’s funding levels.

Motion to a draft letter to the County Board in reaction to the County Managers Proposed reduction in funding for AIM was made by Commissioner Goler and seconded by Commissioner Hensley. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

