



## **Arts and Humanities Council of Falls Church Meeting**

June 16, 2022

Virtual Meeting

Minutes

**Members Present:** Laura Hull, Ron Anzalone, Ariadne Autor, Mary Sellers, Elise Neil Bengtson; Katharine Stewart, Maureen Budetti, Nikki Graves Henderson, Ron Anzalone

**Liaisons:** Corey Price, Keith Thurston, Letty Hardi, Marybeth Connelly

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Laura Hull at 9:31 a.m.

### **Receipt of Public Comments**

- No public comments were received

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved for April and May meetings with recommended changes

### **Roundtable Discussions**

- Victorian Society attended a performance of El Capitan in Rockville, MD
- Cherry Hill has good visitation for tours but is recruiting more volunteer docents
- FCA current show is Black and White. They also hosted a booth at the Memorial Day festival and planning the Plein Air festival for the fall
- Chamber of Commerce welcomes Thomas Harvey who is already engaged in the community. Recommend organizations connect with Thomas Harvey about opportunities to work together.
- The new Art spaces in the High School have been wonderful and are available for community use.
- THHF had successful Music Festival. Juneteenth joint program with the Falls Church Episcopal Church includes the unveiling of mural at the old Black Smith Shop.
- City Council draft 2-year work plan includes completing 4 art wraps on utility boxes.
- Virginia State Historic Marker installed at Eden Center
- Creative Cauldron had to cancel the last 5 performances of Into the Woods due to COVID. Upcoming performances include Always Patsy Cline, Summer Cabaret and Concert Series and also 10 weeks of summer camp. They have hired a new bi-lingual teacher and offering scholarships to students from title one schools with a bi-lingual performance planned.
- VPIS is continuing to move forward with a remembrance sign for Arbor Day
- CATCH will be hosting a community meeting at the end of June/early July for brainstorming Watch Night
- Falls Church Arts and Humanities Grant Applications deadline is July 12

### **Old Business:**

- A. Falls Church Art Walk
  - Site will focus on visual arts

- Attribution to artists need to be added to the front page
- Falls Church Arts and Art and Frame will be added to the Art Walk site and map
- Continued interest in doing some kind of event in the fall
- Working on making signs for each piece of art with a logo QR code and URL
  - Can we create a logo that will unify all the work happening with Art and Culture?
  - Consider using spray paint for footprint or tree leaves on the ground near art.
  - Speak with EDA about use of the Little City Logo

B. Storm Drain Mural Project – Letty Hardi

- Students completed 3 storm drain murals at the end of May
- We hope this can become an annual project
- Two of the artists presented their mural to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes

C. Strategic Planning

- Conversation postponed until July meeting

New Business

A. Tinner Hill Mural Project – Nikki Graves Henderson

- Tinner Hill Mural Project focuses on History, Hope and Healing
- Unveiling of mural for the old blacksmith shop scheduled for Sunday June 18
- Mural completed by David Barr
- The mural is painted on 3 panels of high quality plywood and attached to the building.
- Another mural at Foxes Music is in the early design stages
- Two additional murals designs are complete but do not have walls for installation
- Calls for Walls campaign to encourage building owners to consent to Tinner Hill installing murals on their walls at no cost to the building owners

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 21

*Submitted:*

*By Corey Price*