

Alexandria Commission for the Arts Regular Monthly Meeting

Meeting Information

Objective:	To address Arts Commission business.		
Date:	01-19-16	Time:	Begin: 7:10pm End: 9:23pm
Location:	The Art League, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Alexandria, VA	Meeting Type:	Regular Monthly Meeting
Called by:	Matthew Stensrud, Chair	Note Taker:	Cheryl Anne Colton, Regional Program Director, Office of the Arts
Facilitator:	Matthew Stensrud	Timekeeper:	Matthew Stensrud
Attendees:	Catherine Ahern , Beth Coast, Susan Cohen, Gayle Converse, Shirley Downs, Kate Elkins, Cara Frey, Susan (Amber) Gordon, Allison Heck, Betsy Hennigan, Michelle Kozlak, David Martin, Allison Nance and Matthew Stensrud		
Absent:	Lisa Baranello and Michael Detomo		
Vacancy(s):			
Observers:	None		
City Staff:	Diane Ruggiero, Deputy Director, Cultural Arts, RPCA Cheryl Anne Colton, Regional Program Director, RPCA Matthew Harwood, Public Art Manager, RPCA		

Agenda items

Presenter

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1. Call to Order	Matthew Stensrud
2. Public Comment	Matthew Stensrud
3. Approval of Minutes a. December 15, 2015, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing	Matthew Stensrud
4. Chair's Report	Matthew Stensrud
5. Committee, Task Force and Liaison Reports a. Arts Education Committee b. Advocacy and Outreach Committee c. Waterfront Commission Liaison d. Torpedo Factory Liaison e. Arts Forum Liaison f. Cultural Plan Task Force g. Simpson Park Task Force h. Time and Place Task Force i. Grants Task Force	Kate Elkins Gayle Converse Shirley Downs Michael Detomo Michelle Kozlak Beth Coast Betsy Hennigan Kate Elkins Catherine Ahern
6. FY 2017 Budget a. Joint Letter with the Arts Forum i. Review and Discuss ii. Motion to Approve	Matthew Stensrud
7. Grants Task Force a. Appoint Commission members b. Appointment of Citizen members	Matthew Stensrud

8.	Arts and Economic Prosperity Task Force a. Motion to Appoint Commissioners	Matthew Stensrud and Diane Ruggiero
9.	Lake Cook Task Force a. Motion to Appoint Commissioners	Matthew Stensrud and Diane Ruggiero
10.	Warwick Pool Task Force a. Motion to Appoint Commissioners	Matthew Stensrud and Diane Ruggiero
11.	Office of the Arts Staff Report a. Update on Special Events	Diane Ruggiero
12.	Good of the Order – Announcements	Matthew Stensrud and Members of Arts Commission
13.	Adjournment	

Discussion Summary

1.	Call to Order: Matthew Stensrud welcomed everyone and began the meeting at 7:10 pm.
2.	Public Comment: None.
3.	Approval of Minutes December 15, 2015, minor edits were provided, with these edits the minutes were approved by consensus.
4.	<p>Chair’s Report: Matthew Stensrud gave the following report to the Arts Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Winter Retreat will be held Saturday, January 23, 2016, from 9:00 am until 1 pm at the Lee Center. With the uncertainty of the weekend’s weather predications, the retreat may be postponed to a later date. A decision to move forward with the Retreat will be made by noon on Thursday, January 21. Members who have not yet provided their box lunch preferences need to inform staff as soon as possible. The food order for the Retreat will need to be placed by 3 pm on Thursday. ● He congratulated Shirley Downs and Michelle Kozlak who were re-appointed to serve a 3 year term with the Arts Commission. ● He mentioned too, that there were two people competing for the other Arts Commission vacancy. In reviewing their application, he informed City Council that both candidates would serve the Arts Commission well. Mr. Stensrud mentioned that City Council did appoint Lisa Baranello. Ms. Baranello agreed to serve on the Fiscal Year 2017 Grants Task Force. This appointment will occur later in meeting. He mentioned that she was going to try to attend the meeting.
5.	<p>Committee, Task Force and Liaison Reports:</p> <p>a. Arts Education Committee – Kate Elkins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Committee is working with the public and private schools for the all City art exhibition that will be held at Convergence in March. ● The National Arts Education Association moved to the City of Alexandria, (201 Prince St). Beth Coast will assist with the national arts exhibition that will showcase honors students. The exhibition will be held in the National Arts Education Association’s galleries. <p>b. Advocacy and Outreach Committee – Gayle Converse distributed the Committee’s report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gayle Converse distributed a draft list of talking points that members can use when speaking with the Mayor, City Council and other City Officials (ATTACHMENT #1). ● Betsy Hennigan distributed the Arts Commission’s comprehensive program calendar. She mentioned that this calendar will be distributed prior to each monthly meeting (ATTACHMENT #2). <p>c. Waterfront Commission Liaison –Shirley Downs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Waterfront Commission Report was shared with the members (ATTACHMENT #3).

- Shirley Downs reported that the recent waterfront archaeological finds the warehouse and the 1775 boat has received regional, state, national and even international press. She mentioned there has been a lot of local support. The Alexandria Transit Company will store the discovered vessel in their DASH bus warehouse. The early estimate for the restoration is that it may cost \$100,000 or more. The Office of Historic Alexandria is planning to raise fund from foundations and gifts. To learn more about the archaeological find visit the Alexandria Archeology Museum <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Archaeology>.
 - An update on the Olin Plan was given to the Waterfront Commission. Efforts will begin at the Old Dominion Boat Club location with the City’s 2017/2018 budgets. Shirley Downs mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Commission will receive the Olin presentation at their Thursday, January 21, 7 pm meeting that will be held at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe Street. The Arts Commissioners discussed the possibility of receiving the same presentation at a future meeting.
- d. Torpedo Factory Art Center Liaison – Michael Detomo was unable to attend meeting. Matthew Stensrud read the report Mr. Detomo sent to him (**ATTACHMENT #4**). Mr. Stensrud said that the Torpedo Factory Art Center’s Board will meeting Wednesday, January 20, 6 pm in the Torpedo Factory’s Great Hall. These meetings are open to the public.
- e. Alexandria Arts Forum – Michelle Kozlak shared the Alexandria Arts Forum Liaison report (**ATTACHMENT #5**).
- In February, the Arts Forum will begin distributing a monthly e-newsletter. Ms. Kozlak will ensure that all Arts Commissioners are on the distribution list for the e-newsletter.
 - The Arts Forum meeting will be held at the Lab Theatre at Convergence on Thursday, January 21 from 12 noon-1:30 pm.
 - February 27, 7:30 pm, The Alexandria Singer’s First Baptist Church performance will be the next Arts Forum meet-up. A pre-gathering will be held at 6 pm Cafe’ Pizzaiolo.
 - The Arts Forum will host a monthly Leadership Roundtable. This informal meeting will be for their members, topics will vary. The first Leadership Roundtable will be held on February 3, 8 am at Emma’s in Del Ray,
- e. Cultural Plan – Beth Coast
- The Cultural Plan Steering Committee will meet on Monday, February 1, 4:30 pm – 6 pm at the Colasanto Center.
 - The theme for the Community Engagement Week will be “Alexandria Creates.”
 - The City has a comprehensive list of all of the Civic Organizations and Home Owner Associations/Organizations. This list will be good for outreach efforts that are needed for the cultural planning process.
- f. Simpson Park Task Force – Betsy Hennigan
- Betsy Hennigan mentioned that the Simpson Park Task Force will be using the Western States Arts Federation’s Café’, an online system to review public art entries. All reviews are scheduled to be done by February 8.
- g. Time and Place Task Force –Kate Elkins
- “Time & Place,” a conversation about art, history and community is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 6:30 pm – 8 pm at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street (**ATTACHMENT #6**). A reception will follow. Franklin Vagnone, Principal –Twisted Preservation Consulting and Domestic Acheo-Anthropologist; Lauren F. Adam, Artist and Professor of Art, at the Maryland Institute, College of Art; along with Heather Rounds and Teddy Johnson, Founders and Curators, The Rotating History Project are the presenters and will lead the discussion. The Office of the Arts and the Office of Historic Alexandria are collaborating to support this community conversation.
- h. Grants Task Force - Catherine Ahern

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Ahern and Gayle Converse participated in the Monday, January 11 webinar. Both felt the webinar provided additional insights to the Arts Grant program. • Arts Commissioners were encouraged to attend the Fiscal Year 2017 Grant Workshop on Thursday, January 21, beginning at 12 noon at the Durant Arts Center. The Fiscal Year 2017 Webinars will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 8:30 am and Wednesday, February 17 11 am. Log-in information is required. If you wish to sit-in on the webinar, it will be held at Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street. Another grant workshop is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 7 pm at the Durant Arts Center
6.	<p>FY 2017 Budget - Matthew Stensrud</p> <p>a. Joint Letter with the Arts Forum – Matthew Stensrud mentioned that the Arts Commission’s Executive Committee has been working with the Board of the Alexandria Arts Forum to create a joint letter that will be sent to the Mayor, City Council and other City staff. The intention of the letter is to have a unified voice for support of the arts in the City.</p> <p>i. Review and Discuss – Members reviewed and discussed the working draft of the letter. It was suggested that the names of the Arts Commissioners and the Board of the Alexandria Arts Forum should have their names placed on the left hand column. After editorial comments were gathered, the Arts Commission approved letter will be sent to the Arts Forum, and then back to Office of the Arts staff for distribution (ACTION ITEM #1).</p> <p>ii. Motion to Approve – David Martin made a motion to approve the Joint Letter between the Arts Commission and the Alexandria Arts Forum (MOTION #1).</p>
7.	<p>Grants Task Force – Matthew Stensrud</p> <p>a. Appoint Commission members – Matthew Stensrud informed the members that at the December meeting Mike Detomo, Matthew Stensrud and Catherine Ahern were appointed to serve on the Fiscal Year 2017 Grants Task Force. He mentioned that he spoke with Lisa Baranello, she is willing to serve on the Grants Task Force. Susan Cohen made a motion to appoint Lisa Baranello on Grants Task Force (MOTION #2). Mr. Stensrud said that Allison Nance is interested in serving as chair of the Grants Committee. Mr. Stensrud said that the chair of the Grants Committee serves as the observer for the Grants Task Force meeting. Beth Coast made a motion to appoint Allison Nance as chair of the Grants Committee/observer for the Grants Task Force (MOTION #3).</p> <p>b. Appointment of Citizen Members – Matthew Stensrud informed the Arts Commissioners that Cheryl Anne Colton prepared a staff memorandum that highlighted the recommendation for the citizen members to serve on the Grants Task Force (ATTACHMENT #7). Minor edits and clarifications were made to the staff memorandum. Allison Nance made a motion to approve the citizen members to the Grants Task Force (MOTION #4). It was suggested that the next person to be appointed to the Grants Task Force should have performing arts experience. Staff will present the candidate for consideration at the February Arts Commission meeting.</p>
8.	<p>Arts and Economic Prosperity Task Force – Matthew Stensrud informed the Arts Commission members that there are two slots for the Arts and Economic Prosperity Study Task Force. These members will assist the Office of the Arts staff with planning the Kick-off event for the study, encouraging arts groups to participate and also getting the word out to audience members who attend the arts group performances to complete an audience survey.</p> <p>a. Motion to Appoint Commissioners - Betsy Hennigan made a motion to appoint Allison Heck and Amber Gordon to the Task Force (MOTION #5).</p>
9.	<p>Lake Cook Task Force – Matthew Stensrud informed the members are needed for this</p>

	<p>Task Force. Diane Ruggiero provided a brief overview of the project.</p> <p>a. Motion to Appoint Commissioners – After some discussion, Beth Coast moved that Allison Nance and Allison Heck be appointed to this Task Force (MOTION #6).</p>
10.	<p>Warwick Pool – Diane Ruggiero said that the Warwick Pool project will be presented at the January 23 City Council meeting. If Council approves the project, the completion target is Memorial Day, 2017. This also means that the public art project associated with this project will be placed on a fast-track. Both Matthew Stensrud and Catherine Ahern informed the members that they were interested in serving on this Task Force.</p> <p>a. Motion to Appoint Commissioners – Michelle Kozlak moved the appointment of Matthew Stensrud and Catherine Ahern to this Task Force (MOTION #7).</p>
11.	<p>Office of the Arts Staff Report – Diane Ruggiero distributed the Office of the Arts Division Update (ATTACHMENT #8). She asked if there were any questions about the information in the Update. Information shared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of February 1, the Special Events Office will full under the Office of the Arts. She has been participating in several transition meetings to obtain an understanding of all of the programs/events generated by this Office. City generated events, City sponsored and co-sponsored events, permitting of private special events (large and small), fall within the scope of the Special Events Office. Two full-time program staff will be added to the Office of the Arts, along with some park operations and seasonal staff to implement the Special Events in the City. Special Events have been previously reported to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Clarification will be made, to determine if this reporting will continue, or if the Arts Commission will receive the Special Events information. • Old Town North Task Force may need to be created at the February Arts Commission meeting. As the small area plan develops for Old Town North, the Arts Commission will be informed. • FY 16 Traffic Control Box Wrap Public Art Project – Diane Ruggiero said that the Office of the Arts staff met with the Traffic Control Box Public Art Project Task Force (Betsy Hennigan and Shirley Downs). The Task Force and the Office of the Arts staff recommend that the next area for the installation of Traffic Control Box Wrap Public Art project be the Beauregard Corridor and Seminary Road (ATTACHMENT #9). After some discussion about these locations Betsy Hennigan moved to approve the recommendation (MOTION #8).
12.	<p>Good of the Order – Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Stensrud mentioned that Shirley Downs had an announcement. Ms. Downs informed the members that her appointment as the Arts Commission’s Liaison to Waterfront Commission will expire in March. She wishes to attend the next Waterfront Commission meeting, but wants to step back from this role. Ms. Downs wants to stay involved, especially as it relates to fundraising. She recommends that Susan Cohen serve as the Arts Commission’s Liaison to the Waterfront Commission. Ms. Cohen expressed her interest in serving in this capacity. Ms. Downs will send in her resignation letter to the City Clerk’s office. The Clerk’s Office will advertise this vacancy. Amber Gordon moved that Susan Cohen be recommended as the Arts Commission’s Liaison to the Waterfront Commission (MOTION #9). Mr. Stensrud will send in a letter of endorsement for Susan Cohen to serve as the Liaison to the Waterfront Commission ACTION ITEM #2). • Susan Cohen said that the Peter Salovey, President, Yale University sent a letter to alums about ways Yale hopes to increase understanding of diversity on the campus. The letter was co-signed by Chris Argyris, Professor of Psychology. The letter is three pages long, outlining the many ways that Yale plans to increase diversity and the understanding of it on campus, and ways they plan to have all students feel welcome and included. The letter goes on, dividing their new initiatives into four categories: Strengthening the Academic Enterprise, Expanding

	<p>Programs, Services, and Support for Students, Improving Institutional Structures and Practices, and Representations of Diversity on Campus. Ms. Cohen read aloud the first sentence of this last category: "To broaden the visible representations of our community on campus, I am asking the Committee on Public Art to hold an open session at which members of the campus can present ideas for how we might better convey and celebrate our diversity and its history." She highlighted the importance of Public Art and commented that it can be used to help with celebrating diversity and history.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amber Gordon mentioned that there will be an electronic Drop-box created for the January 23 Retreat. In the Drop-box will be the Arts Commission's ordinance; past annual reports; sample mission statements; and the agenda for the Retreat. Arts Commissioners will have the opportunity to download and upload mission statements into the file. If copies are needed for the Retreat, the request needs to be made by the close of business on Thursday. If weather conditions worsen for the weekend, the Retreat will be rescheduled for May, 2016. David Martin informed the members that he will not be able to attend the Retreat. • Future meetings- Matthew Stensrud reminded that members of the locations for the upcoming meetings: February - Lee Center; March – Convergence; April – City Council Workroom, 2nd Floor City Hall; May – TBD, Shirley Downs working on securing a location; and June – TBD, Betsy Hennigan will be securing a location. • Flyers for the Wednesday, February 10 Organizational Capacity Building workshop – DATA + STORYTELLING = IMPACT(ATTACHMENT #10) ; and the February 5, First Friday: MARDI GRAS IN ALEXANDRIA (ATTACHMENT #11). .
13.	Adjournment, Matthew Stensrud mentioned that all items were addressed from the meeting's agenda, so the meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

New Action Items		Responsible	Due Date
1.	Joint Letter between the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the Arts Forum to be sent to the City Council.	Matthew Stensrud	Once approved by Alexandria Arts Forum
2.	Letter of endorsement for Susan Cohen to serve as the Liaison to the Waterfront Commission.	Matthew Stensrud	Prior to City Council appointment for the Liaison to the Waterfront Commission.

