

**Chesapeake Fine Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2022**

This meeting of the Chesapeake Fine Arts Commission was held on February 17th at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Administrative Office. Chair Wigginton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

- The meeting is being recorded.
- Meeting information for this Commission, along with provisions for public access, is posted on the [Chesapeake Fine Arts Commission](#) web page.
- Essential business of the Chesapeake Fine Arts Commission is being conducted during this meeting.

Members Present:	Jon Berry, Daniel Booth, Michele Catalano, Nathan Croslin, Efrem Graham, Kim Painter, Amy Massey, Adrianna Rivera, Lauren Seward, Lisa Wigginton (Chair)
Members Absent:	Stacey Mansfield, Mark Warack. Tom Retnauer (Vice-Chair)
Staff Present:	Joe Ruthenberg

ROLL CALL

Joe Ruthenberg called the roll. Attendance reflected a quorum with 10 voting members present, 3 voting members absent.

MINUTES:

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Chair Wigginton asked if there were any corrections to the November meeting minutes as presented. There were no corrections and the minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

a. **Committee Reports:**

- **Fundraising/ Budget/Long Term Events:** Chesapeake Arts Festival artist registration is now closed, currently there are 123 artists registered. They are still looking for corporate sponsors and looking for assistance from the Commission.

- The performers for Sunday have been scheduled and are Tidewater Winds, Symphonicity, Shark City Drum and Virginia Children’s Chorus. Additionally, Mosaic Steele will be opening up the festival performing on Saturday.

It was requested by Commissioner Wigginton to remove Fundraising from the agenda going forward and to replace it with Venues.

The Commission would also like to formally invite the Mayor, City Council, the Deputy City Manager, Dr. Chenault, the School Superintendent, and the School Board to the Chesapeake Arts Festival Weekend.

- **Grants –**

Virginia Arts Festival: Scott Jackson and Christine Foust presented.

Shark City Drums: Fredrick Dixon presented.

Tidewater Community College Shakespeare in the Grove: Matt Gorris presented.

Virginia Opera: Lisa Sands presented.

Bay Youth Orchestra: Dr. Elizabeth Richards presented.

- **Public Art/ Individual Artists –**

- **Public Art –** The Public Art Committee will be meeting on March 3 to finish up crafting the bylaws and finalizing its focus going forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chair Wigginton and Vice Chair Retnauer recently met with Mayor West, Deputy City Manager Solis, and Director Barber about the Fine Arts Commission
- Chair Wigginton, Director Barber and Deputy City Manager Brain Solis met with representatives from Dollar Tree about some possible future projects and events at Summit Pointe.
- Chair Wigginton will also be meeting with Dr. Cotton from Chesapeake Schools to discuss the Overton Theatre at Oscar Smith High School and its use as a performance venue, what the Commission is currently doing for the schools, and just to get some input from the schools as to what they are looking for from arts groups in the community.
- Commissioner Croslin discussed City Council’s recently passed ordinance allowing non-commercial murals in the city and the Fine Arts Commission’s possible involvement in the process, in cooperation with the Zoning Department.

CITY BUSINESS:

- The three, Zoom presentations highlighting African American Heritage that are being held during February were highlighted.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 17, at 5:30 pm at the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Administrative Office, 1224 Progressive Drive.

Minutes submitted by Joe Ruthenberg