

Alexandria Commission for the Arts - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Lee Center Activity Room, 1st Floor
1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria, VA 22314

MEETING NOTES

- I. Call to Order. Chair Brian Kelley called the meeting to order at 7 pm. For the meeting agenda, see [Attachment 1](#).
- II. Roll Call. See [Attachment 2](#) for the Attendance Sign-In Sheet. Note: Since the last meeting, City Council appointed Betty Amron and Tiffany Williams to the Arts Commission. Both new Commissioners were sworn in at City Hall.
- III. Public Comment. No public comment.
- IV. Approval of Minutes/Record
 - a. March 15, 2022, Regular Meeting. The Commission approved the March minutes without edits.
- V. Chair Report. Brian Kelly gave the Chair Report. See [Attachment 3](#).
- VI. Committee, Liaison, and Task Force Updates
 - a. Grants Task Force. Paul Painter informed the Commissioners about the upcoming City Arts Organization Grant applications. The Task Force will score the applications on May 10 and the Commissioners will award the grants at the May 17 General Meeting.
 - b. ARTReach Committee. Sheryl Sims shared new developments regarding the Commission's proposed Artist Directory.
 - c. Inclusivity Committee
Presentation on Current Status and Options. Allison Heck gave an overview of the history of the Inclusivity Committee.
 - d. Waterfront Commission Liaison. Judy Heiser gave a report on the Waterfront Commission meeting.
 - e. Alexandria Arts Alliance Liaison. No report.
- VII. Torpedo Factory Art Center Stakeholder Group
 - a. Appoint a commissioner. Diane Ruggiero shared that the City Manager is forming a stakeholder group for the Art Center as part of the Vibrancy Plan. Various Commissioners expressed interest in the position. The vote was delayed to the next meeting.
- VIII. Commission Spring Retreat
 - a. Planning a Time and Place for a Retreat. Brian Kelley will be polling commissioners to find a suitable time to hold the Spring Retreat.

IX. Annual Workplan Task Force

- a. Appointing Two Community Stakeholders. No action taken.

X. Torpedo Factory Art Center Door Public Art Task Force

- a. Appointing Community Stakeholders. No action taken.

XI. ACA "Mini" Orientation/Review

- a. Torpedo Factory Arts Center Orientation. Diane Ruggiero and Brett Johnson gave an overview of the Arts Center's history, finances, studies, Vibrancy Plan, Old Town North Arts and Cultural District relationship, and the new artist re-jurying process.

XII. Office of the Arts Division Update. No report.

XIII. New Business

- a. Nomination Committee. A motion was made by Judy Heiser and seconded by Ryan Belmore to appoint Marcee Craighill and Tiffany Williams to the Nomination Committee. The motion passed 12-0-0. See Attachment 4.

XIV. Good of the Order and Announcements

XV. Adjournment. Brian Kelley adjourned the meeting at 9:58 pm.

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ATTENDANCE SIGN-IN SHEET

ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS
ALEXANDRIA, VA

REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022

LEE CENTER

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

(PLEASE SIGN NAME)

BRIAN KELLEY, CLERK Brian Kelley

ALLISON BECK, 1ST VICE CLERK Allison Beck

CHRISTINA CALLOWAY, 2ND VICE CLERK by phone

GAYLE CONVERSE, SECRETARY

SUMRUEN ALI

BETTY AMBON Betty Ambon

RYAN BELMORZ Ryan Belmorz

MARCEE CRAIGHILL Marcee Craighill

- JUDY HELSER Judy Helser

CHRIS KUROWSKI

- PAUL PAINTER Paul Painter

DAVID PRITZKER David Pritzker

- DAWN BOGALA by phone

SHERYL SIMS Sheryl Sims

TIFFANY WILLIAMS Tiffany Williams

ROGER YOERGES

CITY STAFF:

DIANE RUGGIERO Diane Ruggiero

MATTHEW HAREWOOD

BRETT JOHNSON Brett Johnson

Chair Report

April 2022

Commissioners,

I would like to propose an informal theme for April: Committees. With so many new Commissioners and meeting restrictions during the Covid period, which thankfully are becoming less and less of a hinderance, our Committees might be like bears coming out of hibernation. I would like by the end of this month for everyone to have joined at least one Committee. Keep in mind that while we do need the Commission as a whole to appoint Chairs to a Committee, no motions are needed for you to join a Committee. Simply inform the current Chair that you would like to join.

First, there is the ARTReach Committee, which is an omni-arts group, merged from arts advocacy, arts education, and social media in February 2019. If you are interested in working with the Arts Directory project or helping with our social media accounts, this is a great Committee for you. Second is the Grants Committee, a standing Committee that importantly is distinct in composition and role from the Grants Task Force (we went over this in a previous month). Third is the Inclusivity Committee, also created in February 2019. Allison Heck, the current Chair, will be explaining more about the Committee in our general meeting. We are looking for new leadership in this Committee.

Fourth, there is the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is charged with helping to recruit the next slate of officers for the Executive Committee. Unlike the standing Committees, the Nominating Committee needs but two Commissioners and is created every April and then dissolved after the May election. This is a formal appointment through a vote. Commissioners who are not interested in serving on the Executive Committee should consider the Nominating Committee. Everyone else should consider serving on the Executive Committee. Simple, no? You can definitely be on more than one Committee, as well. I am in the Executive and ARTReach Committee. Allison Heck, the First Vice Chair, is also the Chair of the Inclusivity Committee. Christina Calloway, the Second Vice Chair, is on the ARTReach Committee and works on our social media accounts. Gayle Converse, the Secretary, is the also the Chair of the ARTReach Committee.

You will notice from that February 2019 was an important time for our Committees. This was the last opportunity that we had an in-person spring retreat. With the consultation of the Executive Committee, I would like to propose that we hold a spring retreat sometime next month, in May. We have the option of meeting in a city park facility either indoors or outdoors. We could possibly have a picnic. While I doubt that we will aim for anything as lofty as another Committee Revolution of '19, I do think this would be a good time for Commissioners to get to know each other a bit better.

In other developments, I am happy to announce that we have news about the Torpedo Factory Art Center Stakeholder Task Force, and that we will have representation! Please refer to the memo that Diane Ruggiero sent us all. We will be appointing one Commissioner to this Task Force. There are few details on the nature of this Task Force beyond the memo, but I am sure that this will be an important and impactful group that will be a major part of our legacy in the greater story of the Torpedo Factory.

Alexandria Commission for the Arts – Chair Report

As we have already had “Mini”-Orientations on Public Art and Task Forces, we will have another such orientation this month regarding the recent history of the Torpedo Factory (or TFAC, as you might be calling it after the presentation).

Finally, we welcome two new Commissioners Tiffany Williams (Expertise Visual Arts) and Betty Amron (Student). On behalf of the Commission, we look forward to meeting you shortly!

Sincerely,

Brian Kelley

Chair, Alexandria Commission for the Arts

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Motion Made By:	Motion Seconded By:	Vote Count
Judy Heiser	Ryan Belmore	Yes--12 No--0 Abstained--0
ACA Motion		
Agenda Item #: XIII		
Motion: To appoint Marcee Craighill and Tiffany Williams to the Nominations Committee.		