

Fredericksburg Arts Commission Minutes

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Video Conference:

URL: <https://zoom.us/j/97479198960>

Phone: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 974 7919 8960

In attendance: Sophia Constantine, Jason Graham, Melanie Johnson, Kenneth Lecky, Alma Withers

Absent: Kerry Devine, Jon McMillan

- The meeting was called to Order at 6:30pm
 - This meeting was held electronically by video and telephone conference, pursuant to City Council Ordinance 20-05, An Ordinance to Address Continuity of City Government during the Pendency of a Pandemic Disaster.
 - The members who participated were: Sophia Constantine, Jason Graham, Melanie Johnson, Kenneth Lecky, and Alma Withers
 - Members of the public were invited to access this meeting by public notice on the City of Fredericksburg Government 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
 - Isha Renta – Semilla Cultural
 - Beverly Mendez – Dance Matrix
- Public Comment
 - None
- Approval of June Meeting Minutes
 - Alma Withers moved to approve the June minutes, Melanie Johnson seconded the motion
 - Roll call vote: Sophia Constantine, yes; Jason Graham, yes; Melanie Johnson, yes; Kenneth Lecky, yes; Alma Withers, yes
 - The motion to approve the June minutes was approved unanimously
- Officer and Committee Reports
 - Treasurer’s Report (Kenneth Lecky)
 - Kenneth presented the draft FY22 budget
 - The draft was updated to allocate an additional \$4,700 from rollover funds into the Art and Events Support (\$1,000), First Friday Trolley (\$3,000), and Art Publicity (\$700)
 - Jason Graham moved to approve the FY22 budget as updated; Melanie Johnson seconded the motion
 - The motion to approve the FY22 budget as updated passed by unanimous roll call vote
 - Funding (Kenneth Lecky)

- The Funding Committee met to discuss the four applicants and provided the following recommendations: \$960 for Sounds of Summer, \$930 for Semilla Cultural, \$930 for Fredericksburg Concert Band, and \$930 for Dance Matrix.
 - Jason Graham moved to accept the Funding Committee's recommendation; Melanie Johnson seconded the motion
 - The motion to accept the Funding Committee's recommendation passed by unanimous roll call vote
 - Administrative (Kenneth Lecky)
 - In person meetings will resume for all boards and commissions in August
 - The FAC will resume meeting at Dorothy Hart Community Center
 - Venues (Kenneth Lecky)
 - No report
 - Public Art (Kenneth Lecky)
 - There was only one applicant to the 2021-22 Public Sculpture Project, Patrick Andrews from Goldvein, VA, who submitted three pieces and has one piece currently displayed at the train station.
 - The Public Art Committee recommends that the FAC requests that the three works currently on display remain for another year and that the FAC accepts Patrick Andrews's *Union* to be displayed. The Committee recommends that the FAC offer a 75% stipend for the works that will remain (\$1,250 rather than the full \$2,000) and the full \$2,000 stipend for the new work.
 - Melanie Johnson moved to accept the Public Art Committee's recommendation; Alma Withers seconded the motion
 - The motion to accept the Public Art Committee's recommendation passed by unanimous roll call vote
 - Publicity (Melanie Johnson)
 - Melanie is preparing an application for a National Endowment for the Arts grant that is open to organizations like the FAC that provide funding for arts organizations and have programs of their own
 - Outreach (Sophia Constantine)
 - The Creative Conversations video series project is moving forward, planning to launch in January
 - Trolley (Kenneth Lecky)
 - The City's summer trolley continues along with the First Friday Trolley
 - Kenneth continues to work with the Fredericksburg Main Street-led committee to improve First Fridays
- Old Business
 - Not applicable
- New Business
 - Melanie Johnson suggested that the FAC investigate how to incentivize businesses and communities to incorporate public art into their properties

- Kenneth Lecky will coordinate with Jon McMillan to pursue an intern interested in art public policy
- Adjourn meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm