

Fredericksburg Arts Commission Minutes

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Dorothy Hart Community Center

408 Canal Street

Fredericksburg VA 22401

In attendance: Kerry Devine, Stephen Hu, Kenneth Lecky, Jon McMillan, Pete Morelewicz, M.C. Morris, Joye Thomas, Alma Withers

Absent: Melanie Johnson, Jason Graham, Sophia Constantine

- Called to Order at 7:05 PM
- Welcome/Intro Guests & Community Members in attendance
 - Jameka Terri and Ray Simmons from HAT Gallery and Lounge
- Public Comment
 - none
- Approval of October Meeting Minutes
 - Approved by unanimous consent
- Officer and Committee Reports
 - Treasurer's Report (Kenneth Lecky)
 - Art Events support funds allocated to FXBG 4 Ukraine and FAMFaire
 - Will un-allocate \$100 for Otter sculpture since it was returned to the park
 - Kenneth will work on annual budget request for city
 - Report approved by unanimous consent
 - Administrative (Kenneth Lecky)
 - No report
 - Funding (Joye Thomas)
 - Joye is working on 3 funded scholarships for dance classes at Fredericksburg Ballet Center– Arts Commission will help promote and award. Need to determine application process specifics.
 - Alma reported on a visit to an event at Katora- afterwards, Sophia and Alma had idea to develop a new fund: *The Johnny Johnson Youth Art Initiative Fund* to help provide materials and supplies to support young visual artists
 - Alma offered to seed the fund with a \$200 donation
 - Will develop a list of potential donors and ways to recognize them
 - Should it be limited to visual artists? Potential to include other arts?
 - Need to develop a clear vision for what is funded and how- logistics, goals, etc.
 - Should be limited to kids 18 and under
 - Is it possible to connect with groups that currently work with kids to host, develop programs (boys+girls clubs, city schools, church groups, etc.)?
 - May only fund organizations who provide programs to kids for free
 - Announcement: next round of Arts Support applications due 12/6

- Pete and Joye will work on a graphic advertisement to promote the application deadline
 - Public Art (Kenneth Lecky)
 - Melanie pursuing 2 sponsorships (\$2500 total) for next year's sculptures
 - Updates to public sculpture page on website in progress
 - Venues (Stephen Hu)
 - First committee meeting occurred at Capital Ale- Donnie Smooth, Jon Ross, Seth Casana, Jameka Terri
 - Introductions, updates on current happenings and scheduled a monthly meeting date and time
 - Third category of venues needed? To accommodate flexible spaces that can host a variety of events
 - Publicity (Kenneth Lecky)
 - Website updates (Kenneth and Joye) on the way this week
 - Outreach (Sophia Constantine)
 - Sophia and Alma attended an art event for kids at Katora café (idea above in funding section)
 - Earth Day- FAC will participate again this year with a booth with kids activities
 - Trolley (Kenneth Lecky)
 - Sip and Stroll may not occur in January and February, but First Friday is always on
 - Agreed to continue Love FXBG event in Feb.
- Old Business
 - none
- New Business
 - none
- Adjourned at 8:01 pm