City of Alexandria, Virginia

Torpedo Factory Art Center Stakeholder Task Force Appointment

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Current Work Plan based on Council Direction

1. Establishment of a Stakeholder Task Force to develop a coherent approach to expanded vibrancy and sustainability.
2. Exploration of creating a separate public entity to consolidate governance of the Art Center with Alexandria’s artistic real estate assets in Old Town North.
Roles and Responsibilities

• Develop a coherent and comprehensive approach expanded Vibrancy and Sustainability.
• Develop ideas to broaden the scope of artistic expression and improve the diversity of artists in the Art Center.
• Guide a community engagement process to solicit input and feedback on the work of the Task Force.
• Respect process integrity and ensure that all stakeholder voices are heard and considered.
• Use the community engagement process as an opportunity to promote participation from Art Center neighbors, non-Art Center artists, and residents in how the Art Center could benefit the community even further.
Composition

• Comprised of individuals from various Art Center stakeholder groups and interested organizations that represents the diversity of the City.

  • City Commissions (4)
    • Arts Commission
    • Waterfront Commission
    • Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (HARC)
    • Archaeology Commission
  • Art Center (internal) (6)
    • Current Art Center Leasing Artists (2 representatives)
    • Torpedo Factory Artist Association
    • The Art League
    • Torpedo Factory Galleries (1 representative)
    • Torpedo Factory Post Grad Participant (1 representative)

  • Community (7)
    • Old Town Civic Association
    • Old Town Business Association
    • Old Town North Alliance
    • Alexandria Arts Alliance
    • Visit Alexandria Board
    • At Large (2)
  • Regional Arts Professionals (3)

• Individuals will be nominated by respective organizations where applicable or will apply through an open application process.

• Staff, consultants, and a third-party facilitator, will work with the Task Force throughout the process to develop their recommendation for the City Manager.
**Timeline**

- Organizations to nominate their representatives – selected representative to fill out interest form by June 9 in order to track group composition.
- Consultants and facilitator to be on-board next month.
- Task Force will meet approximately once a month starting Summer 2022 with recommendations due by mid-2023.
Thank You

Questions?