Arts and Humanities Council of Falls Church Meeting
January 16, 2020
Art Room, Falls Church Community Center
Minutes

Members Present: Corey Jannicelli, Rosemary Ziskind, Letty Hardi, Barb Cram, Marybeth Connelly, Ed Henderson, Ron Anzalone, Sally Cole, Irene Chambers

Guests: Keith Thurston (CATCH Foundation), Ellen Selby (Creative Cauldron)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Barb Cram at 9:37 am.

Officers Elected: Barb Cram was elected as Chair and Laura Hull was elected as Vice Chair

Minutes: Meeting Minutes from November was approved with edits as requested

TLCCF Report:
- Watch Night
  - The event had good weather and strong turnout with about half attendees local residence
  - Not all the sponsors were the same this year but came close to fundraising goals and had some funds left over from last year to help cover costs
  - Looking for more local bands, recommendations welcome
  - Added Cherry Hill Sing-along to this year’s program, thanks to the Victorian Society at Falls Church and Cherry Hill Farmhouse

Development Update:
- West Falls Church Project
  - On schedule to submit site plan
- Library
  - City Council received an update on the project last Monday
  - Project is currently projected to be 2.5 million above budget and negotiations are still in process.
- Broad and S. Washington
  - No immediate actions at this time
  - Legal questions have been raised about whether the city can sell the parking lot behind Clare & Dons
- Founders Row
  - Monthly meetings with residence have been changed to quarterly moving forward.
- Parking Study
  - New study will count current available parking in the City along with recommendations on future needs will be paid for by the EDA
- Wayfinding
EDA is working on the design for new City wayfinding and a list of signs to be updated.
VPIS and Chambers organizations should expect an update on the project.
Street banners are not currently included in this wayfinding project.

Old Business:
- **Heritage Days**
  - Submit event description with dates and times to Barb Cram for general 2020 calendar by January 31.
  - Website and printed marketing will be completed next month.
- **Public Art Policy Guidelines and Arts & Cultural District**
  - Department of Community Planning & Economic Development Services submitted a proposal for UVA Class to research and recommend a Arts & Cultural District Map and the proposal was approved.
  - The Class will meet with City Staff next Friday January 24.
- **Traffic Boxes**
  - We have permission to move forward with finishing the installation of the traffic box on the corner of Park Ave and Little Falls St.
  - Corey will review how much funding is currently available for future Traffic Boxes based on previous Falls Church Arts grant.

New Business:
- **2020 Arts & Humanities Goals**
  - Suggestions:
    - Adopt a Public Art Policy
    - Adopt the Arts & Cultural District Map
    - LittleCity.org website online museum
  - Recommendations helpful for City Council Retreat.
  - A&H Council members should bring additional goals for this group to the February meeting.
  - Barb will share previous goals from 2015.

Roundtable:
- **January 20** – 4th Annual Martin Luther King Day March and Commemoration Program from 9 am to 1 pm starting at the Tinner Hill Civil Rights Monument and ending at the Falls Church.
- **January 4 to February 2** - Passport to the World of Music at Creative Cauldron.
- **February 13 – March 8** – Crowns at Creative Cauldron.
- **February 4** – Wayfinding Sign meeting.
- **February 9** – Valentine’s Day Tea at Cherry Hill Farmhouse.
- **February 22** - Girl Scout Day, Playing the Past at Cherry Hill Farmhouse.
- **January 21** – Luncheon with Amy Clay talking about how goals & values should relate to work life at Clare & Dons.
- **January 28** – Chamber mixer at El Patron from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm.
- **February 2** – League of Women’s Voter 100th Birthday Party at Falls Church Episcopal from 3 pm to 5 pm with Victorian Society members present in Suffragette attire.
• **January 7** – Students out in the community for career shadowing
• **January 16** – Book Talk: The Capital of Basketball: A History of DC Area High School Hoops, by John McNamara, with Andrea Chamblee and David Elfin. DC History Center, 801 K Street NW at 6:30 PM
• **Float Plan by Rob Hiaasen** money from this book benefits Everytown for Gun Safety

**Adjourn**
Meeting was adjourned by at 10:00 am
Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20 at 9:30 am at City Hall, Dogwood Room

*Submitted: By Corey Jannicelli*