Other Notes & Information

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed Talking Points to Support the Arts in Alexandria 2. Alexandria Commission for the Arts' Comprehensive Calendar 3. Waterfront Commission Report 4. Torpedo Factory Art Center Liaison Report 5. Alexandria Arts Forum Liaison Report 6. Promotional card for "Time & Place" event scheduled for Wed., Jan. 27, 6:30 pm, at the Lyceum 7. Staff memorandum Appointment of Citizen Members to FY 17 Grants Task Force 8. Office of the Arts Division Update 9. Staff Memorandum Traffic Control Box Wrap Public Art project 10. Flyer -February 10 Capacity Building workshop – DATA + STORYTELLING = IMPACT 11. Flyer -February 5, First Friday: MARDI GRAS IN ALEXANDRIA 			
Submitted by:	Cheryl Anne Colton	Draft Sent	01-22-16
Submitted by:	Alexandria Commission for the Arts	Minutes Approved:	02-16-16

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Motion Tracker

	Motion	Made By	2nd	Vote
1.	<p>Agenda Item: 6. FY 2017 Budget, a. Joint Letter with Arts Forum, item ii.</p> <p>Motion: Approve the Joint Letter between the Arts Commission and the Alexandria Arts Forum.</p> <p>Discussion: As noted in minutes</p>	David Martin	Susan Cohen	<p>Yes – Unanimously Approved (14 members voting)</p> <p>No –</p> <p>Abstain –</p>
2.	<p>Agenda Item: #7, Grants Task Force, a. Appointment of Commissioners.</p> <p>Motion: Appoint Lisa Baranello to Grants Task Force.</p> <p>Discussion: As noted in minutes</p>	Susan Cohen	Beth Coast	<p>Yes – Unanimously Approved (14 members voting)</p> <p>No –</p> <p>Abstain –</p>
3.	<p>Agenda Item: 7, Grants Task Force, a. Appointment of Commissioners.</p> <p>Motion: Appoint Allison Nance as chair of the Grants Committee/observer for the Grants Task Force.</p> <p>Discussion: As noted in minutes</p>	Beth Coast	Susan Cohen	<p>Yes – Unanimously Approved (14 members voting)</p> <p>No –</p> <p>Abstain –</p>
4.	<p>Agenda Item: #7, Grants Task Force, b. Appointment of Citizen Members</p> <p>Motion: Appoint Signe Friedrichs, Joanna Ormesher, Scott Price and Converse West to the Grants Task Force.</p> <p>Discussion: As noted in minutes</p>	Allison Nance	Amber Gordon	<p>Yes – Unanimously Approved (14 members voting)</p> <p>No –</p> <p>Abstain –</p>

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5.	<p>Agenda Item: #8, Arts and Economic Prosperity Task Force, Item a. Appoint Commissioners.</p> <p>Motion: Appoint Allison Heck and Amber Gordon to the Arts and Economic Prosperity Task Force.</p> <p>Discussion: As noted in minutes</p>	Betsy Hennigan	Susan Cohen	<p>Yes – Unanimously Approved (14 members voting)</p> <p>No –</p> <p>Abstain –</p>
6.	<p>Agenda Item: #9, Lake Cook Task Force, Item a. Appoint Commissioners.</p> <p>Motion: Appoint Allison Nance and Allison Heck to the Lake Cook Task Force.</p> <p>Discussion: As noted in minutes</p>	Beth Coast	Susan Cohen	<p>Yes – Unanimously Approved (14 members voting)</p> <p>No –</p> <p>Abstain –</p>
7.	<p>Agenda Item: #10, Warwick Pool Task Force, Item a. Appoint Commissioners.</p> <p>Motion: Appoint Matthew Stensrud and Catherin Ahern to the Warwick Pool Task Force.</p> <p>Discussion: As noted in minutes</p>	Michelle Kozlak	Amber Gordon	<p>Yes – Unanimously Approved (14 members voting)</p> <p>No –</p> <p>Abstain –</p>
8.	<p>Agenda Item: #11, Office of the Arts Staff Report, Added Item b. FY 16 Traffic Control Box Wrap Public Art Project location.</p> <p>Motion: Approve the next area for the installation of Traffic Control Box Wrap Public Art project be the Beauregard Corridor and Seminary Road.</p> <p>Discussion: As noted in minutes</p>	Betsy Hennigan	Susan Cohen	<p>Yes – Unanimously Approved (14 members voting)</p> <p>No –</p> <p>Abstain –</p>

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	Motion	Made By	2nd	Vote
9.	<p>Agenda Item: Added #12, Good of the Order – Announcements, Appointment of Waterfront Commission Liaison.</p> <p>Motion: Approve Susan Cohen as the Arts Commission’s Liaison to the Waterfront Commission .</p> <p>Discussion: As noted in minutes</p>	Amber Gordon	Shirley Downs	<p>Yes - Unanimously Approved (14 members voting)</p> <p>No -</p> <p>Abstain -</p>

Alexandria Commission for the Arts

Action Items

	Action Item	Responsible	Due Date	Status
1.	Dates, agendas and locations for Arts Commission monthly and Committee meetings.	Chair of Arts Commission and Chairs of Committees	Required 3 business days prior to meetings	Ongoing
2.	Continue conversations with the Arts Forum, the Arts Commission and the Office of the Arts as the Fiscal Year 2017 budget is prepared.	Matthew Stensrud and Arts Commission	Ongoing	Ongoing
3.	Assignments for securing locations were made: Pending confirmation of locations: May – Shirley Downs; June – Beth Hennigan. Booked locations: February – Lee Center; March – Convergence; April – City Council Work Room, 2 nd Floor, City Hall.	As noted	Minimum of Two weeks before monthly meeting	

ACA Talking Points (Taken from ACA Chair letter to City Council, November 20, 2015)

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**** We encourage City Council to keep the funding for Office of the Arts in the Operating Budget and Public Art in the CIP at current levels***

**** This is necessary to support the current Public Art Plan approved by Council last December***

**** This is necessary to support the in-process Cultural Plan, which will be presented to Council in 2016 (this year)***

