



Arts and Humanities Council of Falls Church Meeting

January 17, 2019

Falls Church Arts

Minutes

Members Present: Corey Jannicelli, Barb Cram, Sally Cole, Laura Hull, Edwin Henderson, Marybeth Connelly, Letty Hardi, Rosemary Ziskind, Ron Anzalone, Lindy Hockenberry, Ellen Gross

Guests: Keith Thurston (CATCH Foundation), John Daniels (Office of Congressman Beyer)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Barb Cram at 9:35 am.

Minutes: Meeting minutes from December were approved

TLCCF Report:

- Watch Night 2018
 - Rain caused the event to cancel inflatables and rock wall but added a photo booth indoors.
 - Looking into an indoor alternative for mainstage for bad weather in future years.
 - Suggestion made to use flashing starts to mark Watch Night event locations

Development Update:

- There will be coordination between the West End development and the VA tech and WAMATA projects to make all projects more cohesive.
- Argia's will be replaced by another Italian restaurant
- VPIS has expressed concerns that the downtown park did not follow a formal enough process to provided enough opportunity for community feedback
- Library renovation discussions are underway with community input to happen soon
 - Library has signed an MOU with TJ to use the trailers during construction

Old Business:

- Heritage Days
 - Second planning meeting was held on Jan 16 with Ron Anzalone, Diane Morse, Ed Henderson, Marybeth Connelly, Barb Cram and Corey Jannicelli were present
 - The group discussed how to define Falls Church Heritage and identified potential programs that would fall within the Heritage Days project
 - The group will reconvene before the next A&H Council Meeting

- Public Art Policy
 - The following individuals meet on Jan 16 to review the first draft of the Public Art Policy. Barb Cram, Keith Thurston, Sally Cole, Letty Hardi, Irene Chambers and Corey Jannicelli
 - Discussion included what is Public Art and how to create a process for all types of public art including permanent, temporary and event art along with Art that is on public or private property.
 - Group will meet again before the Feb A&H Council meeting and will share a draft of the Public Art Policy in February.

- Signal Boxes
 - Graphic is now ready and will be installed as soon as the weather warms up to 50 degrees

- Downtown Park
 - Some landscaping will be started in March
 - City Council's upcoming work session will include discussion on park names

New Business:

- None

Roundtable:

- MLK Day March on Jan 21 at 1:00 pm hosted by the THHF and Social Justice Committee of Falls Church
 - Event will honor Civil Rights History
 - Church Service will begin at 1:30 pm
 - Congressman Beyer will be speaking at the event
 - Event highlights the need for increasing City's special events budget
- Creative Cauldron continues to host Passport to the World curated by Ken Avis
- Victorian Society at Falls Church is working to reschedule its literary reading from Oct
- Cherry Hill's Barn Restoration will begin in January to repair the northwest cornerpost
- FCPS have begun their second half of the school year
- FCA Exposure opening was standing room only
 - Feb 9 FCA will host Justin Black for a presentation on landscape composition
- Chamber Mixer to take place on Jan 29 from 5:30 pm to 7pm
 - Many community businesses are offering discounts to Federal Gov't employees
- Friends of Cherry Hill Foundation hosts Valentine's Day tea on Feb 10
- City Council has announced Monday as a day of service for MLK
 - Elementary kids are working on meal packs
 - Blood drive will take place outside TJ on Monday morning
 - Council is inviting the community to join them at Sunrise Monday at 3pm to engage with local seniors citizens
- Don Beyer is hosting at town hall meeting on Jan 17 at Yorktown HS
- Ed Henderson is working with the Library on a display for Black History Month

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by at 11:03 am

Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21 at 9:30 am at Falls Church Arts

Submitted: By Corey Jannicelli