



Arts and Humanities Council of Falls Church Meeting

April 21, 2022
Virtual Meeting
Minutes

Members Present: Corey Price, Letty Hardi, Laura Hull, Elise Neil Bengtson, Ron Anzalone, Marybeth Connelly, Katharine Stewart, Maureen Budetti, Ellen Gross

Guests: Ariadne Autor (Falls Church City Resident), Olivia Jeffers (Falls Church City Resident)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Laura Hull at 9:33 a.m.

Receipt of Public Comments

- No public comments were received
- Mary Sellers sent an update on the Falls Church Art Walk which was shared in the meeting.

Minutes: March minutes were approved

New Business:

A. West Falls Church Place Making –Corey Price

- Maureen Budetti and Mary Sellers will be representing the AHC at an upcoming place making conversation with the developers in June for the West Falls Church Project
- They will take any questions or comments raised today to the meeting and report back at our July meeting.
- Comments
 - Interest in seeing local history interpretation at the site. Perhaps related to the school.
 - Would like to find out more information about programming for the outdoor stage.

Old Business:

A. AHC Charges - Laura Hull/Corey Price

- Requested changes from last meeting we added to the document and highlighted in yellow
- The communications department has updated their policy and we are now allowed to promote arts and culture in the general sense as a board. Guidelines on promoting events by local arts organizations and business are being worked out.
- Comments
 - The group identified several small grammatical errors and clarifying language that will be corrected in the final draft

- Group decided to add the word implementing to the statement “Advocating and promoting for arts, culture, and history in City endeavors, including advising fiscal planning and budget”
- Members voted to submit charges to City Council for review and approval

B. Member Agreements- Laura Hull

- Requested changes from last meeting we added to the document and highlighted in yellow
- Comments:
 - The group identified several small grammatical errors and clarifying language that will be corrected in the final draft.
 - Reference to the electronic policy is needed in the agreement
- Members voted to approve member agreement with changes above

C. Voting Membership- Corey Price

- Chart was updated from last meeting by adding The Little City C.A.T.CH. Foundation to the list of liaisons.
- Members voted to submit charges to City Council for review and approval

D. Local History Magazine

- Looking to create a quarterly history magazine inspired by the Northland Journal printed in Derby, VT
- Looking to create community stories through crowdsource stories
- Estimating the cost of creating and printing the magazine is \$2,000 quarterly, financed through business ads
- Recommend working with other community organizations such as Cherry Hill, PTA and VPIS.

E. Falls Church Art Walk

- Part 1- Create one or two walking tours and promote the routes by the end of May
- Part 2- Create a scavenger hunt or walk that would be more of a community event and local organizations and businesses can participate
- Mary Sellers has drafted to potential walking routes and reached out to FCA and The Little City C.A.T.CH. Foundation about being a potential fiscal agent
- Ari has reached out to CSI to get a quote on forever green fliers and QR stickers
- Corey Price confirmed the AHC can promote the program as a board
- Opportunity to get Artists involve, Plein Air will be hosted this fall

F. Storm Drain Mural Project

- Using [Clearwater, FL](#) as an example, Letty Hardi is planning to work with High School Students to paint 5 storm drains with environmental messages.
- Project has been approved by City Manager
- Work will be completed in May-June
- Art designs will be reviewed by the AHC in May

Roundtable Discussions

- April 18 - Victorian Society participated in Easter Egg Roll
- April 26 - Victorian Society is participating in the upcoming Fairfax County History Day at Historic Blenheim
- Ron Anzalone has updated the Falls Church signs on the Historic Marker Database <https://www.hmdb.org/>
 - Eden sign will be installed soon and will need to be added to HMDB
 - S. Washington Old Town Hall text should be updated on sign
- March 26 through May 8 – FCA All Member Show
- April 24 Intro to Quilling
- May through June- FCA watercolor Painting Class
- May – FCA Abstract Painting Class
- VPIS – Ongoing projects, bike paths and stream signage
- Cherry Hill open for Saturday morning tours, teas and fieldtrips
- May 1 - Women’s History Walk, 2 miles, 60 signs, 10 community stations
- May 5-29 – Creative Cauldron hosting into the Woods
- Creative Cauldron continues to host Passport to the World Series this spring
- Marybeth Connelly is happy to host the AHC for a tour of the High School

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 AM

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 19

Submitted:

By Corey Price