**** Alexandria consistently ranks as an arts destination and a continual decrease of funding will affect this status***

**** Over 100 performing arts groups and galleries currently reside or perform in Alexandria***

**** Arts generates \$70 million in economic impact every year in Alexandria***

Month	Milestone Date	Category	Title	Activity	Responsible Lead	Notes
January						
	Jan 2016	Event	VA Commission for the Arts Conference			
	4 Jan 2016	Business		New City Council Members take office		Added just FYI and keeping important events on our radar
	1 Jan 2016	Business	Commission Appts	Review upcoming commission term expirations	Commission	Perhaps we add this twice a year just so we keep this info on our radar.
	4 Jan 2016	Task Force	FY 17 Grants	Launch Request for Applications	Staff	Deadline 26 Feb 2016
	11 Jan 2016	Task Force	FY 17 Grants	Conduct Webinars and Workshops	Staff	11, 13, 21 Jan and 3, 8, 17 Feb
	Mid Jan 2016	Task Force	Simpson	Review RFCs and Select Top 3 Artists	Staff, TF - Betsy, Michele +2	
	Mid Jan 2016	Task Force	Simpson	Notify Applicants of Selection	Staff	
	Mid Jan 2016	Task Force	Traffic Boxes	Launch Request for Qualifications	Staff	
	20 Jan 2016	Business	ACA Monthly Mtg	Host Monthly Meeting at Torpedo Factory	Commission and Staff	
	23 Jan 2016	Business	Retreat	All Day Commission Priorities Retreat - 9:30-3:30	Commission and Staff	Lee Center
	28 Jan 2016	Task Force	Simpson	Public Meeting to Review Apps and Select Artists	Staff, TF - Betsy and Michele	
February						
	1 Feb 2016	Task Force	Poet Laureate	Deadline for applications	Staff	
	1 Feb 2016	Task Force	DASHing Words Motion	Deadline for submissions	Staff	
	Early Feb	Task Force	Simpson	Interview Top Three Artists	TF	
	Early Feb	Task Force	Simpson	Host Presentation of Conceptual Alternatives Meeting	Staff, TF - Betsy and Michele	
	5 Feb 2016	Event	First Friday	Mardi Gras in Alexandria	Commission and Staff	
	9 or 10 Feb	Task Force	DASHing Words Motion	Meeting to select poetry	Staff, TF - David and Cara	
	Mid Feb 2016	Task Force	Traffic Boxes	Applications due	Staff	
	16 Feb 2016	Business	ACA Monthly Mtg	Host Monthly Meeting	Commission and Staff	
	16 Feb 2016	Task Force	DASHing Words Motion	Considers TF recommendations for poets and poetry	Commission	
	Week of 21 Feb	Task Force	Poet Laureate	Select finalists to be interviewed	Staff, TF - David and Cara	
	26 Feb 2016	Task Force	FY 17 Grants	Applications due	Staff	
	End Feb 2016	Task Force	Traffic Boxes	Review applications	Staff, TF - Betsy and Shirley	
March						
	Early Mar 2016	Task Force	Traffic Boxes	Public meeting to review apps and select artists	Staff, TF - Betsy and Shirley	
	1 Mar 2016	Task Force	DASHing Words Motion	Poetry sent to Alex Transit	Staff	+ 2
	1 Mar 2016	Task Force	Traffic Boxes	Review Applications and Select Artists	Staff and TF - Betsy and Shirley	
	1 Mar 2016	Task Force	Traffic Boxes	Review Applications and Select Artists	Staff	
	4 Mar 2016	Event	First Friday	Family Art Night	Commission and Staff	
	4 Mar 2016	Task Force	FY 17 Grants	Conduct TF orientation	Staff	
	4 Mar 2016	Task Force	Simpson	Host Presentation of Selected Alternative Meeting	Staff, Hennigan, Kozlak	
	6 Mar 2016	Task Force	Traffic Boxes	Notify Applicants of Selection	Staff	
	10 or 11 Mar	Task Force	Poet Laureate	Conduct Interviews	Staff, TF - David and Cara	
	15 Mar 2016	Business	ACA Monthly Mtg	Host Monthly Meeting @ Convergence	Commission and Staff	
	15 Mar 2016	Task Force	Poet Laureate	Consider TF recommendation for naming Poet Laureate	Commission	
April						
	1 Apr 2016	Event	Event	All City High School Fine Arts Exhibit	Commission	11 Mar to 10 Apr
	1 Apr 2016	Event	First Friday	April Fools Day Mernment	Commission and Staff	
	1 Apr 2016	Task Force	Poet Laureate	Begins 3 year term	Poet Laureate	

	1 Apr 2016	Task Force	DASHing Words Motion	Kickoff event and poetry displayed on DASH buses and trolleys	Commission and Staff Staff and TF - Betsy and Shirley	Event runs thru May 30
	1 Apr 2016	Task Force	Traffic Boxes	Host Public Meeting	Staff, Hennigan, Kozlak	
	4 Apr 2016	Task Force	Simpson	Host Final Presentation Meeting	TF and Staff	
	6 Apr 2016	Task Force	FY 17 Grants	Submit grant scores	TF and Staff	
	11 Apr 2016	Task Force	FY 17 Grants	Conduct public review of grant applications and scoring	TF and Staff	
	13 Apr 2016	Task Force	FY 17 Grants	Present recommendations to Grant Committee	Commission and Staff	
	19 Apr 2016	Business	ACA Monthly Mtg	Host Monthly Meeting	Commission and Staff	
	19 April 2016	Business	Exec Cmte Election	Appoint Exec Cmte nominating committee	Commission and Staff	
	19 Apr 2016	Event	Event - AOA	Discuss ACA Role	Commission and Staff	
	19 Apr 2016	Event	First Friday	Discuss ACA Role	Commission and Staff	
	19 Apr 2016	Task Force	FY 17 Grants	Approve Grant TF Recommendations	Commission	
May						
	1 May 2016	Business	Annual Report	Draft Annual Report	Commission - Identify by name	Covers 1 July 15 to 30 Jun 16
	1 May 2016	Task Force	FY 17 Grants	Present Grant Recommendations to City Council	Staff	
	6 May 2016	Event	First Friday	Taste of Cinco de Mayo	Commission and Staff	
	10 May 2016	Business	Exec Cmte Election	Deadline for interest to serve for upcoming year	Commissioners	NLT 2nd Tuesday in May
	Mid May 2016	Event	Traffic Boxes	Unwinding Party	Commission and Staff	Coincides with Public Works Week
	17 May 2016	Business	ACA Monthly Mtg	Host Monthly Meeting	Commission and Staff	
	17 May 2016	Business	Exec Cmte Election	Present new slate of officers		
June						
	3 Jun 2016	Event	First Friday	Family Art Night	Commission and Staff	
	17 Jun 2016	Business	Annual Report	Review Annual Report	Commission and Staff	
	21 Jun 2016	Business	ACA Monthly Mtg	Host Monthly Meeting	Commission and Staff	
July						
	1 Jul 2016	Task Force	FY 17 Grants	Send award letters	Staff	
	19 Jul 2016	Business	ACA Monthly Mtg	Host Monthly Meeting	Commission and Staff	
August						
	16 Aug 2016	Business	ACA Monthly Mtg	Host Monthly Meeting	Commission and Staff	
	30 Aug 2016	Business	Annual Report	Submit ACA Annual Report	Staff	
September						
	15 Sep 2016	Event		King Street Festival for the Arts	Commission	
	20 Sep 2016	Business	ACA Monthly Mtg	Host Monthly Meeting	Commission and Staff	
	22 Sep 2016	Event	ACA	Arts on the Avenue	Commission	
October						
November						
December						

	Business	City Council Legislative Mtg	Attend meeting	Commission	Mtgs held 2nd and 4th Tues; 7-10pm; Sep-
	Business	City Council Public Hearing	Attend meeting	Commission	Jun.
	Event		Add Mobile Art Lab activities on the calendar?		Mtgs held 3rd Saturday; 9:30-3:30

ACA Waterfront Commission Report

Shirley Downs

January 19, 2016

Archaeological Finds

There have been many important discoveries related to the Waterfront made this December. At the 220 Union Street, Indigo Hotel Construction Site. The discoveries were made by Thunderbird Archaeology which is the consultant for the developer. First is the 1755 warehouse which was constructed at the behest of the City of Alexandria and is the first public works project in the City. It is 24 feet wide and 100 feet long and is made of massive timbers possibly 20 to 30 feet long and 12 inches wide. It is the earliest structure excavated in the City to date. It was preserved because it has been in water. The City contracted with the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Lab in St. Leonard MD to do the conservation.

Then a second find was the discovery of a vessel about 50 feet long. It appears to have been buried sometime between 1775 and 1798. The boat was sunk to help to fill in the shore, in a process known as banking out. Stones and a piece of coral from the Caribbean have also been found. These items were ballast in ships coming to Alexandria. It appears that it was a coastal vessel that probably was used for military purposes. Because all of the space in Maryland was taken up by the previous find the boat remains are being stored in water in a Dash bus site here in Alexandria. All of the wood remains are now in water. They will later be immersed in polyethylene glycol (PEG) until the chemical has replaced the cellulose of the wood. This will take 3 or perhaps 4 years. And may cost about \$100,000 which the City hopes to raise from foundations and gifts. This is just an early estimate that may be exceeded. The publicity about the finds has been world-wide and together with the attention related to Mercy Street is helping to define our City.

Go to: the Alexandria Archaeology Museum website for much more information.

