



ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
O'NEILL ROOM
7:30 PM 2/22/17

ATTENDEES:

Deyst*	White	Caccavaro*	Kellar	McKenna*
DeCoursey*	Wallach*	Harmer*	Gibian*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Bayer*	Duvadie*	
Russell*	Beck*	Jones*	Deshler*	
Franclemont*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Diggins*

*Indicates present

VISITORS: Leaders of the Arlington Commission on Arts & Culture (ACAC) Adria Arch, Barbara Costa, Stephanie Marlin-Curiel; Owner of 13 Forest Gallery Marc Gurton

MINUTES of 2/15/17 Approved as corrected. Unanimous

ART 45: ACAC APPROPRIATION: Arch, supported by Martin-Curiel & Costa described the positive response from the public to the murals painted on the walls of businesses and the Fox Library in East Arlington. They provided copies of a 28 page newsprint description of this project. They discussed the several projects carried out by Arlington Public Art (APA), including their Chairful Where You Sit fund raisers. Gurton described the numbers of people from Arlington and elsewhere attracted by these efforts. APA is planning an exhibit along the bikepath to link the Center & the East. APA has \$5000 in the bank. At the 2/8 meeting ACAC requested \$15,450. At the 2/1 meeting APA requested \$15,000.

Tosti suggested funding ACAC, a commission established by Town Meeting with members appointed by the BoS, with \$25K with the understanding that ACAC would distribute these funds to other arts and culture organizations. He suggested that this should help consolidate the arts and culture community. There was considerable discussion. Members expressed concern with spending public money on art. There was concern with the ability of ACAC to manage the funds. Members expressed understanding of the accomplishments of these groups.

VOTED to consolidate funding for arts & culture in ACAC. Unanimous.

VOTED to appropriate \$25,000 to ACAC 10-8.

VOTED no action on Art 37. Unanimous.

BUDGETS

LIBRARY HumSer SubCom Franclemont answered questions raised last week about the AYCC and COA Transportation budgets. She also recommended the Library budget as printed. She described the increased use of the Fox Library and the staff's efforts to adjust.

VOTED \$2,354,236 Unanimous

POLICE: PubSafe SubCom Bayer reported that the FY17 budget may overrun. The FY18 budget increase is mostly COLAs. The social worker that had been grant-funded will now be part time. That person's job is to work with people in trouble with the law and on drugs. He moved the budget as printed. Bayer will inquire whether the new state Restorative Justice program will help Arlington.

VOTED \$8,214,876 Unanimous

FIRE: PubSafe SubCom Harmer said there will be 4 retirement buyouts in FY17 that are not budgeted. The increases in FY18 are mostly COLAs and associated with the cost of the new building. There are 5 vacancies. The new ladder truck is expected. He moved the budget as printed.

VOTED \$7,286,088. Unanimous.

TOWN MANAGER: CenGovt SubCom McKenna explained the new staff at assistant Town Manager & Management Analyst. 20% of their salaries will be paid by CPAC for support to that

group and appears in budget as an offset. He recommended the budget as printed. He will inquire why the W&S offset increased so much. It may be a delayed effect since the staff increase was in FY17.

VOTED \$629,921. Unanimous

PLANNING: CenGovt SubCom Howard discussed the move of the building craftsman from the Gibbs Building budget to Planning. The position will continue to care for the Senior Ctr, 23 Maple St, Jefferson Cutter House & Whittemore Robbins House. Other costs increases are associated w/ staff development. He recommended the budget as printed.

VOTED \$479,979 Unanimous

ARB: CenGovt SubCom Howard recommended this level funded budget as printed.

VOTED \$10,800 Unanimous

RENTAL PROPERTIES: CenGovt SubCom Howard pointed out that all the Gibbs expenses and income have been zeroed out since in FY18 the building will be renovated as a school and the contractor will be responsible for utilities. Only Parmenter & Dallin Library remain in the budget. He recommended the budget as printed.

VOTED \$20,000 Unanimous

ZBA: CenGovt SubCom Howard noted that last year the Board heard 22 appeals. At \$400 each or \$8800, this income stream offsets about a third of the ZBA budget. He recommended the budget as printed.

VOTED \$26,320 Unanimous

COMMITTEE:

Fanning has tracked down the paperwork on the O'Neill plaque at the vendor in Medford. He started searching from 1996, the date on Bob's grave. The cost of casting a new plaque will be \$1846. Fanning will order. Jon Cole will pay from PTBC funds.

Mtg on 2/27 canceled. Next mtg Wed 3/1 All subcoms urged to report to FinCom on or before 3/22/17.

RESERVE FUND Balance: \$1,465,000

Peter Howard 2/23/17 Revised 3/1/17