



# Arlington Commission for Arts & Culture Updates

## November 2021

For the ACAC meeting held online this month, we again anticipate focusing on a shortlist of items in need of voting, or priority discussion of future actions. In keeping with Open Meetings, these notes, [November agenda](#), and “Executive Order on Remote Participation” will be published publicly at least 48-hours before the meeting. We will circulate a Registration Process for the Meeting.

Please feel free to contact the chairs with any clarification or correction, to add any new business, and ESPECIALLY NOTE if any committee item entails a significant budget request, procedural change, or other action that requires a vote.

We acknowledge that the town of Arlington is located on the ancestral lands of the Massachusetts Tribe, the tribe of Indigenous peoples from whom the Colony, Province, and Commonwealth have taken their names. We pay our respects to the ancestral bloodline of the Massachusetts Tribe and their descendants who still inhabit historic Massachusetts territories today.

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### PRELIMINARY TO MEETING

Review this document and add comments, corrections, new business.

Review [last month's Meeting's minutes](#) and be prepared to vote on modification or approval.

All Commissioners review and understand Town's "[Remote Participation Meeting Checklist](#)" and guidelines for Zoom meetings, collected in a Google Drive folder, [ACAC Remote Open Meetings Notes and Guidelines](#).

### RESOURCES

[ACAC Bylaws](#) | [ACAC on Town Website](#) | [ACAC Operations Plan](#) | [Strategic Plan](#) | [ACAC Annual Report](#) | August 2021 Retreat [Whiteboard](#)

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# COMMITTEE, PROJECT, AND TASK FORCE UPDATES

**FY22 Commission Meetings Schedule:** First Thursdays at 7PM unless quorum can't be attained. The next meeting is scheduled for **December 2 at 7PM**.

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**Key Town Items:** [ARPA Framework](#) has been approved by the Select Board. Thanks to the many community stakeholders who provided input on the public comment survey. Reminder: Public comment invited by the [Open Spaces Planning](#) taskforce, considering the appropriate uses of town open spaces and parks, including for arts and culture activities. Similarly, Department of Planning and Community Development has kicked-off of the Minuteman Bikeway Planning Project with [survey](#), including feedback on Pathways art. The Town is also [hosting a public forum on Wednesday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m.](#).

**Community Engagement:** Kudos to CE for producing two back-to-back wonderful programs -- the magical closing reception for **Nilou Moochhala's** exhibition in MRP and the inspiring opening celebration of the student interns working on **Tom Starr's** Climate Futures marker project on **October 30**. Both were very well attended, pulling a diverse range of town citizens, stakeholders, and influencers. The Moochhala event also included fantastic poetry and music performances. Artist-in-residence **Chanel Thervil** was hosted at **RepHAIRations** in Arlington Heights to discuss public participation and partnerships for a new project focused on black joy and black experiences around town. The audience was energized and appreciative.

**ArtLinks:** In October Artlinks held a successful meeting with **Leland Stein** at The Regent Theatre: "Arlington's Cultural Gem and the Role it Plays in the Region's Cultural Life". As a bonus, members were treated to a short film coinciding with opening day of the "Lonely Seal International Film, Screenplay, and Music Festival." <https://vimeo.com/519312283>. Artlinks has partnered with **The Roasted Granola** to host a **Pop-Up Arlington Holiday Market** November 26-December 30. ArtLinks Arlington will host an official opening reception for **Karen McCarthy's** exhibit at Greater Goods Collective (212A Massachusetts Avenue) on November 7, 3:30 - 5:30pm. [Anne-Marie Delaunay-Danizio](#) is the Artlinks featured artist.

**Arlington Cultural District:** **Andrea Nicolay** will update the Managing Partner agreement to reflect the evolution of ACD and ACAC, and present for discussion at an upcoming meeting of Core Managing Partners. General discussion of the ACD plans and structure will be part of the Nov. ACAC agenda.

**VisitArlington:** Reminder: *Visit Arlington Magazine & Community Guide 2021/2022* has launched in print and at [visitarlington.org](http://visitarlington.org) with feature prominently spotlighting arts and culture activity in town, including multiple ArtsArlington projects. **Beth Locke** continues to invite distribution and editorial ideas, events to post on the blog, and other assistance.

**Fundraising:** The Fundraising Committee continues to follow up with businesses that supported our [Spruce Up, Arlington: Get Your Sparkle On!](#) campaign. The ArtsArlington newsletter and website have been featuring sponsoring businesses -- most recently, **Century 21 Real Estate**, **Watertown Savings Bank**, and **Mirak Auto Group**

**Marketing:** **ACAC** projects have been featured prominently this season on news programs for **ACMI**, which will also air an ArtsArlington update on an upcoming **Talk of the Town**.

## **REQUESTED NEW BUSINESS**