

Fredericksburg Arts Commission Minutes

Wednesday, January 17, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Dorothy Hart Community Center

408 Canal Street

Fredericksburg VA 22401

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

Absent: Jason Graham

- Called to Order at 7:10 pm
- Welcome/Intro Guests & Community Members in attendance
- Public Comment
 - none
- Approval of December Meeting Minutes
 - Approved by unanimous consent
- Officer and Committee Reports
 - Treasurer's Report (Kenneth Lecky)
 - No new expenses
 - Report approved by unanimous consent
 - Administrative (Kenneth Lecky)
 - Kenneth is working on shared file storage for F.A.C. using google drive
 - Members should send preferred email addresses to Kenneth for access
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (D.E.I.) committee and plan in the works- need volunteers from commission
 - New D.E.I. officer for city may be a good resource
 - Melanie, Joye, and Pete are interested in helping
 - Funding (Joye Thomas)
 - No applications this quarter
 - Joye is working on additional grant opportunities to offer
 - Johnny Johnston (art supplies)
 - Dance scholarships
 - Exhibition funding for artists of color
 - Outreach committee offered to help
 - Public Art (Kenneth Lecky)
 - M.C. is interested in forming a group to work on murals- developing policy, ideas, process, planning, approval, etc.
 - Melanie and Sophia volunteered to help
 - Still searching for intern to help with research, policy, etc.
 - Venues (Stephen Hu)
 - No report
 - Next meeting planned for February

- Publicity (Melanie Johnson)
 - www.love.fredarts.com art website coming up (online listing of local artists)
 - 9 artists/orgs signed up so far
 - Feb 3-5 sale dates
 - For artists who live/work in 22401
 - Publicity for upcoming grants on the way
 - Kerry suggested adding paper flyers to publicity efforts for grant deadlines
- Outreach (Sophia Constantine)
 - Possible direct outreach to involve local H.S. students in love.fredarts.com, grant opportunities, etc.
 - Still considering artist in residence program to work with schools
 - Earth Day event collaboration in the works
 - Plan to promote grant funding opportunity to Katora for children's programming
- Trolley (Kenneth Lecky)
 - Messaging regarding sip and stroll (postponed for Jan/Feb) vs First Friday (which happens every month) cleared up
- Old Business
 - none
- New Business
 - none
- Adjourned at 7:56 pm