

Fredericksburg Arts Commission Minutes

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Video Conference:

URL: <https://zoom.us/j/97735414156>

Phone: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 977 3541 4156

In Attendance: Sophia Constantine, Kerry Devine, Jay Downey, Carole Garmon, Jason Graham (joined after meeting started), Kenneth Lecky

Absent: John Cunningham, Jason Graham, Sue Henderson, Jon McMillan, Jane Shelhorse

- Call to Order
 - The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm
 - This meeting was held electronically by ZOOM and telephone pursuant to City Council Ordinance 20-05, An Ordinance to Address Continuity of City Government during the Pendency of a Pandemic Disaster. The members that participated were: Sophia Constantine, Kerry Devine, Jay Downey, Carole Garmon, and Kenneth Lecky. Members of the public were invited to access this meeting by public notice on the City of Fredericksburg website. Public Comment may be made in writing by dropping them in the Deposit Box at City Hall, U.S. Mail, or email to the Clerk of Council.
- Welcome/Intro Guests & Community Members in attendance
 - Linda Kaup, Virginia Star Quilters
- Public Comment
- Approval of June Meeting Minutes
 - Jay Downey motioned to approve the June meeting minutes and July non-quorum meeting minutes, Carol Garmon seconded the motion
 - Roll call vote: Sophia Constantine, yes; Kerry Devine, yes; Jay Downey, yes; Carole Garmon, yes; Kenneth Lecky, yes
 - The motion to approve the June minutes passed unanimously
- Officer and Committee Reports
 - Treasurer's Report (Kenneth Lecky)
 - No Treasurer's report for this month
 - Still working off preliminary numbers from June
 - Funding (Kenneth Lecky and Jay Downey)
 - Vote on Art Support Applications
 - ❖ Five applicants: Semilla Cultural, Dance Matrix, Fredericksburg Area Museum, Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts, and Virginia Star Quilters.
 - ❖ The funding committee recommended the following for funding: Semilla Cultural: The Banyan tree of the Americas: Music Evolution in the African Diaspora, \$1,300; Dance Matrix: 4th Annual Performing Arts Festival, \$1,000; Fredericksburg Area

Museum: Sounds of Summer, \$1,000; FCCA: \$0; Virginia Star Quilters, No monetary support, but approve the purchase of a video camera (up to \$1000) and to reserve it for the their event in January 2021.

- ❖ After the committee met, the FCCA withdrew their application from consideration and will be submitting an updated application for the September deadline.
- ❖ Discussion with Linda Kaup regarding Virginia Star Quilter application
- ❖ Jay Downey motioned to approve funding for Semilla Cultural: The Banyan tree of the Americas: Music Evolution in the African Diaspora, \$1,300; Dance Matrix: 4th Annual Performing Arts Festival, \$1,000; and Fredericksburg Area Museum: Sounds of Summer, \$1,000, Kerry Devine seconded the motion.
- ❖ Roll call vote: Sophia Constantine, yes; Kerry Devine, yes; Jay Downey, yes; Carole Garmon, yes; Jason Graham, yes; Kenneth Lecky, yes
- ❖ The Motion to approve funding for Semilla Cultural: The Banyan tree of the Americas: Music Evolution in the African Diaspora, \$1,300; Dance Matrix: 4th Annual Performing Arts Festival, \$1,000; and Fredericksburg Area Museum: Sounds of Summer, \$1,000 passed unanimously
- Administrative (Kenneth Lecky)
 - No report
- Venues (Carole Garmon)
 - No report
- Public Art (Kenneth Lecky)
 - Vote on Public Sculpture Project jury recommendations
 - ❖ Jury panel consisted of Suzie Kim, Assistant Professor of Art History, UMW; Chris Gregson, Artist; Sue Henderson, FAC Commissioner
 - ❖ 3 positions available, 14 applicants; final locations yet to be determined
 - ❖ One of the recommended pieces from a Virginia Artist; One applicant from a Fredericksburg area artist
 - ❖ Jay Downey motioned to approve the Public Sculpture Project Jury's recommendation, Kerry Devine seconded the motion
 - ❖ Roll call vote: Sophia Constantine, yes; Kerry Devine, yes; Jay Downey, yes; Carole Garmon, yes; Jason Graham, yes; Kenneth Lecky, yes
 - ❖ The motion to approve the Public Sculpture Project Jury's recommendation passed unanimously
- Publicity (John Cunningham)

- City of Fredericksburg, VMFA and Virginians for the Arts funding opportunities shared on FAC social media
 - Trolley (Kenneth Lecky)
 - No report
 - Outreach (Sophia Constantine)
 - Working with Dave Lovegrove and another art teacher at James Monroe High School to start developing a program combining the FAC and city schools.
- Old Business
 - n/a
- New Business
 - Any sense of how the arts community is doing in Fredericksburg?
- Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm