

Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board Report 19-6  
To the Greenbelt City Council  
May 8, 2019

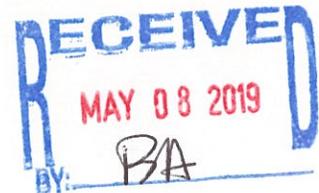
Subject: Recognition Group Application from The S.P.A.C.E., Free Art for All

On May 7, 2019, the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board discussed the application from The S.P.A.C.E. for initial certification as a City of Greenbelt Recognition Group. Shaymar Higgs, Creative Curator of The S.P.A.C.E. and a member of AAB, updated the Board about the organization's activities and plans. The S.P.A.C.E. hosts a drop-in art center at Beltway Plaza currently serving about 900 participants per month. Participants enjoy self-directed creative activities with volunteer support and donated supplies, as well as expressive writing workshops, special events, and the continuation of the Junior Makerspace program formerly based in Roosevelt Center. The S.P.A.C.E. is currently incorporated in the State of Maryland and has a non-profit fiscal sponsor (Each One Teach One). The organization currently plans to pursue their own 501(c)3 designation from the IRS, rather than establishing The S.P.A.C.E. as a benefit corporation as had been considered previously. Mr. Higgs noted that previous plans to expand into the former Big Lots space are on hold, and that alternative spaces within the mall may be considered down the road to increase the organization's capacity. Council Liaison Judith Davis, Mayor Pro-Tem, noted the broad range of in-kind city services requested in the application, and advised that it might not be feasible for the city to provide the full array of services requested. Mr. Higgs expressed flexibility and understanding. Staff Liaison Nicole DeWald, Arts Supervisor, explained that certification of Recognition Groups does not necessarily entail a commitment from the city to meet all specific service requests, and that the city's potential inability to meet certain requests does not prohibit Council from awarding Recognition Group certification as they see fit.

With Mr. Higgs recusing himself, all other members present voted unanimously to support this application for Recognition Group status.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Granfors-Hunt, Chair  
Arts Advisory Board



CITY OF GREENBELT  
**RECOGNITION GROUP APPLICATION –  
 BASIC CERTIFICATION (FOR IN-KIND SERVICES ONLY)**

First-time applications are accepted at any time.  
 Applications for renewal of Recognition Group status for the city's fiscal year 2020 are due  
 by **4:30pm on Friday, January 25, 2019**

**For technical assistance with this online application:**  
 contact the Public Information Coordinator at 240-542-2026 or bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov

**For other assistance:**  
 contact the Recreation Department's Administrative Coordinator  
 at 301-397-2200 or cpracht@greenbeltmd.gov

**BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION:**

Please read the **Policy and Information Guide for Recognition Groups**. This guide contains important information about the different levels of in-kind and financial support available to community organizations that serve Greenbelt residents. The Guide also provides an overview of several different applications corresponding with these levels of support. Before completing this form, make sure you have selected the application that is the best match with your needs and qualifications.

1. Name of organization: The Space Free Art For All

Year of founding: 2018 Website: Shaymarwh.com

Please check one:  new application  application for renewal of status  
 Shaymar Higgs Creative Curator

2. Contact person: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

3. Organization's mailing address (not a City of Greenbelt facility):  
 \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the mission of this organization? Whom do you intend to serve?  
 "Building community through creative expression and personalized outreach."

From budding artists and established professionals to families, seniors, and disconnected community members.

5. Description of your group's activities: Please list here or upload a schedule of past and upcoming activities sponsored by the group during the current fiscal year (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019). Indicate which activities took place in Greenbelt.  
 Please see attached.

6. How many people do you anticipate will have actively participated in your organization's primary, sponsored activities this year? Include estimates as needed. *Sports programs: include registered players only. Performing arts programs: include performers/production teams only. Festivals: include featured artists/performers and individuals or organizations with a booth, table, activity or parade unit. Please do not include volunteers or staff.*

Total number of active participants: 45 % Greenbelt residents 60  
% ages 12 and under 5 % 13-17 yrs. 15 % 18-59 yrs. 70 % 60+ yrs. 5

7. How many additional people do you anticipate will have participated in your organization's primary, sponsored activities as audience members, spectators and attendees (if applicable)? *This does not include volunteers or staff.*

Total number of spectators: 4,420 % Greenbelt residents 98 % ages 12 and under 15 % 13-17 yrs. 20 % 18-59 yrs. 50 % 60+ yrs. 15

8. How many people do you anticipate will have volunteered this year to help run your organization and implement your sponsored activities?