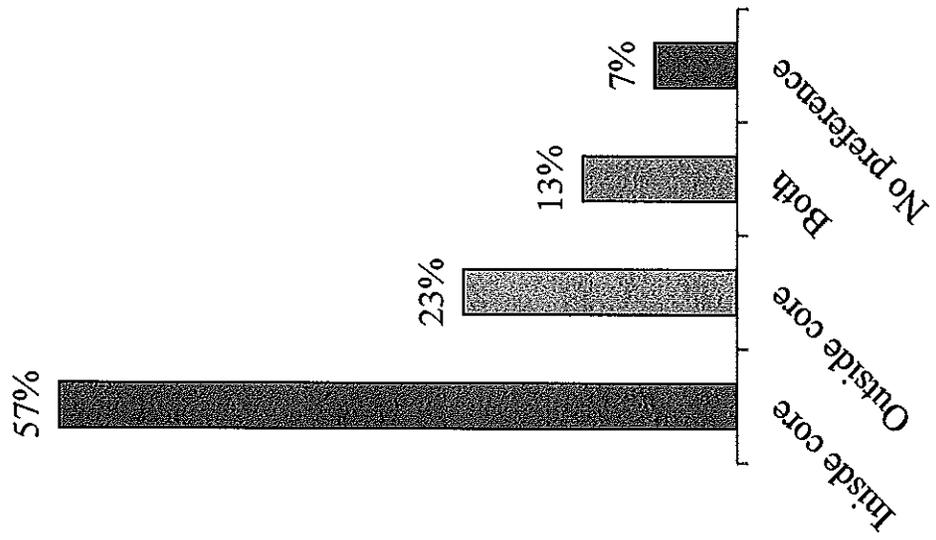
Update on the Olin Plan

Because the waterfront construction is proposed to take a very long time and the Fitzgerald Square Project will have to wait until 2024 and interim project has been proposed for the 2017/2018 budget. The City is proposing to spend about 1 million dollars to construct an interim site which will cost about \$23 per square foot. The piers would remain for the use of the Boat Club Members. This will be in the area where the Old Dominion Boat house was together with the parking lot at the foot of King Street where Fitzgerald Square is proposed. There are two potential designs for the area which community people can provide input on. The area will include a grassy area, and the parking lot area is proposed to be resurfaced and perhaps painted with movable tree planters, and perhaps some storage buildings. There will still be a promenade around the edge and some benches, probably of wood which people could sit on. It could also be used for outdoor programming. Some ideas are to have outdoor movies, bring in sand for a public beach area. Steve Mutty the new Executive Director of the Seaport Foundation suggested that we could have an enclosed see through Pavilion which could show information about the archeological finds, and perhaps some ship building demonstrations. I noted that in Seattle they had yoga on the lawn in their parks. We could make recommendations relating to Public Art, both visual and performance.

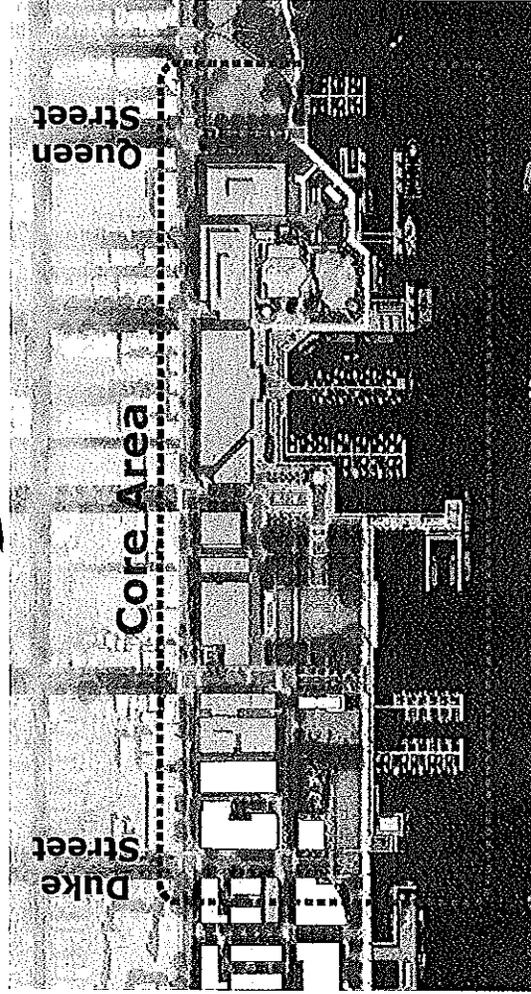
A number of businesses have closed in the Old Town area and the business community is looking to stimulate activity. The City Council Members are also interested in these issues as well. Waterfront Commission Member Jody Manor, of Bittersweet Catering, indicated that he hoped that the City would make the public bathrooms in the Torpedo Factory more accessible to the public for longer periods of time, eg. in the evenings. The Olin Presentation will be made to the Parks and Recreation Commission this Thursday January 21, 2016 , 7PM to 9PM at the Charles Houston Recreation Center at 901 Wythe Street. Does the Commission wish to ask for a presentation on this interim plan as well? Or do you want to look at the Olin Plan when it is put up and comment on it on line?



Start Construction



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ACA Liaison's Torpedo Factory Report

January 19, 2016

From: Michael Detomo
ACA Liaison to the Torpedo Factory
President of the Torpedo Factory Art Center Board of Directors

In the last month, the Torpedo Factory Art Center Board (TFACB) has been focused on the recent report and recommendations from the consultant, The Cultural Planning Group. The report recommends the Torpedo Factory be governed by a single, self-determined, nonprofit board.

- This means one governance board rather than the two current (and somewhat parallel) boards of the TFACB and the Torpedo Factory Artist Association (TFAA).
- This means the new board shall be a nonprofit rather than the quasi-nonprofit of the TFACB and the corporation status of the TFAA.
- This means the new board shall not consist of directors appointed by the City Council. The new board of directors shall be self-selected, self-determined.

The community of the Torpedo Factory: the TFACB, the TFAA, and the Art League, have been meeting to discuss these recommendations- three-quarters of the TFACB are in favor of these recommendations.

The next TFACB meeting is tomorrow night, Wednesday, January 20, 2016, in the Torpedo Factory Great Hall.

Arts Forum Liaison Report for January 2016

- The Arts Forum will be sending out a monthly e-newsletter to members starting in February.
- The January Arts Forum meeting is this Thursday at the Lab Theatre at Convergence from 12pm-1:30pm. It will be a Spring2Action workshop for arts groups to help them learn about and maximize this citywide online giving opportunity and to broaden the Spring4theArts campaign.
- There will be a meet-up scheduled for Saturday, February 27th at 7:30pm at the Alexandria Singers performance at First Baptist Church. There will be an informal gathering at Café Pizzaiolo beforehand starting at 6pm.
- The Arts Forum is starting a Leadership Roundtable – an informal meeting where members can get together to talk about specific topics, or just have coffee and network. The first one will be held on February 3rd at 8am at Emma's in Del Ray.

Time & Place

A CONVERSATION ABOUT ART, HISTORY AND COMMUNITY

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PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION WITH:

Franklin Vagnone
Principal - Twisted
Preservation Consulting
& Domestic archeo-
anthropologist

Lauren F. Adams
Artist and professor of
art at Maryland Institute
College of Art

Heather Rounds &
Teddy Johnson
Founders and curators,
The Rotating History
Project

JANUARY 27, 6:30- 8:00 P.M. Reception to follow

The Lyceum | 201 S Washington Street | Alexandria, VA 22314

How can artists engage new audiences and enrich the visitor experience at historic sites? How have historic sites paired compelling historical narratives with dynamic contemporary art? How do artists collaborate with historians, research sites and archives to create new work? How can artists contribute to the conversation about the role of a city's past in its future?

Join the City of Alexandria's Office of the Arts and Office of Historic Alexandria for a presentation and discussion with experts in the field of public art, history and historic house programming about how contemporary art projects have enlivened and invigorated house museums and historic sites.

For more information about Time & Place, go to www.alexandriava.gov/arts

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 19, 2016
TO: ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS
FROM: CHERYL ANNE COLTON, REGIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR, RECREATION,
PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, OFFICE OF THE ARTS
RE: FY17 GRANT TASK FORCE

Background:

The City of Alexandria Office of the Arts provides an opportunity for arts organizations and artists to apply for operating, program, and special opportunity grants for programs that happen within the City of Alexandria.

