



<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>February 4, 2016</b>	<b>Cutter Gallery</b>
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**Commissioners attending:** Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Barbara Costa, Aimee Taberner, Adria Arch, Jonathan Hyde, Carla Dorato, and Amy Mongeau (cultural liaison)

**Commissioners absent:** Leland Stein

**Guest:** Bruce Hoppe

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

- **Minutes** of ACAC's January 7, 2016, meeting were approved as amended.
- **Arlington PorchFest:** Bruce Hoppe, a musician, is collaborating with ACA and Linda Shoemaker to develop Arlington's first PorchFest, June 11. Locally, Somerville and Jamaica Plain already have successful programs in place. It's a grassroots program in which bands are matched up with available porches and yards throughout a neighborhood. Arlington's PorchFest will coordinate music and spaces, promote the event, and coordinate volunteers to help with logistics. B. Hoppe said they have already talked to Selectman Joe Curro and Town Counsel Doug Heim and determined that the event will not require permits. Registration for musician and spaces will take place Feb 15-April 29. Commissioners were enthusiastic about this new cultural venture.
- **Cultural District:** B. Costa, S. Marlin-Curiel, and A. Taberner attended a meeting of the Management Partnership on Feb 1. B. Costa and A. Taberner will participate in a planning meeting on March 15, followed by the public meeting on March 30. The Resolution by the BOS will take place in April; the draft MCC Cultural District application needs to be at the BOS one week prior.
- **Commission Size:** The Warrant Article that includes the expansion of ACAC will be discussed by the BOS on Feb 22; BOS needs any backup documentation by Feb 17.
- **New Website:** A. Arch and S. Marlin-Curiel attended a meeting of A-TED to discuss its proposed new website that would promote the Town's business and cultural assets. After extensive discussion, A-TED approved a resolution to request \$7,000 in the FY17 town budget: \$5,000 for the site development and \$2,000 for maintenance and updating.

- **FY17 Budget:** B. Costa and S. Marlin-Curiel will be going before the Finance Committee on February 10 to present ACAC's \$5,000 budget request.
- **Cultural Plan:** ACAC's DLTA grant application has been filed with MAPC. Jenn Erickson from MAPC provided ACAC with information about another potential source of funds: Artplace America. Requires partnership with the Planning Department and applies a cultural component to a geographic area that has specific planning challenges. Next application deadline is March 2 with intent to submit due Feb 16. Although not feasible for this application cycle, the commission agreed that it has future potential. S. Marlin-Curiel will send the information to the Planning Department for future discussions, and A. Mongeau will post on ACAC's Facebook page.
- **Other Business:**
  - A. Mongeau will set up a Dropbox account that the commission can use to file minutes, reports, and other documents.
  - Discussion about repurposing the Arlington Alive logo for the Cultural District. Although the logo is currently associated with A-TED's summer block party, it was developed with a broader purpose of promoting the Town's cultural and entertainment organizations and events.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.