



Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture

Date: August 3, 2023

Time: 7 - 8:30pm

Location: zoom

Attending: Stephen Poltorzycki, Christine Noah, Lidia Kenig-Scher, Brian McMurray, Cristin Canterbury-Bagnall, Tom Formicola, Nicole Cuff

Absent: Stewart Ikeda, Beth Locke, Sarah Morgan-Wu

Guests: Cecily Miller, Terry Holt, Maria Lobo

MINUTES

Minutes:

Minutes from June 12, 2023 meeting: A few changes were suggested and will be implemented. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Updates: Town Day

We have 2 booths. One for ACAC and the other for Plein Air Festival

Lidia: Plein Air Festival will be happening. The table will be located inside the garden. Call for Art will be posted soon. Volunteers will be needed. Lidia and Nichole Cuff and one other volunteer will be hosting the table/event. Also, a 1 - 2pm ArtLinks meeting will be happening.

Cristin: Volunteers will be contacted by Programs and Committees to help host the tables. Focus of the main ACAC table will be communications and promotion of all the programs ACAC does. Remembrance of Climate Futures interns may be hosting; Laurie Bogdan says some of the utility box artists may also be present; Grants Committee may also be available to table. Cultural District pamphlets will be there, self-guided tour will be a highlight.

Cecily suggested bringing the "You Build It" visual art activity to bring attention/interest to the ACAC booth, and the creation of a banner/poster that has graphics from all the pertinent programs ACAC has run this year. Cristin agreed to partner with Cecily to get some visuals/posters for the event.

Community Engagement

Cecily talked about some projects that are potential OR in process:

1. A cyanotype printing project workshop focusing on environmental themes that possibly integrates a poetry component;
2. The Arlington mural project -- Ottoson students asked for permission for painting a wall located by Roasted Granola and Sezchuan Dumpling, something temporary -- a window painting with an anti-hate message; Cecily suggested the students to choose a "You are Loved" theme. The building owner has to be accepting, as this would be outside the RFP project for murals in Arlington.
3. (in process) the utility box painting is larger than past years, with eight in the works for 2023.
4. Potential projects also include a cross-walk painting project, and a painting project around storm drains.

Fundraising

Christine: The report has been submitted for Cultural District funds from MCC. The Fundraising Committee is focusing on planning fundraising for the new year.

Marketing

Cecily: Students are writing an article about Climate Futures; Janet O'Riordan is going to write about the cultural renaissance of Arlington Heights

Lidia: ACMi interviewed her about the intersection of business and the arts and highlighted the model Roasted Granola is using to encourage business that also helps the artists. Lidia asked that the link be posted to Arts Arlington.

The Cultural Equity Learning Consortium

A reminder that the program is beginning, so look out for emails about it. It's a self-directed study that begins with a live orientation you can register for.

New Business

Lidia:

Poet Laureate -- Jean Flanagan wants to do a project where a visual artist and a poet create art simultaneously, and have the interaction videotaped, and displayed.

Fridays at TRG is very popular and well attended. Every Friday they have a different artist. A performer, a poetry jam, classes, musicians.

At 7:53 a motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Terry Holt took the minutes. Any omissions or mistakes are accidental, as she is very underslept.