Discussion:

Per the policy approved by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts the Grants Task Force shall consist of nine members, with the following representation: up to four representatives of the Commission for the Arts, at least two community stakeholders, and six members with professional expertise in the arts as an artist or arts administrator in each of the artistic disciplines reflected in the Arts Grant Program (i.e., music, dance, literature, theatre, the visual arts, and interdisciplinary). Some Task Force members may be counted in more than one category (e.g., a Commissioner with professional expertise in the arts would be counted in two categories). The minimum number of panelists allowable for a Task Force grant review meeting is five.

At the December 15 Arts Commission meeting Mike Detomo, Matthew Stensrud and Catherine Ahern were appointed to the Grants Task Force. In order to complete the Fiscal Year 2017 Grants Task Force Lisa Baranello (new Commissioner) and Allison Nance, who is interested in serving as chair of the Grant Commission need to be appointed, along with citizen members.

Staff is proposing the following roster for the FY17 Grants Task Force:

Grant Committee Observer: Allison Nance,* Chair Grants Committee

1. Mike Detomo*
2. Lisa Baranello*
3. Matthew Stensrud*
4. Catherine Ahern*
5. Scott Price, Regional Director, Northern Virginia Office Senator Warner (community stakeholder)
6. Converse West, Employee, Police Department (community stakeholder)
7. Joanna Ormesher, Cultural Arts and Marketing Director, City of Fairfax (arts administrator)
8. Signe Friedrichs, Executive Director, Council for the Arts of Herndon (arts administrator)
9. Artist or arts administrator, TBD

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends appointment of the above roster for the FY17 Grants Task Force

*Arts Commissioners

Attachment: Bios for Signe Friedrichs, Joanna Ormesher, Scott Price and Converse West

Grants Task Force

Grant Committee Observer: Allison Nance,* chair, Grants Committee

Mike Detomo*

Lisa Baranello*

Matthew Stensrud*

Catherine Ahern*

Scott A. Price, II, Regional Director, Northern Virginia Office Senator Warner (community stakeholder) received his BA from the University of Virginia. Prior to directing constituent services for Sen. Warner, Scott was executive director of the Virginia High-Tech Partnership, linking technology companies with historically black colleges and universities. Mr. Price has in depth knowledge of politics, community affairs and government inter-workings. He has served on the Alexandria United Way Regional Council, the Alexandria Economic Development Board and the Alexandria Departmental Club.

Converse West, Employee, Police Department (community stakeholder) Converse (Connie) West is a retired insurance executive, having served United Services Life Insurance Company in D.C. and Virginia for 30 years. During the Korean War, Mr. West served in the Army. After retirement in 1996, he began working with the Alexandria Police Department, working in Information Services. Since moving to Alexandria in 1976, Mr. West has served on the Alexandria Traffic & Parking Board for 22 years as Chairman along with serving on the Alexandria United Way Regional Council for about five years and the Alexandria Crime Prevention Commission. He is a current Board Member and Secretary of Agenda:Alexandria; the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations; the Holmes Run Park Committee; and the Hallmark Condominium Unit Owners' Association. In 2014 Mr. West was named an "Alexandria Living Legend."

Joanna Ormsher, CPRP, Cultural Arts and Marketing Director, City of Fairfax has served as staff liaison for the Fairfax City's Commission on the Arts. Joanna Ormsher is also the Executive Director of Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts, a three-week Arts Festival. She serves on the boards of the Virginia Opera, the Fall for the Book Festival and the Arts Council of Clifton. She recently graduated from a two year program from North Carolina State University and National Parks Directors School - as the only Arts graduate.

Signe Friedrichs, Executive Director, Council for the Arts of Herndon since November 2012, Ms. Friedrichs received a baccalaureate degree in art history and medieval/renaissance studies from Wellesley College, followed by a master's degree in European history at the University of Connecticut, Storrs. After living in Naples and Venice, Italy for 4 years, she moved to Herndon Virginia in 1996. In her free time, she serves on the Herndon Chamber of Commerce Committee, sings with the internationally awarded Vienna-Falls Chorus and enjoys the many visual and performance art experiences available in the metro DC region.

*Arts Commission members.

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

Time & Place

Lead Agency

Office of the Arts

Project Scope

Develop a program plan for contemporary public art in historic settings as recommended in the Plan.

Project Budget

\$50,000 for the public art project

Task Force Members

Beth Coast

Kate Elkins

Update

A free lecture has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 27 at 7pm at the Lyceum with speakers: Franklin Vagnone, ED Historic House Trust of NYC; Lauren Adams, artist (fan project for Trust New Art); Heather Rounds, co-founder of Rotating History Project; and Wilmer Wilson, IV, artist

Next Steps

Assemble the remaining task force members and work with the consultant team to issue an invitational.

Anticipated Completion

Spring, 2016 (with exhibit)

Simpson Park

Lead Agency

Office of the Arts

Project Scope

Add a public artist to the design team to integrate and install public art as part of the playground restoration.

Project Budget

\$30,000 for artist administrative fees, \$65,000 for fabrication and installation, \$5,000 for artist interviews.

Task Force Members

Betsy Hennigan

Michelle Kozlak

Update

76 RFQ/applications were received through Café. Arts Commission to appoint remainder of Task Force.

Next Steps

Once design team is hired Task Force will be assembled to review all of the applications and score for top two/three. Top candidates will be brought to Alexandria to meet with the Task Force and visit the project site.

Anticipated Completion

FY17

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS, cont'd

Lake Cook

Lead Agency

Office of the Arts

Project Scope

Add a public artist to the design team to integrate and install public art as part of the lake/site restoration.

Project Budget

\$20,000 for phase 1 design

Task Force Members

Allison Nance

Allison Heck

Update

Staff has met with the Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ) and the Department of Project Implementation (DPI).

Next Steps

Staff will meet with the ACA members of the Task Force to review project goals, potential task force members, and scope. Office of the Arts will issue a 30-day call in January to begin the artist selection process.

Anticipated Completion

Early Fall, 2016

Traffic Box Wraps

Lead Agency

Office of the Arts

Project Scope

Add a public artist to the design team to integrate and install public art as part of the lake/site restoration.

Project Budget

\$25,000 (\$4,000 for three artists, \$21,000 for wraps and installation)

Task Force Members

Betsy Hennigan

Shirley Downs

Update

The call for artists has been issued on Café (www.callforentry.org).

Next Steps

Staff will recruit the remaining members of the Task Force for approval by the Arts Commission in February.

Anticipated Completion

Spring, 2016 (with National Public Works Week)



PUBLIC ART PROJECTS, cont'd

Trails & Paths

Lead Agency

Office of the Arts

Project Scope

Incorporate public art into various trails and paths throughout Alexandria.

Project Budget

\$20,000 in FY16

Task Force Members

Cara Frey

Shirley Downs

Next Steps

Staff will talk with various departments and divisions to get an update on trails and to determine options. Staff will then meet with the ACA members of the Task Force to review project goals and scope.

Anticipated Completion

TBD

Warwick Pool

Lead Agency

Office of the Arts

Project Scope

Incorporate public art into the redesign of Warwick Pool.

Project Budget

\$20,000 for phase 1 design

Task Force Members

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2.

Next Steps

Staff will meet with the ACA members of the Task Force to review project goals, scope, and potential task force members. Office of the Arts will issue a 30-day call in January to begin the artist selection process.

Anticipated Completion

Spring, 2017

PUBLIC ART MAINTENANCE

King Street Gardens Park Artwork

Lead Agency

Office of the Arts

Project Scope

Begin the development of a restoration plan for the artwork.

Update

Staff has been in discussion with the original artist team and the KSGP Foundation to about the process.

Next Steps

Staff has met with representatives from the Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ) to assess the options related to the restoration of the raingarden. They will begin their assessment this fall.

Anticipated Completion

The plan will be developed in FY16 with work lasting 5 or more years.

Brio

Lead Agency

Office of the Arts

Project Scope

Per the Public Art Condition Assessment, inspect the base of the structure and move stones into place.

Update

Staff will hire a conservator for the inspection. This work will be done in conjunction with the WWII memorial.

Next Steps

Hire a conservator to do the inspection and stone replacement.

