

CHESAPEAKE FINE ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2021

Chair Lisa Wigginton called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom in accordance with the Amended Ordinance adopted by Chesapeake City Council on April 28, 2020, extended on September 8, 2020.

Members Present

Daniel Boothe
Efrem Graham
Kim Painter
Thomas Retnauer, Vice Chair
Adrianna Rivera
Anthony Riley
Lauren Seward
Mark Warack
Lisa Wigginton, Chair

Members Absent

Barbara Dorrough
Michelle Catalano
Neisha Jones
Stacey Mansfield
Amy Massey

Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Staff Present: Michael Barber, Joe Ruthenberg

Chair Wigginton reviewed the ordinance for virtual meetings.

Minutes Approved: Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved.

Fundraising/Budget/Long-Range Planning/Events:

Talks have begun about a date change to The Chesapeake Rotary Art Show, Chair Wigginton will be updating the commission when the details of the event have been finalized.

Grant Presentations:

Arts Alive!: Derrell Joppy and Karen Creef presented.

Young Audiences of Virginia: Christine Everly presented.

Chesapeake Civic Chorus: Doris Patterson Brown presented.

WHRO: Paige Hamm, Jeff Fine and Heather Mazzoni presented.

The Hurrah Players: Eileen Carpenter and Kelsey Backe presented.

The Virginia Symphony: Rachel Keene presented.

Media: No updates.

Arts Alive!: The scholarship competition has been moved to all virtual this year for safety and will take place on March 13. There are currently 20 students who have signed up, and the registration deadline is being extended to February 26th.

Art Education: No updates.

Public Art/Individual Artists: The committee met last month and will meet again in March. They will be updating the Bylaws, electing a Chair and Vice-Chair and reviewing the pieces in the City's collection.

The Chesapeake 9/11 Memorial Expanded Public Art Committee has agreed to meet monthly going forward to help plan for the 20th anniversary event at City Park. After meeting with Parks, Recreation and Tourism staff and the Chesapeake 9/11 Memorial Committee, the Symphonicity performance will be taking place in the evening on 9/11. The plans for a flyover are moving forward, and there have been discussions about bringing in Daniel Rodriguez to speak and perform during the day and evening events.

Old Business: No updates

New Business: Commissioner Dorrrough has decided to step down from the board.

City Business: No updates.

Announcements: Next month's meeting will be taking place virtually via Zoom at the special 5:30 p.m. start time on Thursday, March 18.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:48 pm

Minutes submitted by Joe Ruthenberg