



Arts and Humanities Council of Falls Church Meeting

June 18, 2020

Art Room, Falls Church Community Center

Minutes

Members Present: Corey Jannicelli, Rosemary Ziskind, Letty Hardi, Marybeth Connelly, Ed Henderson, Ron Anzalone, Sally Cole, Ellen Gross, Chrystie Swiney, Laura Hull,

Guests: Keith Thurston (CATCH Foundation), Shaina Schaffer (Planner, DDS), James Snyder (Director, DDS)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Laura Hull at 9:36 am.

Recognition and Remembrance of Chair, Barb Cram:

- The Arts and Humanities Council lost our Chair and friend on June 2nd. Members of the A&H Council shared appreciation and personal memories.
- Brief summary includes:
 - Barb's upbeat, joyful attitude, cheerful demeanor, ability to listen
 - Her ability to turn ideas into action
 - Service to the community through Watch Night, A&H Council, FCA, Plien Air Festival, Public Art Policy, Tri-centennial Committee, Transit Plaza History Panel and more
 - The group supports honoring her memory in some way, working with Keith Thurston and Barb Crams family. Suggestions included a Barb Cram Positivity Award.

Receipt of Public Comments

- No comments were received

Minutes: No minutes were presented for review

New Business:

- **UVA Student Public Art Policy**
- Project Background
 - This project came about thanks to Barb Cram and the City is putting the study forward for recognition by the American Planning Association
 - The document includes a Public Art Vision to include a commitment to Community, Arts as Contributors, Storytelling and Equity.
 - The document also includes values and goals, makes the case for supporting public art, stakeholders and site analysis with a Falls Church Arts & Cultural Map plus a list of current and potential sites, extensive case study examples, recommendations for next steps and a proposed public art policy.
- A&H Council Member Feedback
 - Overall good work

- Add Tinner Hill Making History Visible project document to the addendum and make sure the project is incorporated into the overall document
- Recommended addition of Education in Art and Art in the Schools
- Review historical markers and historic site list with the Historical Commission so that nothing is left out.
- Make sure that the Visual Arts and Performing Arts are acknowledged as a vital part of our City's Arts & Cultural plans
- More clarity needed on maintenance of Public Art and a plan for associated costs.
- Recommendations needed by Arts & Humanities Council to City Council on a Maintenance and Project budget for Public Art
- School Board should also be informed of the project along with other boards and commissions
- Questions around how we turn a master plan into action steps to turn our ideas into reality. Example, presenting the Cultural District to City Council for final approval, utilizing plan with development projects.
- Next Steps
 - Comments will be typed up by Corey Jannicelli and shared with A&H Council members to make additions. These comments will be included as an addendum, the document when reviewed by the Planning Commission in July.
 - Additional Comments should be sent to cjannicelli@fallschurchva.gov by July 7th.

Old Business:

- **Founder Row Mural** –Joe Muffler will attend our meeting in July to discuss the art aspect of Founders Row
- **West Falls Church Project** –Carly Aubrey, Principal Planner will present at July meeting

Roundtable:

- **Creative Cauldron** is exploring places for outside performance venues and is looking for recommendations
- **EDA's mural, *Up Up and Away*** has been installed at Mr. Brown's Park
- **EDA's micro-program 2nd round grants** are open to nonprofits
- **July 4** – VPIS will hold a virtual 4th of July reading
- **July 9** – VPIS will hold a virtual summer concert
- **VPIS** has voted on supporting portraits of Maddy Gundry and Freddie Foote in City Hall Chambers and will serve as marketers and fundraisers.
- **Falls Church History Panel-** Hosting meeting with community members this afternoon to discuss how we can better tell the honest history of Falls Church Founding and the racist policies of our City's past.
- **Live Local Falls Church Masks-** Still available email cathy@fallschurchchamber.org if you are interested
- **Falls Church Chamber of Commerce** – is offering Healthy Living Pledge Course
- **Victorian Society** plans to celebrate its 25th anniversary this fall

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am

Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16 at 9:30 am

Submitted: By Corey Jannicelli