Anticipated Completion

Unknown

Alexandria War Dead Memorial

Lead Agency

Office of the Arts

Project Scope

Per the Public Art Condition Assessment, inspect the base of the structure and move stones into place.

Update

Staff will hire a conservator for the inspection. This work will be done in conjunction with Brio.

Next Steps

Hire a conservator to do the inspection and stone replacement.

Anticipated Completion

Unknown



PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Cultural Plan

Lead Agency

Office of the Arts

Project Scope

The development of a comprehensive citywide cultural arts plan that shall define the role of the City in supporting, producing, defining, and sustaining arts and culture initiatives throughout the City to accomplish the City's broader goals.

Update

CPG was in town December 7-9. During this trip the consultant team met with the Steering Committee as well as other organization and community leaders.

Next Steps

CPG will be in town to continue meeting with organization and community leaders and prepare the "Festival of Ideas" for February 24-27.

Grant Program

Lead Agency

Office of the Arts

Project Scope

Administering the City of Alexandria's Arts Grant Program

Update

Grant applications went live on January 4, 2016. Staff has held 2 workshops/webinars to date.

Next Steps

Applications are due at 5pm on February 26, 2016.

Poet Laureate/Dashing Words

Lead Agency

Office of the Arts

Project Scope

Selection of the city's Poet Laureate and the call for poems for Dashing Words

Task Force Members

Kate Elkins

Cara Frey

Update

Applications have been received and will be reviewed by the Task Force.

Next Steps

Staff will convene the Task Force for a meeting to review the Dashing Words poetry and to select the next Poet Laureate.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES, cont'd

Save the Date(s)

Time + Place: A Conversation About Art, History & Community

Wednesday, January 27 at 7pm at The Lyceum

Guest Speakers: Franklin Vagnone, ED Historic House Trust of NYC; Lauren Adams, artist (fan project for Trust New Art); Heather Rounds, co-founder of Rotating History Project; and Wilmer Wilson, IV, artist
A panel discussion to help kick-off the Time + Place project.

First Fridays at Durant

February 5	Mardi Gras in Alexandria	May 6	Taste of Cinco de Mayo
March 4	Family Art Night	June 3	Family Art Night
April 1	Fool's Day Merriement		

Advance reservations: \$5 resident; \$10 nonresident. At the door: \$10 resident; \$15 nonresident

Celebrating Poetry in the City of Alexandria:

Solo Reading: Tori Lane Kovarik, Poet Laureate, City of Alexandria

Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 7 pm at the Durant Center

Free

To kick-off National Poetry Month and to acknowledge Tori Lane Kovarik's contributions to the Alexandria community, Ms. Kovarik will read a selection of her works and works of others.

2016 gospelFEST – Alexandria, VA

Friday, May 20, 6:00 pm – 9 pm

Saturday, May 21, 11 am – 1 pm

Durant Center

Two glorious days of singing Gospel music in its rich genre of gospelized spirituals, contemporary, traditional, choral, call and response, and praise workshop music sung by local choirs while helping the hungry in Alexandria's community. Bring a nonperishable food item for the Alexandria Food Pantry. Adult supervision required. Advance: \$5 resident, \$10 nonresident; At door: \$10 resident, \$15 nonresident

"Bagels and Bach"

April 3, May 1, June 5

11 am – 1 pm

Durant Center

Classical music and brunch, what better way to enjoy a Sunday morning? A variety of local quartets, quintets, or sextets will be showcased. Music will be provided by local musicians. Light brunch provided. Light brunch provided.

Advance: \$10 resident, \$15 nonresident; At door: \$15 resident, nonresident \$20

Alexandria Arts Academy

3 pm – 6pm Mondays – Tuesdays – Wednesdays April 11 through June 3, 2016 for ages 7 -10

Durant Center

Budding artists will have artistic experiences in three arts disciplines – Dance, Theatre and Visual Arts. The Academy includes learning group and solo dance routines, play-acting and theatrical readings; and drawing, painting and collage making. Culminating the experience will be sharing their talents at the annual Youth Arts Festival.

Advanced registration required. Fee: \$200 resident, \$250 nonresident

Task Force Placement

Simpson Park Public Art

1. Betsy Hennigan*
2. Michelle Kozlak*
3. TBD (project stakeholder)
4. TBD (community stakeholder)
5. TBD (community stakeholder)

Cultural Plan

1. Beth Coast*
2. Suzie Cohen*
3. Gayle Converse*
4. Gwen Day-Fuller
5. Michelle Kozlak*
6. Dawnielle Miller
7. Robin Havens-Parker
8. John Porter
9. Jordan Potash
10. Matthew Stensrud* (ex-officio)

Time & Place

1. Kate Elkins*
2. Beth Coast*
3. TBD (project stakeholder)
4. TBD (community stakeholder)
5. TBD (community stakeholder)

Lake Cook

1. Allison Nance*
2. Allison Heck*
3. TBD (project stakeholder)
4. TBD (community stakeholder)
5. TBD (community stakeholder)

Traffic Box Wraps

1. Betsy Hennigan*
2. Shirley Downs*
3. TBD (project stakeholder)
4. TBD (community stakeholder)
5. TBD (community stakeholder)

Warwick Pool **NEW**

1. TBD
2. TBD

*Arts Commissioner

Grants Task Force

Grant Committee Observer: TBD

1. Mike Detomo*
2. Allison Nance*
3. Matthew Stensrud*
4. TBD (arts commission)
5. TBD
6. TBD
7. TBD
8. TBD
9. TBD

AftA Arts & Economic Prosperity Study V

1. Allison Heck*
2. Amber Gordon*
3. Matthew Stensrud*

Trails & Paths

1. Cara Frey*
2. Shirley Downs*
3. TBD (project stakeholder)
4. TBD (community stakeholder)
5. TBD (community stakeholder)

Poet Laureate & Dashing Words

3. Kate Elkins*
4. Cara Frey*
5. TBD
6. TBD
7. TBD

Waterfront / Fitzgerald Square Public Art

1. Susie Cohen*
2. Mike Detomo*
3. Allison Nance*
4. TBD (project stakeholder)
5. TBD (community stakeholder)
6. TBD (community stakeholder)

Torpedo Factory Board Liaison

1. Mike Detomo*

Waterfront Commission Liaison

1. Shirley Downs*

The Office of the Arts staff works collaboratively with the Department of Planning and Zoning to manage the development conditions through which a developer is expected to include public art in their development. The public art review process is carefully integrated into the overall development review process to provide predictability to the developer, staff and the general public.

The Office of the Arts staff participates in interagency reviews, the drafting of conditions, reviewing of artist selection and concept development, ensuring that conditions have been met, and monitoring for compliance. Below is a list of the projects that Staff has provided comments for within the past month.

Project	Phase	Public Art or Payment in Lieu (PIL)	Condition/Notes
2901 Eisenhower Ave	Preliminary 2	PIL	Per the City's Public Art Policy, the applicant shall provide a monetary contribution at a rate of \$.30 per gross square foot with a maximum contribution of \$75,000 per building: Building #1 (342,734sf): \$75,000 (capped), Building #2 (560,182sf): \$75,000 (capped), Townhouses (218,767sf): \$65,630. Per the City's Public Art Policy payment in lieu funds are to be used toward city-acquired public art within the Small Area Plan planning area. **** (P&Z) (RP&CA)

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 19, 2016

TO: ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS

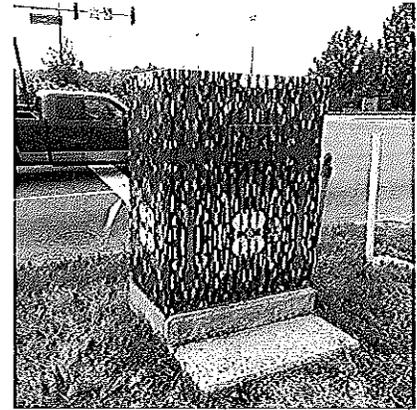
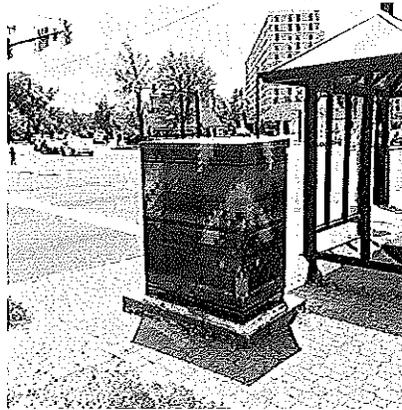
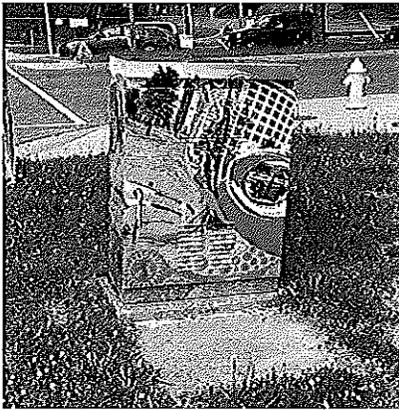
FROM: DIANE RUGGIERO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, OFFICE OF THE ARTS

RE: 2016 TRAFFIC CONTROL BOX WRAP PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Project Description

Vinyl wrap 12 traffic control boxes with original artwork.

