

City of Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board

Minutes for May 7, 2019

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

Board Members Present: Glenn Griffiths, Oliver Gaycken, John Drago, Tatiana Ausema, Shaymar Higgs, Mark Granfors-Hunt, Ronald Lonicki, Kristin Stenson

Board Members Absent with prior notice: Efrat Levner, Anna Socrates

Staff Liaison: Nicole DeWald

Council Liaison: Judith Davis, Mayor Pro Tem

1. Verification of quorum and call to order
The Chair verified that with 6 voting members present (out of 10), a quorum had been reached. The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.
2. Amendment/approval of the agenda
The agenda was approved as presented by acclamation.
3. Amendment/approval of minutes of the February 5 and March 5, 2019 meetings
Minutes of the February 5 and March 5, 2019 meetings were approved by acclamation.
4. Review of application from The S.P.A.C.E. for Recognition Group status; recommendation to Council needed.
The Board discussed the application from The S.P.A.C.E. – Free Art for All for initial certification as a Greenbelt Recognition Group. With S.Higgs recusing himself, all other members present voted unanimously to support this application for Recognition Group status.
5. Possible display of student artwork in the City Council chambers
The Board discussed the possibility display of student artwork in the City Council chambers. J. Davis reinforced that council had a strong preference for seeing younger school aged students work on display. The reasoning being that adult artists have other places within the city to exhibit their work. Nicole has drafted a preliminary budget and plan for displaying work within the City Council chambers for council to review. N. DeWald asked the board for volunteers to help out with if the plan is approved. R. Lonicki agreed to help.
6. Planning for the next Arts Advisory Board community arts mixer
The Board discussed the next Arts Advisory Board community arts mixer which will be held on June 6th from 5pm to 7:00pm at the New Deal Café. The topic of this mixer will be “Greenbelt as an Arts District.” N. DeWald and K.Stenson will be working more on mixer over the next couple of weeks.
7. Other business
J. Davis stated that council is still busy working on the budget and that all other items will be on hold until there is an agreement on the budget. J. Davis expressed thanks to N. DeWald for her detailed charts at last night’s work session showing all the ways in which the Arts Department adds value to the city
8. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.