

Fredericksburg Arts Commission Minutes

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Dorothy Hart Community Center

408 Canal Street

Fredericksburg VA 22401

In attendance: Sophia Constantine, Kerry Devine, Stephen Hu, Kenneth Lecky, Jon McMillan, Pete Morelewicz, M.C. Morris, Melanie Johnson, Jason Graham

Absent: Joye Thomas, Alma Withers

- Called to Order at 7:10 pm
- Welcome/Intro Guests & Community Members in attendance
 - Julie Ellis and Pat Holland- Fredericksburg City Healthy Generations Area Agency on Aging. Julie told us about her idea for an Older Americans Month (May) celebration to connect elderly and the arts, promoting participation in the arts among elderly citizens- connection to health and well-being. Interested in applying for funding to assist with future event. Will connect with the funding committee for more info
- Public Comment
 - See above
- Approval of August Meeting Minutes
 - Approved by unanimous consent
- Officer and Committee Reports
 - Treasurer's Report (Kenneth Lecky)
 - Sounds of summer funding added
 - Three public sculpture payments
 - Retreat money
 - \$8000 left for next three quarters of Art Support funding
 - Approved by unanimous consent
 - Administrative (Kenneth Lecky)
 - FAM exhibition of African American art- possible involvement
 - Funding (Joye Thomas)
 - Three applications for next month's Arts Support grants
 - Melanie, Joye and MC working on a sponsorship packet- starting with public sculpture, then expanding to other programs
 - Generated list of benefits, including on-site recognition, special reception, media release, social media, etc.
 - List of potential sponsors to approach
 - Need to find sponsors this week for this year's sculptures
 - Public Art (Kenneth Lecky)
 - 3 new sculptures to be installed 9/30
 - Venues (Stephen Hu)

- Stephen is forming a new committee- so far: Trista Chapman, Tim Owen, Seth Casana, Donny Smooth
 - Searching for a representative from an art gallery
 - Publicity (Melanie Johnson)
 - No report
 - Outreach (Sophia Constantine)
 - Idea to post Arts Commission QR code/signage at the Art Attack sign-in area
 - Katora is having a “meet and greet” for area artists- possible venue to promote Art Commission (Sophia and Alma will attend a meeting and report back)
 - Trolley (Kenneth Lecky)
 - Back to one trolley with smaller route
 - Main Street organization is hiring a new coordinator- position posted
 - Possibility that “sip and stroll” will be postponed during cold weather months
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Pete: “Art Show Case” event at “Silver Collection” (residential community) on 10/8- concession sales will benefit Arts Commission
 - Melanie: what is protocol for publicizing committee meetings? Send to Clerk of Council to post publicly- at least 3 business days before the meeting. Notice will be posted on the city website
 - M.C.: \$250 art tax incentive for display of art in public (restaurants, shops, etc.). Idea for committees to come together to build list of venues to publicize incentive program so that we can expand it.
- Adjourned at 7:56 pm