

## Fredericksburg Arts Commission Minutes

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Dorothy Hart Community Center

408 Canal Street

Fredericksburg VA 22401

In attendance: Kerry Devine, Jason Graham, Stephen Hu, , Kenneth Lecky, Jon McMillan, , M.C. Morris, Joye Thomas, Alma Withers, Sophia Constantine

Absent:, Pete Morelewicz, Melanie Johnson

- Call to Order at 7:05pm
- Welcome/Intro Guests & Community Members in attendance
  - Jameka Terri- Actor who works at HAT Gallery (events and creative director)
  - Craig Vasey- President, Sister City Association- representing grant proposal
- Public Comment
- Approval of August Meeting Minutes
  - Jason moved, Joye seconded, unanimous vote to approve
- Officer and Committee Reports
  - Treasurer's Report (Kenneth Lecky)
    - Sculptures and new signs expenditures added (705 left)
    - Kerry mentioned using new city logo on new signs
    - 8000 left for arts support, 2266 per quarter if evenly divided
    - Approved by unanimous consent
  - Funding (Joye Thomas)
    - Vote on Q2 Art Support Funding requests
    - Dance Matrix- desire for new events, concerns raised about funding ongoing events, number of events each year to same organization
      - Recommendation: no funding for this application
    - Famfaire- Kerry expressed concern about supporting ongoing event, Suggests \$500 to support entertainment for event
      - M.C. suggests specifying the use of the funds when given and requesting specifics in the report to confirm
    - Craig Vasey discussed FXBG 4 Ukraine event (32auctions.com)
      - Jason: suggestion to provide \$500 for band payment
    - Motion: Jason makes a motion to approve funding in the amount of \$500 for FAM and \$500 for Sister City Association. Alma seconds, unanimous vote to approve
  - Administrative (Kenneth Lecky)
    - No report
  - Public Art (Kenneth Lecky)
    - Sculptures installed, article in Freelance Star
    - MC suggests event with artists and sponsors as way to recruit sponsors

- Suggestions to develop a better pitch for sponsorship/fundraising
  - Kerry suggested researching other public sculpture programs for funding ideas
  - Kerry volunteered to solicit donations, Sophia and Alma will help
  - M.C. and Kenneth will work on one page write up to distribute
  - Alma suggested making sure we establish proper credit for donors- thanking them publicly is important
  - Future newspaper article could expand/advertise mission and fundraising
  - Kerry suggests seasonal photos of sculptures for fundraising packet
- Venues (Stephen Hu)
  - Jameka Terri is joining the committee, Stephen is working on meeting times
  - Committee will start out as a sounding board for needs/desires in area
- Publicity (Kenneth Lecky)
  - Joye- idea to encourage artists to tag us on social media so that we stay active/relevant
  - Committee plans to meet to discuss website in November
- Outreach (Sophia Constantine)
  - Sophia spoke with owners of Katora café- they are sponsoring art performances, displays, etc. Sophia and Alma will attend upcoming events to promote the Arts commission
  - Plans to attend Earth Day event again
  - Jameka Terri suggests having a table or having the Arts Commission attend a First Friday event or to hold separate event for Arts Commission, drop off literature, etc to spread the word about funding opportunities
- Trolley (Kenneth Lecky)
  - Still hiring new Main Street admin
  - Sip and stroll may be postponed for winter months
- Old Business
  - none
- New Business
  - Kerry suggests that the Arts Commission add to award money for the return of the stolen Otter sculpture
    - Kerry: motion to donate \$100 to stolen Otter reward, second by Alma, unanimous vote to approve
  - Suggestion to visit Hat Gallery before next meeting in November- will work on details
- Adjourned at 8:11 pm