

WILLIAMSBURG AREA ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes - March 29, 2018

Chair Sally Wolfe called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Williamsburg Area Arts Commission at 3:35 pm.

Attending: Branch Smith, Caviness, Heck, Leek, Rublein, Wolfe,

Staff: Lemieux

Absent: Page, Nurnberger, Vrettos

Minutes of previous meetings from November, 2017 and January, 2018 were submitted for approval.

Motion Leek, Second: Caviness. *Motion carried.*

Chair Wolfe reported on the Commission's Budget Report that she presented to the City Council on behalf of the Commission. She indicated that in addition to the request for grant funding for over 30 organizations, grant requests frequently articulated the shortage of appropriate venues for many organizations.

The Commission will submit its budget to JCC April 10th at 5:00, with all commissioners requested to attend. The commission will also seek a meeting with the James City County Board of Supervisors prior to the hearing. Patricia Rublein will make initial contacts and forward information to the Commissioners.

The WAAC has its turn approaching for a joint meeting with the York County Arts Commission. The Commission will begin planning for a lunch and program in May with York County commissioners as guests. A tentative plan is to meet at the Williamsburg Community Building or at the Stryker Center on a possible date selected from June 1 or 7 or 8, by invited speakers. The subject of *Arts Transitions* will be the focus and, hopefully, include speakers Aaron DeGroft of the Muscarelle Museum of Art, Mitchell Reiss, Colonial Williamsburg President, and possibly one other smaller organization. Timing would be 10 am - 1 pm, to include lunch. Patricia Rublein will contact a possible caterer and extend an invitation to Dr. DeGroft. She will also contact the Stryker Center and/or the Community Building about availability. Sally Wolfe will contact Mitchell Reiss. Depending on those responses, other invitations will be delayed.

Motion: Branch Smith: to begin planning for a joint session and lunch with York County. Commission. Heck, Second. *Motion carried.*

Grantee Cultural Alliance is dissolving this month. The Commission will inform the city of this event as it impacts the WAAC grant funding totals.

A Nominations Committee was appointed by the Chair. Appointees include Patricia Rublein from the City and Arianna Heck, James City County.

The Chair cautioned Commissioners to keep confidence on grant information for 2019.

The Next WAAC meeting is scheduled for May 9th, Wed., 3:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Submitted by,
Patricia Rublein, Secretary