

Arlington Cultural Council Minutes – DRAFT (submitted by Brigitte, 09/15/2017)

Monday, September 11, 2017

Town Hall Annex 1st Floor Conference Room, 7:30-9 pm

Attendance:

I. ACC Member Name	Status
Taylor, Lisbet	No
Harding, Kimberley	Y
Timperi, Jeff	Y
Harris, Dave	No
Kepka, Asia	No
Buehler-Probst, Brigitte	Y
White, Sonia (Potential member)	No
Miller, Cecily (guest visit)	Y

The meeting was called to order by Kimberley at 7:30pm.

- 1) Guest visit by Cecily Miller: Cecily shared some of her rich experiences as Executive Director of both the Somerville Arts Council (SCC) and the Forest Hills Educational Trust and offered suggestions how to improve the work and the visibility of the ACC.
 - a) The former granting council at SCC consisted of 10 members. They had two grant cycles each year and generally funded individual art projects between 500 \$ and 1000 \$ (In case of an outstanding application the total grant amount could have been given to a single project.)
 - b) The SCC made a basic assessment of what is/was distinct and unique in Somerville (what could best reflect the character of the city). Cecily suggested this procedure for Arlington as well.
 - c) Based on the respective assessment, the ACC could agree on a range of topics each year. These should be published (and explained) in the call for proposals.
 - d) For the assessment process and the evaluation of proposals the SCC invited jurors who helped to shape and to facilitate the visibility of the SCC. (For Arlington, Cecily suggested to contact art history faculty members and museum staff of Lesley and Tufts University. In addition, the ACC could invite well-known artists who live in Arlington like John Cusack?, Ken Burns, Elisa Hamilton, Chris Fitch and others)
 - e) To increase ACC membership, jurors, artists and interested individuals could be invited as guest reviewers.
- 2) August 2017 minutes were approved.
- 3) The final meeting with TDC consultant of results of all recommendations for the Arlington Arts Agencies will take place on Wednesday, September 13:
 - a) Kimberley and Jeff agreed to attend
 - b) The name "Arlington Alive" for the umbrella organization was not approved (other suggestions postponed)
- 4) Treasurer's Report – Jeff Timperi
 - a) Outstanding reimbursement 2016: No change from last report

b) LCC Pilot Program FY18: The ACC has to make the grant money available in full and up front to the recipients it selects.

1) Next ACC meeting day: October 16th (3 potential members invited)

The meeting ended at 9pm.

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