

# City of Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board

Minutes for for February 5, 2019

Meeting to be held at 7:00 pm in room 112 of the Greenbelt Community Center 15 Crescent Road, 301-397-2208

**Board Members Present:** Anna Socrates, Kristin Stenson, Glenn Griffiths, Oliver Gaycken, John Drago, Tatiana Ausema, Efrat Levner

**Board Members Absent with prior notice:** Shaymar Higgs, Mark Granfors-Hunt, Ronald Lonicki, **Staff Liaison:** Nicole DeWald Other Attendees: Carolyn Lambright-Davis, Maggie Cahalan, Brett Flynn, Debra Suarez

**Council Liaison:** Judith Davis, Mayor Pro Tem

1. Verification of quorum and call to order

- Called to order at 7:04 quorum was called. 8 members in attendance

2. Amendment/approval of the agenda

- The agenda item below was added and approved by acclamation.
- Meeting with representatives of three City of Greenbelt Recognition Groups seeking renewal to item 3.

3. Meeting with representatives of three City of Greenbelt Recognition Groups seeking renewal of their certification for FY20.

- 7:15pm CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society), Representatives: Carolyn Lambright-Davis, Board Convener & Maggie Cahalan, Vice President, The CHesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the health of all who share the Chesapeake watershed environment On of the activities that CHEARS supports is the Earth Squad which takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Spring Hill Lake Recreation Center. The Earth Squad is a co-learning tutoring and mentoring project that practices stewardship for the Three Sisters Gardens and Food Forest. CHEARS also collaborates with other groups for the Greenman Festival. They also maintain the Three Sisters Garden with demonstrations and events. Cheers consists of all volunteers, they even use a compassionate tax service. A new program, CHEARS started this year was fostering organic land care thorough a NOVA course. They had 35 participants and provided scholarships for Greenbelt residents. Carolyn and Maggie both thanked Joe McNeal and Allison Longworth from the recreation staff.
- 7:25 Greenbelt Pottery Group, Representative: Debra Suarez, Julie Boynton
- The Greenbelt Pottery Group is an informal group of potters that work at the Community Center. Their big event is the Empty Bowls project which is held every other year. Currently they are working on making 250 bowls. They also participates in Festival of Lights and host in house events (Show me Sundays and Potlucks) geared towards helping Greenbelt Potters learn and grow. Each event has been lead by a specific person. Show me Sundays, is an hour long presentation on a specific technique. Next one is scheduled for April. During quarterly themed potlucks a slide show is projected to review all of the quarters past events. Currently they are planning their next Potluck "Winter Challenge" The theme of light. They will bring in pieces to share with each other.
- 7:35pm Greenbelt MakerSpace, Representative: Brett Fishburne The Greenbelt MakerSpace, emphasis is primarily on tech including computer science, robotics, microelectronics, and general science. Our members are also interested in non-technical activities such as writing, knitting, crafts, and family game play. They provides space for other groups to meet: Children Summer Camps: Robotics, Coding, Creativity. They provide a space and direction for children to compete in a Lego League, This includes presentations, a project board, interacting with other teams and cooperation. Adult

Groups: Knitters, Game Nights and a Thoughtful Discussion Group. Greenbelt Makerspace also provides help to other groups within the Community. They also hold a Repair Café and host a Free Mini Library. Membership is \$20.00 per year per family. Folks can still use the Maker Space even if you are not a member. They are a 501C3

4. Amendment/approval of minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting

- Approved

5. Selection of a representative to serve on the Grant Review Panel for the city's Recognition Group program

- Kristin self-nominated to serve on the Grant Review Panel for the city's Recognition Group program. The nominee was approved.

6. Update from Board member Efrat Levner: Proposed murals on the concrete walls of the 193 overpass over the B/W Parkway.

- Efrat met with Shaymar, and Mr. Sterling from public works to talk about a potential mural. Both people were in support of her plan. She also wanted to reach out to Greenbelt National Park but was unable to due to the government shut down. Nicole reminded the committee that the next step to move forward with the project is to complete the form handed out at the last meeting "Maryland State Highway Administration District 3 Office Permit Application". J Davis spoke with the mayor of College Park about the rainbow lights on route one. The lights were funded in part by the college park city university partnership. The vendor was Imagine X. Lights. The Cost was 50k. However, the project went over budget due to the installation of a lighting source. She also spoke with a representative from Edmonston about the bridge mosaic. The representative was not sure how the project was funded. The representative thought that was most likely was part of a grant. The city of Edmonston is not maintaining the bridge mosaic at this point.

7. Continued planning discussion for the next AAB-sponsored arts mixer

- Research showed that there are only four Art Councils within Prince Georges County (Bowie, Greenbelt, Laurel and Mount Rainer). It was determined that at this point the committee wants to focus on creating events to connect local artist and art educators. Tatiana spoke with Melissa Sites from the College Park Art Exchange. Melissa agreed to be a point of contact for the committee if needed. Potential Invitees to the next AAB Sponsored Mixed: Arts Humanities Council, Tangle wood work studio, Joes Movement Emporium, Pyramid Atlantic, Literary Portion Barbara Ford, Prince Georges Arts Council, Lemon Collective, Potters, Arts Educators, Art Spring

8. Other business

- What is happening in the Senior Center space? Nicole responded that the Senior Center is no longer is using space. Council is considering using the space for recreation or office space. Nothing has been decided yet.
- Banners: Nicole needs to write a letter to city council.

9. Adjournment: 8:43