

Harford County Cultural Arts Board Zoom Meeting Monday, October 5, 2020

Present: Chuck Bowden (Chairperson), Jessica Cleaver (Coordinator), Marcia Bailey, Kelley Dilworth, Emily Fadgen, Karen Heppen, Peter McCallum, Christina McLoughlin, Heidi Neff Chuffo, Wendy Roberts, Angie Sokolov, Laura Ward-Moran, Erin Whipple, and Aurora Kahoe (legislative assistant for Councilman Chad Shrodes).

Absent: Jared Noe (Renee Johnson and Pam Burton recently resigned and did not attend).

- The meeting was brought to order by Chuck Bowden at 6:05 p.m..
- The consent agenda was the first meeting topic addressed. This consisted of the following three items—the August 3, 2020 meeting minutes, the most recent financial summary, and the Coordinator’s Report. Karen Heppen moved to approve all three items and Christina McLoughlin provided the second. The consent agenda items were approved unanimously.
- Board members will receive their respective grant review panel assignments and grant applications to review shortly. On November 2, 2020 the various panels will meet with Jessica to discuss grant application ratings and recommendations for funding consideration. **ACTION REQUIRED OF ALL BOARD MEMBERS: COMPLETE GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS. DEADLINE- NOVEMBER 1.**
- The next cycle of grant applications, for FY22 funding, will include category ratings for IDEA – Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access. Board members are asked to keep this in mind while reviewing FY21 applications this month, to keep notes and provide timely input, so all ideas can be considered before the draft of new guidelines is completed – **ACTION REQUIRED OF ALL BOARD MEMBERS: SEND JESSICA INPUT ON IDEA RATING GUIDELINES. DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 15.**
- The nominations for Board officers for FY21 were received as follows: Chairperson, Chuck Bowden; Vice Chairperson, Angie Sokolov; and Recording Secretary, Peter McCallum. Heidi Neff Chuffo moved to approve these nominations and Kelley Dilworth provided the second. This motion was approved unanimously.
- The 2020 Upper Chesapeake Pride Festival, which the Harford County Cultural Arts Board supports and has participated in through sponsoring a display table in 2019, shall be presented virtually in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. A Board subcommittee developed a draft of a video commercial to be aired during the October 11 program was shared with the rest of the Board that will preview the upcoming Call for Art, part of the Unity Project.
- Erin Whipple presented an update on the Unity Project: A draft of the vision and objectives were shared. An editable version will be sent to Board members for their critique and revision suggestions. Board members are also asked to identify various organizations to invite to join into the Unity Coalition. An initial list of organizations was shared and an editable list will be sent to Board members to add suggestions and also note to which they have an existing relationship. **ACTION REQUIRED OF ALL BOARD MEMBERS: REVIEW & CONTRIBUTE TO 2 SHARED DOCUMENTS. DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 12.**
- The next meeting of the full Board will be held on November 11, 2020. The specific purposes for this meeting are to vote on the FY21 Arts Programming

Grant Recommendations from each review panel and to receive a Unity Project update.

- On December 7, 2020 the Board will resume regular meeting schedule of the first Monday of the month. Intense focus on the Unity Project will kick off at the December 7 meeting.
- All meetings 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 7:03 p.m. by Chuck Bowden