Below are the wrapped boxes on Duke Street (Pamela Underhill & Roger Foster, Anthony Palliparambil, Erin Curtis)



Background

Office of the Arts staff met with the ACA members of the Traffic Control Box Project Task Force (Betsy Hennigan & Shirley Downs) to review and make recommendations for the Project.

Artist Selection

Three artists/teams will be selected with each artist designing 4 boxes. Artists will be selected through regional call open to all artists living and working in Virginia, Maryland, DC, West Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

The project is scheduled to be completed by May, 2016 in celebration of National Public Works Week.

Recommendations

The task force discussed a variety of options regarding the project related to the approach of the project and the potential location such as gateways, pedestrian corridors, massing, etc. Staff and task force felt that it would work better in one continuous location (like the Duke Street project) rather than spaced around the city. The task force settled on the Beauregard Street corridor between the Braddock Road (north) and Quantrell Avenue (south) with three additional boxes at the Seminary Road intersection as the best location. This provides the opportunity for there to be continued viewing from both a vehicle and pedestrian scale and the massing will be able to indicate that this is an intentional project. This area is also underserved by other public art projects.

TRAFFIC CONTROL BOX WRAPS 2016

Proposed Intersections

Beauregard Street at

- Braddock Road (143)
- Fillmore Avenue (142)

Seminary Road at

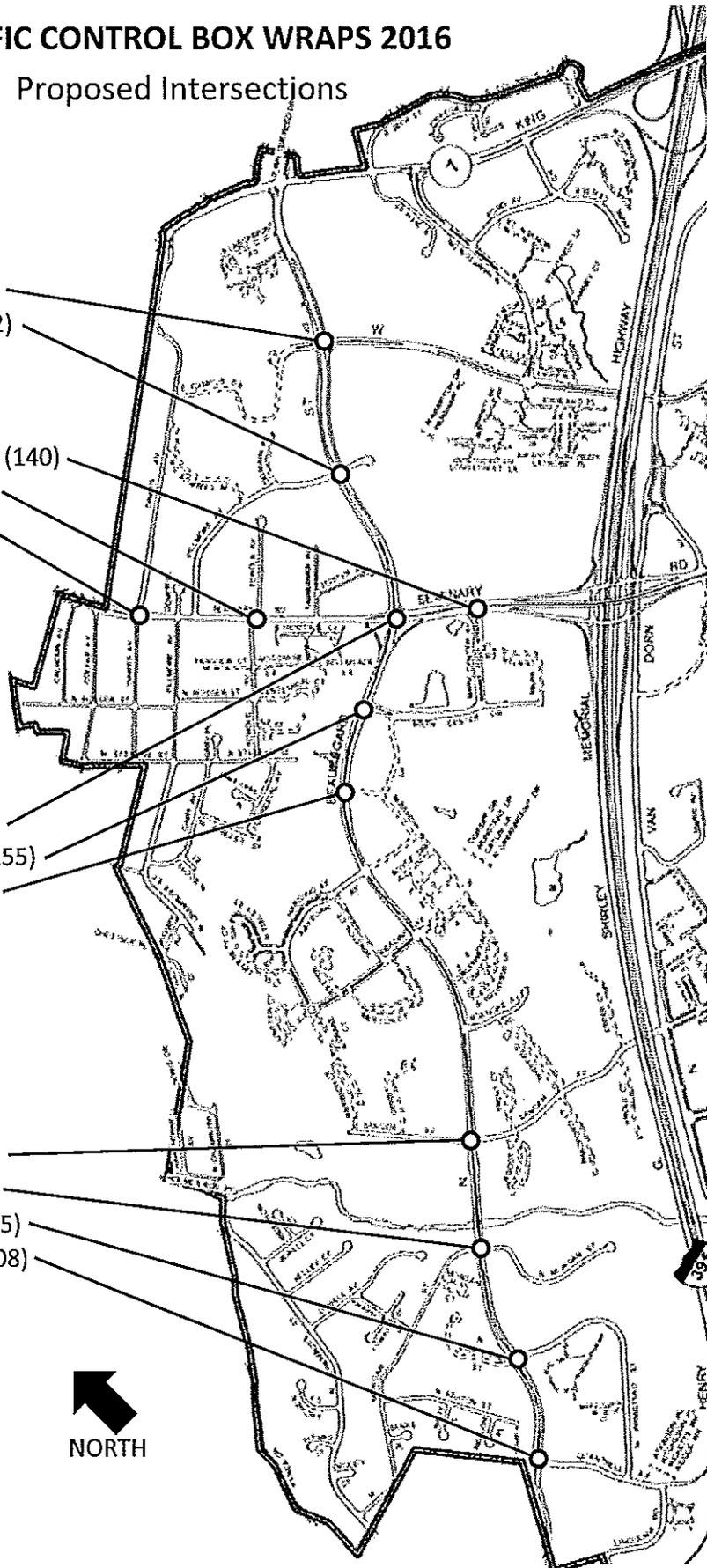
- Mark Center Avenue (140)
- Echols Avenue (154)
- Dawes Avenue (153)

Beauregard Street at

- Seminary Road (141)
- Mark Center Drive (155)
- Highview Lane (201)

Beauregard Street at

- Sanger Avenue (204)
- Morgan Street (205)
- Armistead Street (185)
- Quantrell Avenue (208)



Data + Storytelling = Impact

Presenter: Liz Scott, PhD, Brighter Strategies

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

8:30 am Registration and light breakfast

9 am – 11:00 am Workshop

Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA

Is your nonprofit able to show and quantify the impact of your organization's work?
Are you mining the right data so you can better deliver your services to those most in need?
Do you have the right data management system in place?
Are you able to tell your organization's story with the data that you have collected?

Join us for an interactive discussion that will cover the following topics:

- ✓ Knowing what data to track;
- ✓ Understanding the difference between program quality and program impact measure;
- ✓ Identifying ways to collaborate with others;
- ✓ Creating a story with your data that inspires funders;
- ✓ And, narrowing what you need to track when you have limited resources.

The workshop is **FREE**, however reservations are required.

Please register on Eventbrite: <http://datastorytelling.eventbrite.com>

If you have questions, please call the Office of the Arts at 703.746.5588.

***In case of inclement weather, this workshop will follow the City of Alexandria weather policies.**

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FIRST FRIDAY "MARDI GRAS IN ALEXANDRIA"

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2016
6:00 PM-8:30 PM

DURANT ARTS CENTER, 1605 CAMERON STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA

WEAR PURPLE, GREEN AND GOLD WHILE ENJOYING THE "NOT SO MODERN JAZZ QUARTET MINUS ONE" JAZZ BAND AND MARDI GRAS CARNIVAL CUSTOMS WITHOUT LEAVING ALEXANDRIA! MAKE A MARDI GRAS MASK WITH THE METAMORPHOSIS ART & ENRICHMENT CENTER OR BRING YOUR OWN, AND PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENING'S MARDI GRAS PARADE.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED. CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ONE ADULT.

ADVANCE: PER PERSON: \$5 RESIDENT \$10 NONRESIDENT
AT DOOR: PER PERSON: \$10 RESIDENT \$15 NONRESIDENT

TO PAY ONLINE: WWW.ALEXANDRIA.VA.GOV/WEBTRAC/355203.01



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