Total number of supporting volunteers: 45 % Greenbelt residents 75  
% ages 12 and under 0 % 13-17 yrs. 15 % 18-59 yrs. 70 % 60+ yrs. 5

9. **Request for support.** Please describe the in-kind services which you anticipate requesting from the City of Greenbelt during the coming fiscal year. *Note: Recognition Group certification does not imply that all requests can be granted. Requests from the organization will be addressed on a case by case basis as they arise in accordance with applicable city policies and procedures.*

Greenbelt CARES --- ESOL classes. Mental Health Screenings. babysitting course. Family Counseling. Interpreter Services. Voter Registration. Community Organization Leaders.  
Greenbelt Recycling Program --- Tubeback and flat screen televisions. Computer Parts. Tables. Chairs. Shelving and Storage. To have someone come out from the many Greenbelt offices, maybe once or twice a month to relay information to the greater Greenbelt community who would otherwise be too busy or discouraged from searching out for resources.

## 10. Electronic Signature

I, the undersigned, certify that the information contained in this application is true, complete, and accurate. I have been authorized to submit this application to the City of Greenbelt by the governing body of the applicant organization. **By signing this application, I certify that the organization's leaders have read the City of Greenbelt's Policy and Information Guide for Recognition Groups and have agreed to abide by the requirements stated therein.**

Signature Shaymar Higgs Date 29 January 2019

Role within the organization Creative Curator and Founder



**"Building community  
through creative  
expression and  
personalized outreach!"**

Whether you are a budding artist  
looking for community, or an established artist  
ready to share skills, The Space is your place!

Painting. Sewing.  
Hand Embroidery.  
DIY Screenprinting.  
Collage & Mixed Media.  
Knitting & Crotch.  
Art Wellness Workshops.  
Curated Community Library.  
Vintage Gaming Systems.  
Computer Programming.  
& much, much more...!

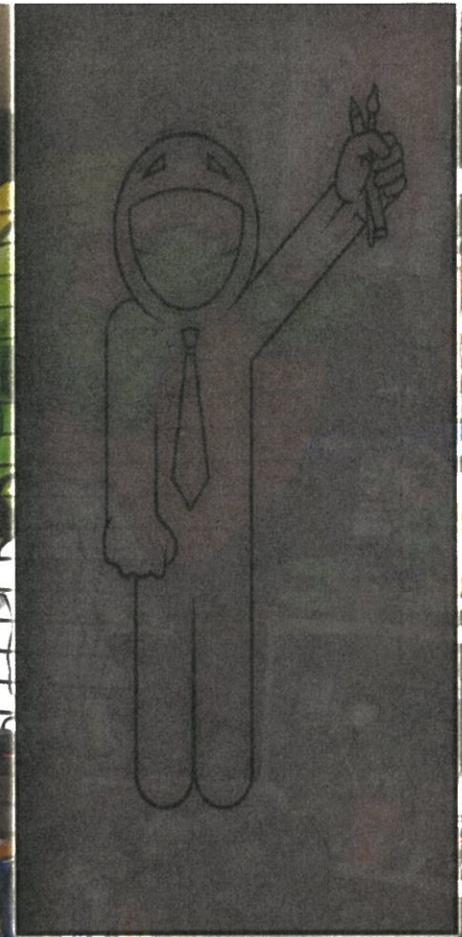
**"If you can dream it,  
you can make it at The Space!"**



The SPACE: Free Art For All  
"Sharing Positive Artistic & Creative Energies"

6000 Greenbelt Rd.  
(Across from AMC Theater)  
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770  
Phone: 240 244 6115  
TheFreeArtSpace@gmail.com

Donations are tax-deductible thanks  
to our fiscal 501(c)(3) sponsor:  
Each One Teach One, Inc.



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www.Shaymarwh.com

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## Open Studio

Unstructured, judgement free access to high quality art and tech supplies!

Tuesday - Friday 3-6pm  
(times may be extended based on daily activities.)

"Come on in to create...!"

Current and past Gold sponsors include:

**QUANTUM**  
CONTAINERS



## Organized Events

Structured and unstructured workshops led by skilled creative professionals for all ages.

Saturday - 12noon-6pm

Sunday - 2-6pm



Featured Workshop:

*"Coffee Sessions with Whiskey"*  
Creative writing and expressive journaling workshop led by poet and mental health advocate Whiskey Girl!

Light refreshments and snacks are served.

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday  
2-4pm

"LOOKING TO CREATE, BUILD, OR GROW?  
THE SPACE IS THE PLACE FOR YOUR SKILLS TO SHOW!"



## Community Engagement

Connecting the community to local and government resources in a safe, pro-social environment.

- Career Identification/Navigation
- Job Placement Services
- Mental Health/Wellness Services
- Art Grants and College Scholarships
- Discounted Computer & Tech Services
- Food Pantries



(Left to Right: Greenbelt Councilwoman Pope, Shaymar Higgs, Greenbelt Mayor Jordan)