

# Harford County Cultural Arts Board

## Zoom Meeting

Monday, October 4, 2021

Present: Chuck Bowden (Chairperson), Jessica Cleaver (Coordinator), Chris Depkin, Gigi Devaney, Karen Heppen, Peter McCallum, Christina McLoughlin, Heidi Neff Chuffo, Wendy Roberts, Bill Rothenbach, Angie Sokolov, Elizabeth Stevens, Erin Whipple, and Aurora Kahoe (legislative assistant for Councilman Chad Shrodes).

Absent: Marcia Bailey, Kelley Dilworth, and Emily Fadgen.

- The meeting was brought to order by Chuck Bowden at 6:07 p.m..
- The consent agenda was the first meeting topic addressed. This consisted of the following three items—the August 2, 2021 meeting minutes and the most current financial summary. Karen Heppen moved to approve both items and Angie Sokolov provided the second. The consent agenda items were approved unanimously.
- The Harford Living Treasure Nominations were presented for Lilma Huntley, Gladden Kurtz, Howard McComas III, Richard Slutzky, and Douglas Washburn. Peter McCallum moved to approve these five nominees and Bill Rothenbach provided the second. This motion was passed unanimously.
- As part of the annual meeting, Bill Rothenbach, spokesperson for the Nominating Committee, presented the recommended slate of Board officers for 2021-2022. The nominees were: (a) Chuck Bowden—president; (b) Angie Sokolov—vice president; and (c) Peter McCallum—recording secretary. There were no further nominations from the floor. Chris Depkin moved to approve the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee and Bill Rothenbach provided the second. This motion was approved unanimously.
- Jessica Cleaver stated that the Board Member Agreement, which Board members must sign each year, will be reviewed during the November 1, 2021 meeting. In addition, Board members will receive the “Conflict of Interest Disclosure” form in the mail sometime in October. Board members must sign this disclosure form and return it to Jessica Cleaver as soon as possible.
- Jessica Cleaver reported on the September 13, 2021 planning meeting that ten Harford County Cultural Arts Board members attended. Three key areas were identified in the community needs overview. These three areas are: (a) connections; (b) unity—inclusion, equity, diversity; and (c) better awareness and understanding of the Harford County Cultural Arts Board by artists and the community. The planning committee will

continue to meet and will present an updated status report at the November 1, 2021 Board meeting.

- The next meeting of the full Harford County Cultural Arts Board will be held on November 1, 2021. This meeting will be held virtually unless the current COVID-19 restrictions are rescinded. If this occurs, meetings will be held at the Bel Air branch of the Harford County Public Library.
- The meeting was formally concluded at 6:58 p.m. by Chuck Bowden.